University of Louisville School of Dentistry

Prosthodontic Clinic

Tooth replacement services, including: crowns • bridges • implants • dentures

Welcome!

Due to your treatment needs, your dentist has referred you to the University of Louisville School of Dentistry prosthodontics clinic, which is part of our Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics (AEPP). Services in our prosthodontic clinics are provided by residents who are receiving advanced training from faculty at the School of Dentistry. All of the residents have completed dental school and are licensed dentists.

One of the most innovative programs in the country, the faculty are some of the world's leading clinicians and researchers in the use of technology. We use advanced imaging technologies such as Cone Beam CT and digital scanning, as well as digital design and fabrication.

Treatment cost

The cost of treatment is considerably less than in a private dental practice — but it is considerably higher than in our general dentistry clinic due to the complexity of the treatment provided (including additional lab work) and the number of specialists involved in your care. Typically, complex treatment averages about \$15,000 to \$50,000. Although we do not accept private insurance or Medicare/Medicaid, we do offer a payment plan if you qualify for one of our third-party lenders.

What to expect

Here's how we walk you through the process step by step:

- 1. Initial screening This appointment is designed to help us understand your dental needs and to determine whether your needs are a good fit for a resident. Keep in mind that our residents need to have a variety of clinical experiences, so not all patients are accepted into the program. The screening includes a preliminary exam, a medical review and a discussion of your expectations. In addition, we will provide you with preliminary options that may be appropriate and a cost estimate.
- 2. Comprehensive exam At this exam, you will meet the resident assigned to your care. This exam includes an extensive oral exam, photographs, impressions and any imaging. Because there is a lot of information to collect and other specialists may need to consult, the comprehensive exam may require more than one appointment. The cost for this exam varies for each patient; you will receive specific information when you make your appointment, and the payment will be due at the first appointment.
- **3. Treatment planning** After your comprehensive exam, the resident works with a faculty member to develop treatment options for you. The resident then presents the options to you (including prices and timelines) and answers any questions. Once you decide on a treatment plan, the resident develops a sequence of treatment appointments and steps.
- **4. Treatment completion** Completion of treatment in the program depends upon the complexity of the treatment. It can take up to 2 years, or more if orthodontics or surgical intervention is involved. All treatment is provided under the supervision of Board Certified Prosthodontists.



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