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POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM IN ORTHODONTICS

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Orthodontics at the School of Dentistry, Faculty of Health Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece, in accordance with decision no. 50178 regarding the establishment of the "Postgraduate Program in Orthodontics" and the "Regulation of the Postgraduate Program in Orthodontics," as published in the Greek Government Gazette (GGG no. 1320/B' of 19.03.2025), offers the "**Postgraduate Program in Orthodontics**" (P.P.O.) for the **period 2026-2029**. Upon successful completion, graduates are awarded a Degree of "**Master of Science in Orthodontics**."

According to the "Regulation of the Postgraduate Program in Orthodontics" as published in the Greek Government Gazette (GGG no. 1320/B' of 19.03.2025), **the language of instruction for the program is English.**

The number of postgraduate students to be admitted is six (6). Candidates can be either Greek or non-Greek citizens.

Graduates of Dental Schools from Greek Universities or recognized foreign institutions are eligible to apply to the "Postgraduate Program in Orthodontics." The School of Dentistry performs the recognition of foreign degrees.

The selection of candidates for the Program will be based on evaluating the following **criteria**:

1	Total grade of the Dental Degree	percentage 10%
2	Grades of undergraduate courses related to Orthodontics	percentage 10%
3	Other qualifications from the candidates' Curriculum Vitae: - Graduated with a high ranking (placed among the top three) - Certified knowledge in languages other than English and Greek - Attendance of Scientific Meetings/Congresses	percentage 5%
4	Other Postgraduate studies or degrees in Medicine, Biology, Pharmacy	percentage 25%
5	Previous research and scientific activities of the candidate - Undergraduate studies in biomedical sciences (Medicine, Biology, Pharmacy) - Publications - Oral or Poster Presentations	percentage 10%
6	The candidate's personality, communication skills, scientific maturity, critical thinking, knowledge of Orthodontics, and overall suitability as demonstrated during the interview conducted by the Selection Committee.	percentage 40%

There will be no written exam. However, knowledge of Orthodontics may be tested orally during the interview, with questions taken from the textbook below, which is used (in its Greek translation) in the undergraduate curriculum of the School of Dentistry at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
Mitchell, Laura. An Introduction to Orthodontics. 3rd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007. ISBN 978-0-19-856812-4.

A **minimum score of 60% is required for any candidate to be finally admitted to the MSc program**.

All applicants must have **at least one year of clinical experience in general dentistry**. This experience can be proven by a) a license to operate an authorized dental practice along with invoices for services provided, b) a certificate of prior dental experience in the Armed Forces or other public services, or c) a certificate of previous private dental experience with an employment contract, proof of payroll, or invoices for the services provided.

Furthermore, all applicants are required to demonstrate **certified proficiency in English at level C2**. This can be proven by the certificates listed in Supreme Council of Civil Personnel Selection (ASEP) announcements, and the certification must have been obtained prior to submitting the application.

https://info.asep.gr/sites/default/files/2025-02/pararthma_glwssomatheias_17_2_2025_%5B15752%5D.pdf

For non-Greek candidates, proof of certified knowledge of the Greek language is required: at least level A1 when submitting the application, and level B2 no later than before the start of the second semester.

For all applicants, two **letters of recommendation** are required as follows:

- For candidates who graduated from foreign universities, two letters of recommendation are required: one from the Dean or Chairman of the school, and one from Professors of Orthodontics at the School of Dentistry where they graduated.
- For candidates who graduated from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, two letters of recommendation from Professors of the School of Dentistry are required, with one specifically related to the field of Orthodontics.
- Candidates who graduated from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki must submit two letters of recommendation from Professors of the School of Dentistry.

The **tuition fees** for attending the Postgraduate Program in Orthodontics are **6.800€ per semester**, totaling 47.600€.

Furthermore, please consider that the postgraduate students admitted to the P.P.O. must purchase their own equipment and instruments needed for their clinical and laboratory training, such as orthodontic pliers, digital cameras, laptops, and so on. A complete list will be provided to students before the program begins.

Application Documents:

1. Completed application for the postgraduate program in Orthodontics (the corresponding form can be downloaded from https://dent.auth.gr/en/lab/department-of-orthodontics/ or https://websites.auth.gr/orthodontics/en/homepage/).
2. Certificate of the dental degree.
3. Curriculum Vitae of the applicant (can be downloaded from https://dent.auth.gr/en/lab/department-of-orthodontics/ or https://websites.auth.gr/orthodontics/en/homepage/). Only CVs based on this form will be accepted for evaluation.
4. Original transcript certificate.
5. Certificate of excellent knowledge of the English language.
6. Certificate of knowledge of the Greek language (only for non-Greek applicants).
7. Certificate(-s) of clinical experience for a period of at least one (1) year in general dentistry.
8. Two recommendation letters.
9. Certificate of graduation ranking.

10. Certificates of knowledge of languages other than English and Greek.
11. Certificates of undergraduate or postgraduate studies and/or degrees in Medicine, Biology, and Pharmacy.
12. Copies of the full texts of publications.
13. Certificates of oral or poster presentations.
14. Certificates of attendance of scientific meetings/congresses.
15. Certificates for any clinical, teaching, research, or other scientific activities of the applicant.

Important dates:

- The deadline for submitting electronic applications is December 5, 2025.
- Candidate interviews will be held on January 12 and 13, 2026, according to the detailed schedule that will be posted by the Secretariat of the Department of Orthodontics on the department's website in due time (https://dent.auth.gr/en/lab/department-of-orthodontics/ or https://websites.auth.gr/orthodontics/en/homepage/).
- The announcement of the final evaluation and rankings of candidates will be made on January 20, 2026.
- The Postgraduate Program in Orthodontics will begin on February 16, 2026.

For any additional information regarding the terms and conditions, candidate qualifications, etc., please visit the Department of Orthodontics website at https://dent.auth.gr/en/lab/department-of-orthodontics/ or https://websites.auth.gr/orthodontics/en/homepage/ or contact the Department of Orthodontics Secretariat (Mrs. Eleni Margariti, emargariti@dent.auth.gr, Tel.: +30-2310-999556).

The application form and all relevant documents must be submitted in **electronic format to the mail addresses listed below**.

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