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Ontario Dental Association Student Membership Guide



Starting your career on the right track with the ODA



CDSPi is pleased to help support the ODA's Student Programs



On behalf of our entire team, I want to congratulate you on your excellent choice of careers and officially introduce you to the Ontario Dental Association (ODA).

The ODA is the professional association for Ontario's dentists. We're there for you as you navigate each phase of your dental career. ODA members have exclusive access to a long list of solutions, services and resources designed to benefit not only their careers, but also our great profession.

In the following pages, you'll find a brief overview of some of the benefits available to student members.

To join the ODA, please complete and submit the application form at the back of this brochure. Your student membership fee of \$194 (plus HST) covers all years at dental school and your first year of practice in Ontario. We're happy to offer this deeply discounted rate to help you begin your relationship with your professional association in a cost-effective manner.

As you become more familiar with the ODA and the work we do, you'll notice that we believe strongly in something called 'organized dentistry'. It's about being part of a larger group of organizations, including other provincial and national dental associations, to help represent and advance the best interests of dentists, the public and our profession as a whole. It's an important concept and one to which we're committed.

On a more personal note, I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet you and your classmates at ODA-sponsored events on campus. And as a long-time member myself, I can tell you that joining the ODA has been one of the most rewarding decisions I've made in my career.

We look forward to welcoming you to your professional association.

Dr. David Stevenson
Chair, Board of Directors and President

Student Membership Application

2018-2019



Student Membership Fee is \$194 plus HST \$25.22 = \$219.22. This one-time fee payment covers your ODA student membership throughout dental school and your first year of practice as a licensed dentist in Ontario. HST #108090945RT0001

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First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: (DD/MM/YYYY) ____/____/____

Primary Address (for mailing): _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Dental School: ☐ University of Toronto – Faculty of Dentistry ☐ Western University – Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

Program: ☐ Undergraduate – Four Year Program ☐ International Qualifying Program – Two Year Program

Graduating Class: ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021 ☐ 2022

Once graduated, I plan to practice in Ontario: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Payment Method:

☐ Enclosed Cheque (Make cheque payable to the *Ontario Dental Association*)

OR

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AMEX

Name on Card: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiry: _____ Signature: _____

Application Questions

You can contact Rose Zisko, ODA Student Services Associate at 416-922-3900 or 1-800-387-1393 ext. 3318 or by email at rzisko@oda.ca.

RETURN FULLY COMPLETED APPLICATION:

Mail: Membership Administration
Ontario Dental Association
4 New Street
Toronto, Ontario M5R 1P6
Fax: 416-922-4244

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Customized programs and events

As a student member, you can also take advantage of a wide range of programs and events for each stage of your dentistry education, including:

Welcome to the Profession Luncheon

This free luncheon event is a chance for the ODA to welcome first-year dental students into the profession, share information about membership benefits, answer any questions you might have and provide you with a special gift.

Practice Management Seminar Series

Our practice management seminars were designed to provide the next generation of dentists with valuable practice management information for the transition from dental school to dental practice. These free seminars focus on a range of topics that students have told us are important to them, including:

- Employment Contracts
- Tax and Accounting Issues for New Grads
- The Business Side to Running A Successful Practice: You Graduated! Now What?
- Financial Planning & Debt Management

Munch and Learn Seminars

With this series of informational events throughout the year, the ODA brings you various topics and speakers that are of interest to student members.

Specialty Information Night

Listen to guest speakers from a variety of dental specialties share entertaining and relevant insights about their career paths in the specialties.

Office Tours with Practising Dentists

These office tours provide you with an invaluable opportunity to spend an evening with an alumni dentist and get a glimpse into the realities of opening a practice. Enjoy light refreshments and get answers to all your questions on topics including debt repayments, career/life balance and more.

Fourth-Year Graduation Event

You're invited to celebrate your impending graduation and to receive a special gift of a one-year free membership to the ODA (upon obtaining your Certificate of Registration from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario).

ODA President's Cup

The Ontario Dental Association is proud to support the annual charitable hockey game between the dental schools at the University of Toronto and Western University. Fostering a "collegial spirit" with students and dentists, the game is open to faculty, alumni, staff, family, friends and fans. Proceeds raised are donated to a charity of each faculties' choice.



The ODA has been working on behalf on Ontario dentists since

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more than
98%
of Ontario
dental students
belong to the ODA

\$194

covers your
ODA membership
**throughout
dental school**



When you graduate, your
ODA membership for your
first year in practice is

FREE

Introducing your dedicated ODA Student Services Associate: Rose Zisko



For more than 10 years, Rose has established a track record as an invaluable resource to student members. She is available to provide you with access to answers, information and any other support you need as a student member of the ODA. You can contact Rose at 416-922-3900 or 1-800-387-1393 (extension 3318) or by email at rzisko@oda.ca

Overview of benefits for student members



As a student member of the ODA, you have access to virtually all of the resources, programs, information and support that your professional association has to offer. In addition, you will also be able to take advantage of a number of special benefits developed specifically around your needs and experiences as you progress through your dentistry studies. The following are just a few of the benefits available to you as a student member of the ODA:

CPR Training

One of the ODA's most popular offerings for students, CPR courses are provided free of charge for first-year students. In addition, your ODA membership covers any re-certification costs required by your dental school.

Ontario Dentist Journal

Complement your studies by staying up-to-date on all the latest news, trends, changes and events related to the dental industry. Your subscription to the Ontario Dentist journal will put a selection of well-written and insightful articles in your hands 10 times each year, covering topics including clinical and practice management and much more.

The ODA Member Website

It's never too early to get acquainted with the resources available in the ODA member website (www.oda.ca/member). Your membership includes full access to this password-protected site, which is the most-visited destination at the ODA. This easy-to-navigate and information-rich site includes valuable information in a broad set of categories reflecting the needs of Ontario dentists, including clinical, practice management, information and resources related to regulations and policies that impact the industry and more.

The ODA Online Job Board

As graduation approaches and you're ready to start looking for employment. This listing will be an invaluable resource in your search. This province-wide listing lets you search member dentists who are looking to buy or sell a practice, as well as those searching for partners or associates. You'll find the listing on the Job Board page of the ODA member website.

Annual Spring Meeting (ASM)

As a student member, enjoy free access to the ODA's Annual Spring Meeting, one of the largest conferences and trade shows in North America. This one-of-a-kind event features educational seminars, a job fair board, excellent networking opportunities, the chance to test drive new dental products and leading-edge technologies and much more.

Member Discount Programs

Your ODA membership also allows you to save money on a wide range of products and services. With the ODA Member Discount Program you can take advantage of savings on travel & accommodations — including VIA Rail and Porter — fitness & leisure and wireless communications to mention a few. As we are continuously adding new offerings under this program, we encourage you to regularly visit the ODA Member Discount page on the ODA member website.

Financial Planning Solutions from CDSPI

Sound financial planning is integral to every practising and future dentist. And many eligible dental students and dentists in Canada rely on CDSPI for access to proven insurance, investment and financial planning solutions. The advisors at CDSPI Advisory Services Inc. focus exclusively on the dental profession and have been meeting dentists' distinct financial needs for more than 50 years. These experts are ready to provide you with personal financial solutions for every stage of your career. Please note: Restrictions may apply to advisory services in certain jurisdictions. *CDSPI is the exclusive sponsor of the ODA Student Services Program.*

Members' Assistance Program (MAP)

As a dental student, you have access to the Members' Assistance Program (MAP), a confidential counselling and information service available free of charge to members, their extended families and staff members. This program is available for anyone requiring assistance when personal situations may be affecting their family life, student life, work life or general well-being. Short-term counselling, advice and information are provided by trained, experienced professionals, including psychologists, social workers, addiction counsellors, financial counsellors and lawyers.

MAP is a service provided by **CDSPI** and is operated by Shepell. For more information, the ODA Wellness Support Services page of the ODA member website.