

Duggan Oral Design Resource

An Open Letter to Former Duggan Students:

This is to announce several things that impact how international dentists can prepare for licensure in the United States. All have to do with my role in providing assistance in this quest, which I have done with the greatest pleasure since 1992.

You probably have some idea what is coming, if you have discovered dugganoraldesign.com.

Changes going forward:

First – as of January, 2024, I will be teaching at a different location with a different corporate sponsor than I have for the last ten years. I will be leaving Duggan Institute of Dentistry and teaching under Duggan Oral Design, LLC, although Duggan Institute of Dentistry will continue to offer practice and tutoring services, I shall not be involved.

My new business entity is Duggan Oral Design, LLC – licensed in Irvine California – whose website is dugganoraldesign.com. At that site you may read more about what the future may hold.

Second – I have formed a partnership with Cornerstone Training Institute in Irvine, CA – to provide the facility where all of my courses will be taught and we formed Duggan Oral Design, LLC together.

Third – the backbone of my teaching will continue to be in the service of the international dental community, with 40 weeks per year devoted to 1 or 2 week courses. But I will also be expanding my scope to meet other needs of the community – including courses to mentor faculty educators, to provide assistance to those entering the job market after graduation, and to help college pre-dental students see more clearly how they can advance in their aspirations in a way which benefits public access to dentistry and the quality of dentistry delivered.

Fourth – I have redesigned my advanced standing exam courses to be even more effective for the larger majority of my students than they have been in the past. Exam preparation is ONE of our goals, but I also emphasize what to learn so that orientation programs at schools can be successfully navigated AND that students get the MOST from their clinical years. **ALSO – note that our courses are designed to facilitate CONTINUED learning – so everyone should start EARLY!**

Fifth – I plan to teach actively and full-time for FIVE more years and then part-time after that at Duggan Oral Design, LLC. The work I have done for 31 years and plan to extend during the next 5 years deserves to continue. The Duggan Oral Design partnership is the perpetual holder for this legacy.

I have loved that so many of you who have studied with me in the past have enthusiastically referred people to me for a similarly impactful experience as you had. **Most of my current students come from referrals from all of you.**

Make no mistake about it – **the field of dentistry IS at a crossroads!** I seek in my final years of teaching to do something about it – to push the dental community in a direction which is fully committed to providing the best and most appropriate care to every patient – especially those who cannot afford expensive procedures or to have them replaced prematurely.

I have sought to change the course of this stream by teaching future providers what IS most appropriate and how to do it skillfully so it will LAST. **I have taught that the longevity of our restorations is the most important service we provide.**

I have also sought to **educate the public through web-dds.org**. When this site becomes found more frequently it CAN influence what the public knows and expects.

I also seek in the future to **help educators find the mandate to bring their students into a practitioner community** where they KNOW they are serving every patient as well as they would treat their family!

What can YOU do to help me in this quest over the next 5 years and beyond?

First – keep referring your friends, children or classmates to me for what I try to provide – the educational experience of a lifetime. And, hopefully, they will not wait until the last minute before starting to prepare seriously!

Second – Refer friends from your U.S. dental school experience who are struggling in their practice environment to me, to see what we can accomplish for them to work more efficiently, faster, and at a higher quality level.

Third – If you have entertained the idea of teaching, contact me about the next Faculty Mentorship Program so that you might bring something really special to the school of your choice – whether part-time or full-time. **And – maybe you will find yourself teaching at Duggan Oral Design in the future?**

Fourth – If you have children currently in college in a pre-dental curriculum, tell them about the Duggan Oral Design workshop on basic skills in dentistry – which will allow them to SEE and FEEL and KNOW what it is all about. It will be largely hands-on but also conceptual. At the very least I suspect they will come away with a more profound respect for what YOU do.

Fifth – If there is anyone within your network that you are in contact with that I have not reached with this letter – please forward this so that they may be apprised of my goals and actions and what may be of benefit to them.

As I approach the end of the most rewarding part of my professional life, I hope that many more will spend this time with me and help carry my legacy to the broader world.

It has been my greatest honor to spend the whole period of my dental career working with international dentists who have so greatly impressed me with their courage and heart as they move into their roles in the community.

In fact two of the other members of Duggan Oral Design, LLC are both former students of mine. So those you refer will be in the best of hands should they join me for my last 5 years of developing into the teacher and person that I've dreamt of being – or if YOU choose to help perpetuate my legacy.

With great sincerity,

Your teacher and colleague.

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