

Student Membership Guide



Start your career on the right track with the ODA





On behalf of the Ontario Dental Association (ODA), congratulations on your excellent choice of career. As you begin dental school, make a second excellent choice – join your professional association. The ODA is the voice and advocate for Ontario dentists. Our dedicated staff and volunteers are here to support you as you navigate each phase of your dental career.

Your student membership fee of \$194 (plus HST) covers you throughout dental school and your first year of practice in Ontario. This discounted rate will help you begin a lasting relationship with your professional association. To join the ODA, please visit www.oda.ca/studentmember.

In this brochure, you'll find a brief overview of some of the benefits available to you as a student member. ODA members have exclusive access to a long list of solutions, services and resources designed to benefit not only their careers, but our great profession as a whole.

As you become more familiar with the ODA and the work we do, you'll see that we are committed to delivering value to our members and fighting on their behalf. We represent dentists, their teams and their patients at a provincial level and, as part of the Canadian Dental Association, at a national level. By adding your voice, you help strengthen our messages to decision makers and help us represent and advance the best interests of dentists, the public and the profession.

I have been a member of the ODA for more than 30 years. I began my volunteering with my local component society, where I fell in love with the strong sense of community and purpose that comes with being involved. Over time, that involvement grew as I worked my way up through committees until joining the ODA Board of Directors. My membership has allowed me to make incredible connections, attend important events like the Annual Spring Meeting, and helped guide the ODA and its members through challenging times, including the pandemic. Volunteering for the ODA has been rewarding and valuable to me both professionally and personally.

Take full advantage of the opportunities and resources the ODA offers you throughout your education and career.

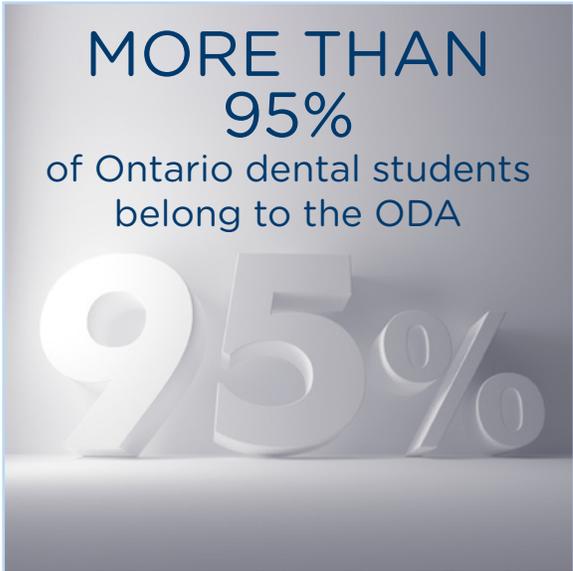
Welcome to the profession, and welcome to the ODA.

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Dr. Janet Leith
President-Elect



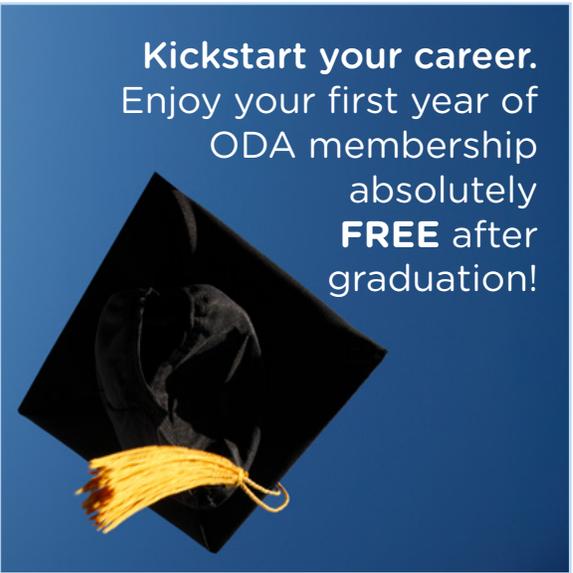
The ODA has been
championing Ontario
dentists for over
150 years!



**MORE THAN
95%**
of Ontario dental students
belong to the ODA



\$194
covers
your ODA
membership
throughout
dental school
(One time payment.
No annual renewal required).

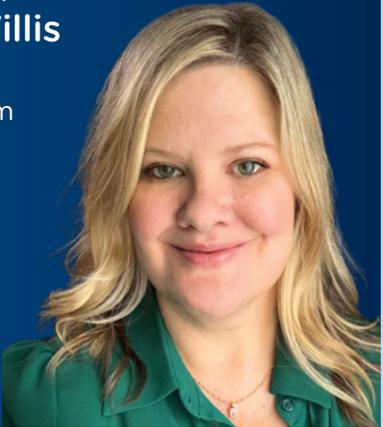


Kickstart your career.
Enjoy your first year of
ODA membership
absolutely
FREE after
graduation!

Introducing your dedicated ODA Coordinator, Events and Programs, Student Services: **Courtney Willis**

Courtney has established a track record in Events and Program Management. 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 Courtney at 416-922-3900 or 1-800-387-1393 (extension 3318) or by email at cwillis@oda.ca



Overview of benefits for student members

As an ODA student member, you're connected to the full strength of your professional association. Enjoy exclusive access to resources, programs, and support designed to help you succeed at every stage of your dental education and beyond. Take advantage of special benefits tailored specifically to your needs and experiences as a student and set yourself up for success. Here is just a glimpse of what's waiting for you.

CPR Training

One of the ODA's most popular offerings for students, CPR courses are provided free of charge for every year of study. In addition, your ODA membership covers any re-certification costs required by your dental school. CPR and First Aid Training meets the mandatory clinic requirements as outlined 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 profession and ODA. Your subscription to the *Ontario Dentist* journal puts well-written and insightful articles in your hands 10 times each year, covering topics including clinical and practice management and much more.

Practice Management Resources

Access handy checklists and tools designed to help you purchase or open a dental practice. Plus, our tax resources simplify the complexities of accounting, tax and financial management.

The ODA Website

It's never too early to explore the resources available on the ODA website oda.ca. Your membership gives you full access to exclusive member benefits, valuable information and essential tools.

The ODA Online Job & Ad Board

When you are ready to launch your career, the ODA Job & Ad board will be an essential resource. This exclusive, province-wide listing connects you with opportunities from ODA member dentists looking to hire associates, find partners, or buy and sell practices. As a member, you can also post your own ads for free putting your name and skills in front of the right people. Start your job search with confidence by visiting the Job & Ad Board on the ODA website.

ODA Community Demographic Report

These reports provide you with insights about the dentists and the people in a community to help you better understand the specific community where you practice - or want to practice.

Annual Spring Meeting (ASM)

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, excellent networking opportunities, the chance to test drive new dental products and leading-edge technologies and much more. Learn more at asm.oda.ca

New Dentist Symposium (NDS)

New this year: Student members receive **50% off admission** to a unique continuing education experience for dentists in practice for 10 years or less. Access education opportunities, networking sessions and direct access to experts from around the industry who can offer valuable advice at the Roundtable Exchange. Learn more at nds.oda.ca

Member Discount Program

As a student member, you can tap into exclusive savings on travel, accommodations, fitness, wireless plans, and more. New deals and partners are added regularly, so check the Member Discount Program page often and make the most of your membership perks.

No-Cost Insurance and Financial Planning from CDSPI

Get objective education and advice on personal finances and no-cost life, disability, dental hand-tools and accidental death and dismemberment insurance – courtesy of CDSPI.

Created by dentists exclusively for the dental community, CDSPI is a not-for-profit organization that is endorsed and governed by the ODA and other dental associations across Canada to help dentists and dental students achieve and maintain financial wellbeing.

Join the 1,000+ dental students who have reaped the benefits of CDSPI, including:

- No-cost student insurance
- No-cost income tax returns through their partnership with MNP
- Group discounts for travel, auto and tenant insurance
- Advice on creating and sticking to a budget
- Managing debt
- Investing and preparing to start a practice
- 24/7 free wellness support and resources from the Members' Assistance Program provided by Telus Health



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Learn how the ODA can expand your potential. Visit yourpotential.oda.ca for a complete list of all our products, programs and services.

Customized programs and events

As a student member, take advantage of a wide range of programs and events for each stage of your dental education.

Welcome to the Profession

Join us for a special event where the ODA officially welcomes first-year students to the profession. Connect, celebrate and discover how ODA membership can support your growth and success.

Practice Management Seminar Speaker Series

Our practice management seminars are 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 and debt management

Munch and Learn Seminars

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

Mentorship Days with Practising Dentists

Mentorship days provide you with an invaluable opportunity to spend an evening with an alumni dentist and get a glimpse into the realities of opening and running a practice. Enjoy light snacks and refreshments and get answers to all your questions about debt repayments, career/life balance and more.

*Open to third and fourth year students..

Fourth-Year Graduation Event

You're invited to celebrate your impending graduation and 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).

The ODA Cup Platinum Sponsor

The Ontario Dental Association is proud to support the annual charitable hockey game between the dental faculties 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.

[Visit oda.ca/events to learn more about upcoming student events](https://oda.ca/events)



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.

Apply online at: www.oda.ca/studentmember

