

## Master of Science and Certificate in Orthodontics

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Class size

# 2.5 YEARS

A.T. Still University's (ATSU) Master of Science in Orthodontics program based in Mesa, Arizona, is a 30-month, entry-level program.



### THE CENTER

Located on ATSU's Mesa, Arizona, campus, the state-of-the-art Center for Advanced Oral Health provides comprehensive, patient-centered dentistry for those with advanced oral healthcare needs.



### ORTHODONTICS

As the first and only orthodontic residency program in Arizona, this program has a rich, clinically focused education, and residents are exposed to the most current techniques and practices in the field.



### UNDERSERVED

Residents provide orthodontic service to disadvantaged populations through clinical rotations at St. Vincent de Paul of Arizona and Phoenix Children's Hospital Cleft and Craniofacial Center.

# 60%

Approximately 60% of residents' time is devoted to clinical training, 20% to seminars and small-group classes, and the remainder to independent research and teaching.

## CURRICULUM

Courses commence the first Monday following Fourth of July week, and graduation is held on the second Thursday in December following the second year of courses.

### YEAR ONE

New residents begin with a three-week orientation taking basic classes. By the third week, residents start their didactic coursework and bonding their first group of assigned patients. Starting in the third month, residents begin rotations at the St. Vincent de Paul Dental Clinic. During their first spring semester, residents start their research projects and attend the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation for Orthodontic Research & Education's Tweed Study Course in Tucson, Arizona.

### YEAR TWO

The residents continue their didactic courses, begin their craniofacial and temporomandibular disorder rotations, and continue their research projects. Second-year residents take the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) Written Examination during their spring semester, typically in April.

### YEAR THREE

Residents prepare their ABO Clinical Examination, finish their ABO cases, complete their research projects, and are encouraged to finish 80% of the clinical cases they started. Residents have time to visit orthodontic offices, observe orthognathic surgery cases, and attend job interviews.

## PREREQUISITES

- » DMD/DDS degree or equivalent from a U.S. or Canadian CODA/CDAC accredited dental school
- » DMD/DDS and state board licensure eligibility
- » Official GRE scores - Scores older than three years prior to admissions year will not be accepted.
- » In lieu of GRE scores, ATSU-ASDOH accepts the Advanced Dental Admission Test.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

For requirements and application information, please visit:

[atsu.edu/asdoh-apply](https://atsu.edu/asdoh-apply)

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

ATSU-Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health's (ATSU-ASDOH) Orthodontic Residency program offers a one-year Orthodontic Fellowship program. Accepted fellows (up to two each year) are able to attend all first-year residents' curricular activities.

## STUDENT LIFE

ATSU has many organizations for students on each campus. For more information, please visit:

[atsu.edu/student-life](https://atsu.edu/student-life)

### ACCREDITATION

ATSU's Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ATSU-ASDOH) is accredited by the Commission on Dental 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 401 North Michigan Ave., Suite 3300, Chicago, IL 60611-4250. The Commission's web address is: [coda.aca.org](https://coda.aca.org)

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ATSU offers programs in athletic training, audiology, biomedical sciences, dental medicine, health administration, health education, health sciences, kinesiology, medical science, nursing, occupational therapy, orthodontics, osteopathic medicine, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, public health, and speech-language pathology.

## ATSU MISSION

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences serves as a learning-centered university dedicated to preparing highly competent professionals through innovative academic programs. The University is committed to continuing its osteopathic heritage and focus on whole person healthcare, scholarship, community health, interprofessional education, diversity, and underserved populations.

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