

GRADUATE ORAL PATHOLOGY OPT 650/651

Graduate Oral Pathology consists of 72 hours of seminar divided into two courses of 36 hours for 2 credit hours each. The course content deals with the microscopic, radiographic and clinical features and the management of a wide variety of diseases that affect the oral and perioral tissues. Common and rare conditions are discussed in a case study format and all major categories of disease such as developmental, inflammatory, infectious, metabolic, genetic and neoplastic are covered. In addition, a systematic approach to the diagnosis of diseased tissue is stressed.

All course activities are conducted under the College of Dentistry Code of Professional and Academic Responsibility.

The course meets for two hours each week September through May. The first hour deals with the clinical features of disease, and the second hour covers histopathology.

In the clinical portion of the course, students are expected to actively participate in the case discussions and to give a presentation on a topic assigned by the course director. For those students that take the histopathology portion, each student is responsible for reviewing assigned microscopic cases prior to class and giving a diagnosis for each case at the time of case presentation in class.

Grades are given to those students pursuing an advanced degree and are based on an A-B-E system. Individual grades are determined by classroom participation, preparation and assigned topic presentations.