Seton Hill University Graduate Program in Orthodontics 2016

Seton Hill University: The Seton Hill University Graduate Program in Orthodontics is located in Greensburg, Pennsylvania about 35 miles east of Pittsburgh. Seton Hill University is a leading Catholic, Liberal Arts University founded by the Sisters of Charity in 1885. Seton Hill offers more than 80 undergraduate programs, 12 graduate programs and an Adult Degree Program through six academic divisions: Business, Education, Humanities, Natural and Health Sciences, Social Sciences and Visual and Performing Arts. Seton Hill’s partnership with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) brought a medical school campus to the University in 2009, which allows Seton Hill students to finish their bachelor’s degree and medical school in seven years. Seton Hill also has affiliations with LECOM’s Pharmacy and Dental Schools. The new JoAnne Woodyard Boyle Health Sciences Center, which houses Seton Hill programs in Physician Assistant, Nutrition and Dietetics, Biology, Chemistry and Exercise Science, was opened in 2015.

The Graduate Program in Orthodontics: The closing of a Greensburg Orthodontic Clinic at Westmoreland Hospital that served those in need for 25 years in many surrounding counties left a void for lower-cost orthodontic service in the area. This lack of an Orthodontics Center in the community was one motivating factor in starting the Seton Hill University Orthodontics Program and opening the Center for Orthodontics. The Seton Hill University Graduate Orthodontic program was ADA accredited and started its first class in July 2010 with six residents and two interns. Since 2011, we have accepted seven residents and three interns per year. The 30-month Master of Science program allows residents to start about 60 cases on average. With three full-time and 10 part-time clinical faculty, the program offers tremendous diversity of faculty and techniques such as Straight wire, Bidimensional, self-ligation, 18-slot, 22-slot and Invisalign options. All of our residents are encouraged to attend the TWEED course, Invisalign Summit, Ormco forum, Moyers Symposium, TPO Resident Orthodontic program, and more professional development programs. The Seton Hill Orthodontics Program offers a hands-on two-day course offered by Accutech, which teaches the residents how to make various types of orthodontic appliances. The program was started by Drs. Don and Dan Rinchuse and other founding faculty still teaching at Seton Hill, including Drs. Bob Good, Ron Good, Rich Ribarevski, Doug Smith, and Jim Tinnemeyer,

Technologies: The program has embraced technologies with digital radiology including an ICAT CBCT and an iTero scanner.

Awards: We have had much success in publishing residents’ research. In addition, a member of our first graduating class, Dr. Daniel Keith, won the OrthoVoice Award in 2013 for his research. (Keith DJ, Rinchuse DJ, Kennedy M, Zullo T. Effect of text message follow-up on patient’s self-reported level of pain and anxiety. Angle Orthod 2013;83:605-610.)
In 2015 Dr. Lauren Sigler Busch, won the Dr. David Hamilton Research Award, which is awarded to a Pennsylvania orthodontics resident who has conducted outstanding research.

Also, in 2015, the Seton Hill University Center for Orthodontics was a finalist for the Health Care Heroes Award, sponsored by Highmark and the Pittsburgh Business Times. The Health Care Heroes Awards honor those individuals and organizations making a difference in the health of residents of the Pittsburgh region. The Center was recognized for offering low-cost orthodontic treatment to patients in need, in particular, those families with multiple children needing orthodontic treatment.

Some Innovations: To facilitate ABO certification, a few years ago a course called “ABO Case Completion” was developed that permits recent graduates, free of charge, to come back for eight more months to finish their ABO cases.

Recently, the Orthodontic Program started working with the Levin Practice Management Group, the leading dental consulting firm, to provide its program with innovative management and marketing systems to bring a “real world” perspective of orthodontics into an academic setting.

In January 2016, Seton Hill opened a cadaver anatomy lab at the Boyle Health Sciences Center to offer gross anatomy for the Physician Assistant Program and head and neck anatomy for the Orthodontic Program. This is under the direction of anatomist, Bobbie Leeper, Ph.D.

Resident Perspectives:

Seton Hill Orthodontics Resident Dr. Alys Murdoch said, “From the moment I walked into Seton Hill Center for Orthodontics I knew this is where I wanted to complete my orthodontic training. From the incredible state of the art facilities to the friendly faculty and staff, I knew this program wanted to make sure all their residents thrived. Looking back on my first impression I have realized the clinic is even more than I could have expected. The faculty is always eager to help us learn, the staff makes coming to school daily a joy, and the patients and orthodontic profession amaze me daily.”

She continued: “At Seton Hill, I currently have the privilege of learning a variety of treatment philosophies, styles, and techniques. I am participating in several interdisciplinary cases involving patients with special needs, cleft lip and palate, post cancer child needing orthodontics, implant treatment, crown restorations, esthetic buildups, as well as surgical correction cases. The clinic at Seton Hill also exposes me to several commonly used brackets systems, Invisalign, many different types of popular class II correctors, TADs, 3D imaging, and iTero scanning. The state of the art clinic is also preparing me for the digital age of orthodontics with the use of Dolphin Management and Imaging and digital models. My clinical training has been geared towards preparing me for a simple and smooth transition to the private practice of orthodontics, which I am excited and eager to begin.”
Seton Hill Orthodontics Resident Dr. Ronak Mody added, “The major reasons I chose to attend the Seton Hill University Graduate Program in Orthodontics were Dr. Dan Rinchuse's emphasis on evidence-based orthodontics in conjunction with the use of modern technology to provide superior clinical care. In addition, the Seton Hill Center for Orthodontics, as a stand-alone clinic, is more similar to a private practice environment, which will prepare me well for my future career. I also appreciate the opportunity to provide treatment in an underserved area with a strong emphasis on community.”

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- SHU Orthodontic Center
- SHU Center entry
- iTero scanner
- Third year resident Dr. Paul Weibel at his workstation
The JoAnne Woodyard Boyle Health Science Center
ITero Scanner

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