Self Assessment Checklist for the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

Dental Specialty Training Programs will perform a detailed assessment of credentials as a part of the admission process. This checklist is a guide to assist potential applicants in evaluating their specialty program’s equivalency to an accredited Canadian program and must be submitted with the application form. For detailed information on the accreditation standards for accredited Canadian specialty programs consult the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada’s website.

1. The applicant’s specialty program is located in a Faculty/College/School of Dentistry, which is located in a University that is sanctioned by government to award degrees.

2. All applicants to the specialty program are required to have a DDS/DMD or equivalent.

3. The specialty program is a minimum of 3 consecutive academic years (minimum of 33 months) of full-time study.

4. The specialty program’s stated objectives/outcomes appear, in the applicant’s view and within the limitations of a paper review, to be comparable to that of an accredited Canadian program.

5. The specialty program’s timetables clearly define the didactic and clinical schedules, and appear, in the applicant’s view and within the limitations of a paper review, to be comparable to that of an accredited Canadian program.

6. The specialty program has identifiable academic course with outlines that clearly define the course objectives, content and evaluation procedures.

7. The teaching methods and learning activities (including the provision of patient care) appear, in the applicant’s view and within the limitations of a paper review, to be comparable to that of an accredited Canadian program.

8. Basic science and clinical science instruction must be integrated and appear, in the applicant’s view and within the limitations of a paper review, to be comparable to that of an accredited Canadian program in all of the following areas:
   - Advanced Radiologic Interpretation
   - Diagnosis and Physical Evaluation
   - Head and Neck Anatomy
   - Literature Review and Scientific Writing
   - Oral and General Pathology
   - Radiation Biology
   - Radiation Dosimetry
   - Radiation Physics
   - Biostatistics, Bioethics and Research Methodology
   - Epidemiology
   - General Pathology
   - Hospital Protocol
   - Oncology
   - Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology
   - Pharmacology and Therapeutics
   - Physiology
   - Embryology and Genetics
9. The specialty program’s content as described in the course descriptions appears, in the applicant’s view and within the limitations of a paper review, consistent with the breadth and scope of an accredited Canadian Program including graduates who are competent to:
- conduct a clinical examination, take and evaluate medical and dental histories, and prescribe appropriate imaging investigations;
- produce and supervise the production of images required for diagnosis;
- practice and advise on radiation protection and safety;
- interpret radiographs and other diagnostic images;
- prepare written reports;
- communicate effectively with patients and colleagues;
- critically evaluate the scientific literature in order to maintain continuing competency in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

10. The specialty program has processes to evaluate student proficiency and to ensure that students meet the stated objectives and outcomes identified above.

11. The curriculum content must be at an advanced level equivalent to that of a Canadian undergraduate DDS/DMD program and appear, in the applicant’s view and within the limitations of a paper review, to be comparable to that of an accredited post-graduate Canadian program.

12. The specialty program provides sufficient clinical patient care experience to develop proficiency in the contemporary scope of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

I understand and accept that there are a limited number of places in the Dental Specialty Assessment and Training Programs and that acceptance into one of these programs is not guaranteed. Furthermore, I understand and accept that my personal determination respecting any comparison between my specialty program and an accredited Canadian specialty program does not constitute an official determination of equivalency between the two. That determination will be made upon my successful completion of the DSCKE and the Dental Specialty Assessment and Training Program.

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Signature of Applicant                  Date