

Asahi University, School of Dentistry

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The predecessor of the current Asahi University School of Dentistry was Gifu College of Dentistry, founded in April 1971. The founder of Gifu College of Dentistry was Dr. Keizaburo Miyata, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Asahi University, and himself a dentist. Propelled by the concept of a new university for 21st century in 1985 and 1987, the School of Business Administration and the School of Law were respectively added in order to convert the college into a more comprehensive university. Along with this concept, Gifu College of Dentistry was renamed to Asahi University, School of Dentistry.

1. Features of Asahi University, School of Dentistry

The most crucial aspect of a university lies not in its superficial beauty but in its innermost essence, that is, the most important entity is the faculty. Furthermore, what is most important is the faculty. Since its establishment, our goal has been to foster people with a broad view of the world who can think from a truly international standpoint, as stated in our founding mission. One embodiment of this mission is our exchange program with other universities. Currently, this university has exchange programs with numerous universities including State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Dentistry (U.S.A.); College of Dentistry, De Ocampo Memorial College (The Philippines); Chungshan Medical and Dental College (Taiwan); Beijing University, School of Stomatology, (China); Humboldt University, Berlin, Medical Faculty, School of Dentistry (Germany); University of California, Los Angeles, School of Dentistry (U.S.A.); University of Alabama at Birmingham (U.S.A.); and University Autonomous of The State of Mexico (Mexico).

Dental education of Asahi University has a mission to foster a dentist who has a not only excellent knowledge and technique but also attitude for dental care with humanity. The education of basic health, dental sciences and clinical health and dentistry is divided into five education systems such as vital phenomenon, clinical dentistry, social dentistry, inclusive dentistry and clinical practice. In addition to clinical practice at hospital, we have a well-developed simulation training system. These are systemic education systems to master a practice for a dental clinic.

2. Conditions of Admission

The minimum age for admission to dental school is 18 years. Foreigners are also eligible for enrollment. Those who have completed twelve years of compulsory education in a foreign country may be admitted to the dental school on passing the entrance examination. In any event, foreign students are required to have sufficient knowledge of Japanese language in order to learn and comprehend the lectures at dental school.

3. Qualification

The Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) or the Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) is awarded after passing the sixth-year graduation examination. Those who have completed dental education at an equivalent level of Japanese Dental School in a foreign country may be admitted to graduate school course on passing the entrance examination. (There are many situations in a foreign country to deal with the Japanese D.M.D. or D.D.S.)

4. Graduate School

All basic dental science and clinical dental science departments offer the four years course for doctoral degree.

5. Affiliated Hospital

Asahi University, School of Dentistry has three affiliated hospitals. Asahi University Hospital is located on

the campus. All departments of clinical dental science including Oral & Maxillofacial Implantology each have a clinic and internal medicine clinic in this hospital.

Murakami Memorial Hospital was founded in 1973, and its departments include surgery, cerebral surgery, orthopedic surgery, and internal medicine-gastroenterology and circulation. A dialysis center and the Asahi Health Science Center are affiliated with this hospital, which is located at the center of Gifu city.

Post-Doctoral Institute (P.D.I.), Dental Clinic was the hospital to accomplish the clinical training under the supervision of experienced members after graduation of dental school. P.D.I. is located near Murakami Memorial Hospital.

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