

CLASS DESIGN

- Classes scheduled over a 2-year time frame.
- Program lasts 2 years because it normally takes 1.5 to 2 years to complete a comprehensive orthodontic case.
- Allows us to cover the full course of treatment planning, treating the case, taking the braces off, and making the retainers.



TREATMENT DIVIDED INTO CLEARLY DEFINED STAGES

- Stage I is to align the anterior teeth
- Stage II is to close any posterior space
- Stage III is to tip and torque roots into place
- We will cover these stages in much greater detail throughout the class

TEACHING SEQUENCE

- Ideal Sequence- We would teach all aspects of diagnosis and treatment planning first, then treatment.
- Because of time constraints, we teach:
 - Initial banding and bracketing of teeth (Stage I takes 6-9 months to complete, so we get the braces on and then have 6 months to thoroughly cover Stage I and diagnosis)
 - Stage I of treatment, including wire placement and initial mechanics
 - Diagnosis and Treatment Planning and Consultation
 - Stage II and Stage III of treatment
 - Finishing and Retention
- We will be teaching the “how to” mechanics of orthodontics before you fully understand the “why”.

LECTURE TOPICS

- Diagnosis (Models, Ceph., photos)
- Technique of Tip-Edge
- Mixed dentition analysis and treatment
- Palatal expanders
- TMD as it relates to orthodontics
- How to successfully incorporate orthodontics into your practice
- Informed consent from your patients.



OTHER TOPICS COVERED IN LECTURES

- Cosmetic/orthodontic cases
- How to write up cases and present to patient
- Patient financing
- How to file dental insurance for orthodontics
- Training assistants
- Invisalign
- Air Rotor Stripping
- Surgical exposure of unerupted teeth



Your requirements as a participant in this class

- **IN ORDER TO EARN AN *ASSOCIATE FELLOWSHIP* FROM THE ACADEMY:**
 - Attend at least 10 of the 12 class sessions
 - Reading outside of class
 - Review assigned videos
 - Present 3 cases that you have at least *started* to the class. Cases can be the from the class or from your practice
 - Pass a mid-term and final examination

BRING CASES FROM YOUR PRACTICE

- While taking this course, you are encouraged to bring cases from your own practice.
- The sooner you start treating cases in your office, the sooner you will begin recouping the costs of equipment, supplies, and education.
- You can start by just bringing basic trimmed models (no one will grade you on appearance). We will look at each case with you and see if it is a good case for you to start.
- If it is a good case, you can then do an orthodontic workup with our assistance. You must have a cephalometric x-ray for a complete diagnosis.
- At future sessions you can bring follow-up photos or models and we will help you throughout case.
- Easiest cases to start are **Class I molar** and skeletal, after all primary teeth have been lost. Can be extraction or non-extraction.
- Will also be able to do Class II and III cases, but harder.

