

Appendix A

NYS Proposal for a Dental Preceptor Pathway for Graduates of Foreign Dental School

Introduction

The purpose of this initiative is to expand access to dental care in rural underserved communities by utilizing graduates of foreign dental schools, under the preceptorship of a licensed general dentist.

Candidate Prerequisites

- Eligible candidates must be graduates of foreign dental schools, which are not accredited by recognized US bodies, and have achieved a dental license in such foreign country.
- Candidates must have successfully completed a nationally-recognized US competency examination as determined by the commissioner.
- Candidates must pass an examination demonstrating English proficiency, as determined by the commissioner.
- Candidates must have their degrees validated for US equivalency by a credential evaluation service acceptable to the Department.

Program Requirements

- Under this program, eligible candidates will be granted a limited permit by the Department to practice in federally-qualified health centers (FQHC) located in rural or semi-rural dental shortage areas, as defined by the [Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#), while under the direct supervision and training of a licensed preceptor dentist.
- Such preceptor dentist must have at least five (5) years of general practice dental experience and may supervise no more than two (2) preceptee dentists at one time.
- Upon the successful completion of seven (7) years of practice in this preceptorship model, the successful preceptee candidate will be eligible for full licensure by the Department.

Residency Credit Option

Each year of a successfully completed general practice residency, accredited by an agency acceptable to the Department, shall count as fulfilling two (2) years of the seven-year practice requirement, up to a maximum of four years.

Academic Service Option

A candidate who completes seven (7) years of full-time teaching with a focus in general dentistry at an accredited New York State dental school serving in a combination of didactic, pre-clinical lab and clinical supervision, shall be deemed to have satisfied the seven-year licensure pathway requirement and shall be deemed eligible for licensure.

Preceptorship Principles

- Increase access to dental care in underserved and high-need communities.
- Provide structured and supervised pathways to full licensure for qualified graduates of foreign dental schools.
- Recognize accredited residency training as accelerated professional development.
- Recognize dental school academic service as also educational and enriching to instructors in such programs.
- Support and incentivize academic service in dental education.
- Maintain high standards of patient safety and clinical competency.