PASS Application
Participation in the PASS application program is mandatory. In order to meet the November 15th application deadline, completed PASS documents should be submitted to the PASS office no later than November 2nd of the year preceding the year for which the applicant is applying. Application materials can usually be obtained by writing:

PASS
1400 K Street NW, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005
Telephone: (202) 289-7221

MATCH Process
Presently, the program participates in the Matching Program co-sponsored by the American Association of Hospital Dentists. The administration of the Matching Program, including the performance of the match, is carried out by National Matching Services, as an independent contractor.

National Matching Services Inc.
20 Holly Street, Suite 301
Toronto, Ontario
Canada M4S 3B1
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MAHEC Equal Education Opportunity
As an institution of higher education and in the spirit of its policies of equal employment opportunity, MAHEC hereby reaffirms its policy of equal educational opportunity. All applicants for admissions will be considered without regard to an applicant’s race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability unrelated to program performance, disabled veteran status, or Vietnam veteran status.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Stipend
Each resident of the General Practice Residency Program receives stipend support as determined yearly by the administration of MAHEC and Mission Hospitals. The stipend compares favorably with those of other programs. Specific information is available from the Program Director. The current stipend is $46,721 a year plus benefits, including health and dental insurance, workers’ compensation, life, disability and professional liability insurance and other benefits, such as, continuing education and time off as determined by MAHEC’s employment policies and the GPR Program Director.

Cost of Living
Apartments, homes and condominiums to rent are readily available at relatively reasonable rates.

DISCLAIMER
The contents of this prospectus represent the most current information available at the time of publication. It is possible that changes may be made with respect to this information without prior notice. Thus, the provisions of this prospectus are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between the GPR Program and the resident.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
The resident contract, blood borne and radiation hazard policies and other policies and procedures are available upon request and/or when visiting the program.

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BACKGROUND

The General Practice Residency (GPR) is a one year certificate program with an optional second year for two residents. The GPR program is sponsored by Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) in partnership with Mission Hospitals. Four first year residents will be accepted for each year. The program in general dentistry is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of full accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

PURPOSE

The General Practice Residency (GPR) Program is a postdoctoral educational program designed to provide essential skills, attitudes, and abilities related to the contemporary practice of advanced general dentistry, with emphasis on total patient care. The program provides the recent graduate the opportunity to augment his/her knowledge of oral disease and his/her diagnostic and therapeutic skills in dentistry. Treatment of oral disease in the medically complex patient and/or hospitalized patient is emphasized. A private practice environment is maintained throughout the program to assist the recent dental school graduate in the successful transition from academics to “real world” dentistry.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Advanced Education Programs in General Practice Residency are educational programs designed to provide training beyond the level of pre-doctoral education in oral health care, using applied basic and behavioral sciences. Education in these programs is based on the concept that oral health is an integral and interactive part of total health. MAHEC’s residency training is designed to expand the scope and depth of the graduates’ knowledge and skills to enable them to provide comprehensive oral health care to a wide range of population groups.

The goals of our program include preparation of the graduate to:

• Act as a primary care provider for individuals and groups of patients. This includes: providing emergency and multidisciplinary comprehensive oral health care; providing patient focused care that is coordinated by the general practitioner; directing health promotion and disease prevention activities, and using advanced dental treatment modalities.
• Plan and provide multidisciplinary oral health care for a wide variety of patients including patients with special needs.
• Manage the delivery of oral health care by applying concepts of patient and practice management and quality improvement that are responsive to a dynamic health care environment.
• Function effectively within the hospital and other health care environments.
• Function effectively within interdisciplinary health care teams.
• Apply scientific principles to learning and oral health care. This includes using critical thinking, evidence or outcomes-based clinical decision-making and technology-based information retrieval systems.
• Utilize the values of professional ethics, lifelong learning, patient centered care, adaptability, and acceptance of cultural diversity in professional practice.
• Understand the oral health needs of communities and engage in community service.

RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Program Length:
The GPR Program consists of 12 months of advanced dental education in clinical dentistry and is conducted primarily within a private practice environment. An optional second GPR year is available on a competitive basis. This latter position is generally limited to two positions per year and is dependent upon qualifications.

Program Date:
The program begins July 1st and concludes June 30th of the following year. Entering residents are required to come two weeks early for organizational and program orientations.

Assignments:
MAHEC Dental Health Center - 9.5 Months

Residents spend 9.5 months at the Dental Health Center, where the majority of time is spent providing hands-on comprehensive patient treatment. The 9.5 months is spread out during the entire year to assure continuity of care. During this time residents gain a wide variety of experiences by providing complex dental treatment for primarily ambulatory patients. Opportunities exist for providing comprehensive dental care, including fixed and removable prosthetics (implant restoration), rotary endodontics, periodontics (implant placement), oral surgery, and advanced esthetic operative dentistry. Residents also gain extensive experience in management of patients with complex medical conditions.

Anesthesia - 3 Weeks
During this rotation, residents actively participate in the care of surgery patients via assignment to Asheville Anesthesia Associates. Residents receive experience in physical evaluation of the pre-anesthetic patient, starting and maintaining intravenous lines, oral and nasal intubation, monitoring vital signs, maintaining optimum airways, utilizing various equipment/instrumentation for monitoring the anesthetized patient, and patient recovery.

Family Medicine - 2 Weeks
The residents will be assigned to a block rotation in the Family Practice Service inpatient and Family Health Center rotation with a PGY 2 or PGY 3 resident physician in the Family Medicine Asheville Residency Program.

Community Service Rotation - 2 Weeks
The residents will spend two weeks at community-based or public health centers providing dental care to a dentaly underserved population. During this time they will perform both comprehensive and emergency treatment for patients of all ages. They will work side-by-side with dedicated general dentists and specialists serving these populations.

Pediatric Rotation - 2 Weeks
Residents will treat pediatric patients in a variety of settings as part of the Mission-Children’s Dental Program. During this rotation, residents will provide dental treatment to pediatric patients under general anesthesia at Asheville Surgery Center.

Didactics:
The residents receive formal courses in Physical Assessment and Oral Conscious Sedation. Approximately 70 hours of lectures are given in all specialties of dentistry, dental material, practice management, and infection control. Residents are eligible to attend all MAHEC sponsored Dental Continuing Education programs as well as relevant conferences at Mission Hospitals, such as, Head and Neck Tumor Boards.

FACILITIES/STAFF

The Dental Health Center is a 10 chair dental treatment facility designed specifically for the residency program. It is equipped with state of the art dental equipment, an electronic dental record system, and digital radiography. In addition there is space for a resident study area, conference room and a laboratory. There are front office staff, dental assistants and hygienists assigned to the DHC full-time. All attempts are made to surround the resident with the modern concept of a successful private practice environment with an educational component.

Gene Withrow, MS, DMD
Director, MAHEC Dental Health Center
Dr. Withrow is a board certified prosthodontist who has practiced, published, and lectured as a biochemist, radiation biologist, general dentist and prosthodontist. He had a distinguished military career in the US Army Dental Corps and has held faculty appointments in several schools of dentistry, including a full-time appointment as an Associate Professor in Prosthodontics at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, Alabama. He practiced in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Birmingham before joining MAHEC as the Director of the General Practice Residency in Dentistry.

Ed Coryell, DDS
Assistant Director, MAHEC Dental Health Center
Dr. Coryell practiced general dentistry for seventeen years in Florida before retiring in 2006. He brings his years of clinical skills to our patients. Dr. Coryell believes in “treating patients as I would want to be treated. Listening to my patient’s concerns and personal treatment goals allows me to provide each with the best care possible.”

APPLICATION PROCESS

General
Selection of the residents is based on the following criteria:

1. Class standing, CPA and National Boards
2. Letters of recommendation
3. Interview

The GPR Admissions Committee is comprised of two full-time faculty, several part-time faculty and one administrator. Applicants must be a graduate of a fully accredited North American Dental school. Successful completion of the National Boards Part I is required. Licensure in North Carolina is not required for admission. All application forms must be received by November 15th for admission the following year.