

CHLA Pediatric Dentistry Fellowship



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About the Fellowship

The Children's Hospital Los Angeles pediatric dentistry fellowship is a one-of-a-kind program which aims to provide additional training in the areas of hospital dentistry, treating children with special needs, community dentistry, leadership education in neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and craniofacial anomalies training to pediatric dentists. The program is in process to be awarded full accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. The fellowship takes place at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Altamed Dental Group Westlake, USC UCEDD and the Frank D Lanterman Regional Center, all of which are within a 5 mile radius.

The CHLA dental clinic provides specialized and routine care to 3,500 children and adolescents annually, including those with complicated conditions such as cancer and hemophilia, cleft lip and palate and other congenital disorders. The Craniofacial Team at Children's Hospital Los Angeles follows more than 3,000 patients per year. During the course of the fellowship rotation, fellows can expect to provide care for hundreds of children. Fellows work with specialists in some of the following areas:

- General Pediatrics
- Medical Genetics
- Otolaryngology
- Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Pulmonology
- Speech and Language Pathology

CHLA has partnered with Altamed, the largest independent federally qualified center in the US, to create a new specialized medical center which includes a state-of-the-art dental clinic with 12 operatories. The clinic is equipped to offer routine preventive and specialized dental care to small children up to age 18, including children with special health care needs.

CA-LEND trains leaders, educates community providers, conducts research, and promotes systems change for children with or at risk of Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (NDD) including those with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The mission of CA-LEND is to create an interdisciplinary learning community where leaders in Maternal and Child Health, especially in California, prepare to serve children with, or at risk for, neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families, with a life course perspective, through family-centered, culturally responsive, coordinated, comprehensive, developmentally appropriate clinical care, teaching, research, and systems change. The CA-LEND curriculum consists of a 32 week training program that runs September through May. A majority of the training activities are scheduled on Wednesdays, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. the curriculum consists of seven modules that cover:

- Genetic Disorders
- Neurological and Neuromotor Disabilities
- Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Intellectual and Learning Disabilities
- Chronic Illness and Special Health Care Needs
- Vision, Hearing, Speech and Language Disorders

Learning modalities include seminars, clinical cases, small group exercises, presentation skill development, interdisciplinary team modeling, service system engagement, family-based experiences, policy and advocacy work, research methodology, self-reflective leadership training, and clinical exposure. The long-term training culminates in a Leadership Project in an area of interest with a tangible policy, research or community education product. Trainees receiving a certificate of completion will have achieved competency in the following domains:

- Ethical and Professional Conduct
- Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities
- Interdisciplinary Team Building
- Health Care Systems and Communities
- Public Policy
- Critical Thinking
- Leadership
- Family Centered and Culturally Competent Care
- Communication, Teaching, and Mentoring
- Discipline Specific Skills

<http://www.uscuedd.org/what-we-do/training-programs/ca-lend>

The Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center is a private, non-profit corporation that operates under contract with California's Department of Developmental Services. The Center serves over 9,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities, who have or are at risk for a developmental delay or disability, and who are at high-risk of parenting an infant with a disability. Fellows will provide dental exams and provide educational seminars to regional center clients on site.

Schedule

i. Mondays

1. CHLA Dental Clinic Clinic AM OR
2. Fellowship course OR
3. CHLA General Anesthesia cases

ii. Tuesdays

1. Altamed Dental Group Westlake Clinic

iii. Wednesdays

1. CA-LEND training 8AM-1PM AND
2. Lanterman Regional center PM OR
3. Research/Administrative time

iv. Thursdays

1. CHLA Dental Clinic Craniofacial Dental Exams
2. Craniofacial team meeting

v. Fridays

1. CHLA Hospital Grand rounds 8-9AM
2. Hospital rotations

Application Requirements

- Application
- Personal Statement
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two letters of recommendation
- Dental school transcripts
- Copy of National Dental Board scores, if applicable
- Copy of diploma and dental license, if applicable
- TOEFL score, if available
- Must have DDS and Pediatric Dentistry certificate from CODA accredited program.
- Must have a valid CA dental license
- Visa: Due to recent changes in U.S. visa laws, Children's Hospital Los Angeles cannot apply for a J-1 visa for international dental fellows.

To Apply

Please complete and submit the application. Applications will be accepted from 03/1/2019 to 06/1/2019, with a start date of 7/1/2019.

Please email all application information to jpolido@chla.usc.edu

Fast Facts

ADA-Coda Accreditation: In progress

Fellows per year: 1

Duration: 12 months

Postgraduate Pediatric Dentistry training: Yes

U.S. Citizenship: Yes, must be a US citizen or permanent resident

Salary Minimums: \$85,000

Benefits Include: Health and dental insurance, 14 days paid vacation + 6 personal days, and yearly educational stipend

Must have a CA Dental License

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