Vacation Guidelines for Advanced Education Programs
School of Dentistry
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The following general guidelines have been developed for use by the Advanced Education Programs in the School of Dentistry in establishing policies for vacations for graduate students and residents. Because of the diversity of programs, it is recognized that completely uniform policies across all programs are neither possible nor desirable. Nonetheless, individual programs are expected to incorporate these general guidelines into their program-specific policies.

1. At the beginning of their training program, all students must be given a written copy of their program’s vacation policies. Notification of any subsequent changes in policies must also be made in writing.

2. Vacation periods must not be scheduled during the weeks that students would be participating in core and multi-use courses.

3. All students must be permitted at least two weeks of vacation a year.

4. Students taking vacations during all the university academic breaks should not be taking vacations at other times.

5. Students in clinical training programs should not be permitted more than four weeks vacation per year.