Michigan Licensing for Internationally-Trained Dentists and Alternatives Career Pathways

MONA Michigan Office for New Americans

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Degree/Transcript Evaluation Completed by Education Credentialing Evaluators (ECE.org)

You will not be approved to sit for exam until your ECE evaluation report has been approved

Is your school approved by the Michigan Board of Dentistry?

Michigan Board of Dentistry

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NO

YES

Step 1
Pass National Board Dental Exam (NBDE) Part I

Step 2
Pass National Board Dental Exam (NBDE) Part II

Changes coming to NBDE

Pass American Dental Licensing Exam (ADEX) simulated written and clinical exam offered by NERB

CDCA

Apply for Dental License Online (MiPLUS)

Dental license conferred by the Michigan Board of Dentistry!

Step 1
Pass National Board Dental Exam (NBDE) Part I

NO

YES

Step 2
Pass TOEFL Exam
(May be required for admission into Advanced Standing Programs for International Dentists if international degree not taught in English, or you are not a native English speaker)

Step 3
Pass National Board Dental Exam (NBDE) Part II

Step 4
Complete 2-yr Advanced Standing Program for International Dentists (DDS or DMD)
OR
Complete a minimum 2-yr master's degree or certificate in an ADA accredited program in an approved dental specialty

In MI there are currently 2:

University of Detroit Mercy

University of Michigan Ann Arbor

NO

YES

Explore Other Healthcare Careers Available to You

Non-Regulated

(Requires No State License or Industry Certifications)

Dental Assistant (unlicensed)

Dental Lab Technician (CDT Certification)

Oral Surgery Technician (DAANCE Certification)

Regulated

(Requires Professional Licensure by the State of Michigan)

Dental Therapist

Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)

Dental Hygienist

OR

Upskill with these higher education pathways

Master's Degree (MSc) in Public Health
(i.e. Dental Health Educator)

Master's Degree (MSc) in Public Administration

Doctorate

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