ASIAN HEALTH SERVICES

AEGD RESIDENT ORIENTATION INFORMATION

The primary mission of Asian Health Services (AHS) Advance Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program is to provide comprehensive, appropriate and effective oral health care in a community health center setting, working alongside with a core group of general practitioners and specialists, oral surgery, periodontic, endodontic and pediatric providers. The program also embraces its missions that support excellence in education and the training of dental health professionals who will join the public health workforce to take care of the underserved communities. The dental residency program begins July 1 and ends June 30. During the 12-month program, the residents will spend their time at the dental clinic.

Program overview

Asian Health Services is a CODA-approved residency program. The program participates in ADEA PASS application process but not MATCH program.

- **Focus:** It is a year-long program (with an optional second year) focused on comprehensive general dentistry training within a community health center setting.
- **Licensing:** Successful completion of the program can qualify residents for dental licensure via the postgraduate program pathway in California.

Key orientation topics

- The clinic employs Dentrix for electronic health record and Epic in medical department. Residents will be trained on the application of Dentrix and have access to Epic for medical information as needed. Each resident will be supervised by a staff dentist who is responsible for the supervision of all resident treatment and the quality of care rendered by the resident to the patients assigned. This will include taking an accurate and comprehensive history, ascertaining chief complaints and requests, doing a thorough clinical exam, ordering and evaluating any needed x-rays, preparing diagnostic models, pulp testing, determining and initiating the preventive dentistry phase, and finally, preparing a preliminary plan of treatment. The plan should be sequenced as to the number of visits and what is planned during each visit. The plan of care must be approved by the supervising staff dentist. All charts must be completed clearly and signed off by end of each work day so faculty can review for accuracy and completeness and approval. All e-prescriptions will be supervised, monitored and signed off by faculty. Each resident will always have an assistant and will never work without one. Lab cases are sent out to contracted lab services.
- All residents will be required to be BCLS certified
- All residents must have the appropriate immunization records required by AHS HR
- We only accept US graduates from CODA-approved dental programs.

Exam Rooms:

- Supplies: Each resident operatory is set up to have a similar arrangement of supplies and equipment.

- Infection control procedures are practiced in accordance with facility policy. Face masks, protective eyewear and gloves must be used and replaced after every patient. Fluid resistant gowns and reusable cloth gowns are available for use and must be changed when soiled. Booties and head covers are likewise available. Infection Control Policy and Illness and Prevention Program are posted on the intranet.

Performance Evaluations:

- It is the policy of the Dental Program to provide effective and appropriate care in the most cost-effective manner. To this end, the Dental Program will monitor and evaluate residents' performance quarterly. Residents will have a chance to evaluate their faculty and the program as well. This process will identify opportunities for improvements as needed

Clinical experience and rotations

- **Site-based training:** Residents are assigned at San Leandro Dental and Wellness Clinic site for the entire year to ensure continuity of care.

- **Underserved communities:** The program provides experience working with diverse patient populations and managing medically compromised patients.

- **Advanced procedures:** The curriculum covers advanced dental techniques, including:

    - Digital impressions

    - Implant restorations

    - Minimal sedation techniques

- **Didactic curriculum:** Approximately 20-25% of the program involves didactic learning through virtual and/or in-person lectures, and small-group interactive sessions.

Work schedule:

As a resident, you are expected to perform clinical procedures about 75-80% of your time. The program manager will assist you in ensuring all clinical experiences meet CODA standards.

The clinic is scheduled to operate as follows:

Monday-Friday: 9:00-12:30, lunch 12:30-1:30, 1:30-5:00

Staff meetings are scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of each month. On this day, residents will meet with providers for Quality Assurance review and training. Didactic lectures will be provided by AHS providers and consultants monthly. Times will be carved out monthly for didactic lectures, case presentations and literature reviews, at least 2 hours per month.

Compensation and benefits

- **Stipend:** The annual gross salary for first-year residents is $78,000. A stipend for the second year is also available.

- **Time off:**

- 3 Floating holidays per contract year
- 20 days of time off to use at fellow's discretion including for personal reasons, sick time, and professional development (to be paid as regular hours). Scheduled time off should be coordinated in advance with the NP Fellowship Director

- **Professional Development:** $2,000 for expenses related to continuing medical education (CME)

- **Other benefits:** Medical and dental health benefits, as well as malpractice coverage, are included.

Important contacts

- **AEGD Program Director:** Dr. Mai Ly (mly@ahschc.org) is a primary contact for AHS AEGD program

- **AEGD Residency Program manager:** Sonia Chan (sochan@ahschc.org)

- **Other important contacts:** Cynthia Sugimura, Senior Dental Operations Manager, (csugimura@ahschc.org); Trinh Pham, RDA Supervisor (tpham@ahschc.org), Dr Huong Le, Chief Dental Officer (huongle@ahschc.org)

Residency Certificate:

- At the conclusion of the training program, each resident who successfully completes the program will receive a certificate of completion, which can be used to obtain state licensure in California.

How to access official materials

As an incoming AEGD resident, you should receive access to the official orientation materials from AHS HR Department, including the complete handbook and virtual resources. All other materials should be accessible on the AHS Intranet and special computer drive **R:drive** that contains all residency relevant materials including evaluations forms to be completed throughout the program.