



Practising Dentistry in Canada

All persons wishing to practise dentistry in Canada must be certified by the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB). Graduates of dental programs not recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC), must successfully complete a Qualifying/Degree Completion Program, such as the ITD Program, or successfully complete the NDEB Equivalency Process. After completion of one of the two options, successful candidates would then be eligible to write the NDEB Written Examination and the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) for certification as a general dentist in Canada.

For details regarding accredited programs, please visit the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) website at www.cda-adc.ca

What is the Internationally Trained Dentists (ITD) Program?

Held over two academic years beginning in May, the program leads to a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree (DDS). Upon successful completion of the ITD Program and the NDEB examinations, candidates will be eligible for licensure/registration as a dentist in all Canadian provinces.

Students in the ITD Program must attend all lectures and seminars in the following courses:

- pharmacology
- general medicine
- oral pathology
- prosthodontics
- operative dentistry
- diagnosis & treatment planning
- integrated restorative
- patient assessment
- patient management
- dento-facial trauma
- introduction to clinics
- clinical practice
- oral medicine
- oral surgery
- oral radiology
- periodontics
- practice administration
- orthodontics
- paediatric dentistry
- endodontics
- clinical applications of dental research
- clinical experience: students manage their patients following a comprehensive patient-care model

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University has a long tradition of excellence, beginning with the founding of the medical school in 1881 and continuing with the formation of the dental school in 1964.

We are dedicated to preparing tomorrow's dentists, physicians and health researchers to become leaders who will optimize life-long health.

Western delivers an academic experience second to none, challenging the best and brightest faculty, staff and students to commit to the highest global standards.

Since 1878, 'The Western Experience' has combined academic excellence with life-long opportunities for intellectual, social and cultural growth.

Additional Resources

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
www.schulich.uwo.ca

Western University
www.westernu.ca

City of London, Ontario, Canada
www.london.ca

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Internationally Trained Dentists (ITD) Program





Application Requirements

- Must have graduated from a minimum four-year, non-accredited dental program.
- Must have Canadian Citizenship or proof of Permanent Resident Status.
- Must have completed the NDEB Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge. Please see www.ndeb.ca
- Must have taken the TOEFL or IELTS English proficiency test within the last two years.*

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

Application to the ITD Program also serves as an application to the Schulich Dentistry Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). The PLA is a two-day simulated clinical evaluation held in August. The top 100 applicants, as selected by the ITD Admissions Committee, are invited to attend. The applicants are selected primarily based on the results of the English language test scores and the NDEB Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge results. Based on PLA scores, a maximum of 40 candidates will attend a personal interview.

Completion of this assessment does not guarantee admission to the ITD Program. Registration fee for the PLA is \$1,500 CAD.

** Except those applicants having successfully completed four years of full-time Canadian high school education in English.*

Application Process

Online applications are accepted between February and April of each year. Please see the ITD Program website for exact dates. The following documents must be submitted upon applying:

1. A non-refundable administrative fee of \$275 CAD paid by certified cheque or money order, made payable to Schulich Dentistry, Western University.
2. A notarized photocopy of your degree or diploma from a minimum four-year university dental program bearing an original seal and signature. Documents not in English must also be accompanied with an original certified English translation bearing an original seal and signature of the translator.
3. Proof of Permanent Resident Status or Canadian Citizenship is required. Provide a notarized photocopy of your valid permanent resident card, Canadian passport, Confirmation of Permanent Residence or Record of Landing that verifies your status.
4. Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge (AFK) examination results, offered by the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB). For registration, please see the NDEB website at www.ndeb.ca
5. Original score report or notarized photocopy of a TOEFL or an IELTS English language test. Test results are valid for two years from the date of the exam. All applicants must complete an English language test.* Please refer to the ITD Program website for details.
6. Notarized proof of name change if submitting documents in a name other than shown on the application form.
7. A one-page resumé including your dental education, professional dental experience, continuing dental education courses completed, and other additional information such as awards, publications, affiliations, volunteer experience, etc.
8. A passport-size photo attached to your resumé.

Admission Process

A maximum of 20 candidates are selected to enter the ITD Program by the ITD Admissions Committee at Schulich Dentistry. Selection is based on a combination of the results of the NDEB Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge, the Schulich Dentistry Prior Learning Assessment and English language ability, as determined by the interview.

Offers of admission are sent in October for the ITD Program beginning the following year in May.

A credential evaluation of your degree/diploma (document-by-document report) from World Education Services must be completed prior to the start of the program. Please see www.wes.org for instructions.

Fees

Fees include basic tuition and supplemental fees. Tuition fees cover instruction, library facilities, examinations, diploma, use of laboratory supplies, apparatus, basic materials and articles of instruction. Other fees include, but are not limited to, a student activity fee and a compulsory dental kit fee. The dental kit includes required itemized equipment, clothing and manuals which become the property of the student.

For current fees information, please see the link on the ITD Program website.

