ORTHODONTICS

The predoctoral courses in the Department of Orthodontics, as outlined by the American Dental Association, apply the knowledge derived from the basic sciences, research, and clinical treatment to the science of orthodontics so that the dental graduate will have the background necessary to recognize those conditions s/he is capable of managing. Clinical experience ranges from minor tooth movement and early treatment cases to more difficult, advanced cases—according to the student’s demonstrated ability, perseverance, judgment, and interest in orthodontics.

The graduate will be able to:

1. Anticipate and detect malocclusions.
2. Take steps to prevent or intercept malocclusion, where possible.
3. Use knowledge gained in this area as an adjunct to procedures in all other phases of dental practice.
4. Provide a basis for understanding the possibilities of orthodontic treatment.
5. Treat limited orthodontic problems that fall within the general dentist's sphere of knowledge and training.
6. Know the bases on which case referrals are made and how to handle a referral correctly.

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