

## Welcome to Your 6th Year in Dentistry

As we step into the 6th year of our dentistry program, it's crucial to recognize the responsibility and reliability expected of us. This year marks a significant transition where we must apply our knowledge and skills in a real-world setting. To ensure a successful year, there are essential rules and guidelines we need to follow:

### Important Dates and Timings

- **Official Start Date:** The academic year officially begins on **September 9<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Punctuality is Key:** Internships start at 8:30 AM, but it is advisable to be ready by 8:15 AM. Being punctual demonstrates professionalism and respect for your peers, professors, and patients.

### Dress Code

- **Uniform Requirement:** Always wear the designated blue uniform with your identification badge. The badge must be printed independently, and the template for the badge is attached on the last page of this document.
- **Personal Hygiene:** Maintaining personal hygiene is equally important. As dental professionals, we are expected to present ourselves in a clean and neat manner. Good hygiene practices not only promote a positive image but also enhance patient (and colleagues) comfort.

### Communication

- **Language:** Italian is the primary language of communication with patients, as most do not speak English. It's essential to communicate effectively with patients, ensuring they understand their treatment plans.

### Knowledge and Practice

- **Know and Do:** There is a distinct difference between knowing and doing. Even if you are unsure about performing a specific procedure, you must be familiar with all the steps involved in executing an ideal dental treatment. Reviewing all materials in preparation for clinical practice is highly recommended.

### Attendance

- **Attendance Obligation:** Attendance is required 5 days a week, from Monday to Friday. In case of absence, inform your supervisor as early as possible with a valid reason to ensure smooth management of the clinics.
- **Internship Eligibility:** Please note that you are eligible for the internship in a specific clinic only if you have passed the respective exam. If you do not pass the exam, you will not be able to complete your hours in that particular clinic. In such cases, you must arrange shift swaps with colleagues and plan to make up the missing hours at a later date. Coordination and communication with your peers are essential to maintain smooth operations and fulfill your internship requirements.

### Graduation Requirements

- **Mandatory Hours:** A minimum of 600 hours of clinical practice is mandatory for the Laurea Abilitante.
- **Attendance Booklet:** You must record your participation as both first and second operator on the attendance booklet, distributed to you all in June. Ensure all entries are accurate and truthful. If you don't have it, ask it to segreteria.
- **Thesis and Case Presentation:** Since this is a 'Laurea Abilitante', prior to the thesis defence, we must present three multidisciplinary cases we have personally executed. This will take place in front of an examination committee that will assess our work. Comprehensive documentation, including treatment plans and photographs, is required for each case to demonstrate the planning and execution of treatments.

Following these guidelines will help us to meet the expectations of our program and prepare us for our future careers in dentistry. Let's approach this year with dedication and professionalism to make the most out of our educational journey.



Azienda Ospedaliera  
Universitaria Senese



---

**STUDENTE/SSA DI ODONTOIATRIA**

---

6° Anno