



The Forensic odontology department of the LSJML is proud to present a new specialized training offering.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

An 18-month advanced training program designed for dentists seeking to develop comprehensive expertise in forensic odontology.

Hybrid training combining structured virtual instruction and intensive laboratory-based training.

Access to an institutional medico-legal laboratory within a governmental organization.

Program offered in both French and English.

Upon successful completion of the evaluation process, participants will receive a certificate.

It does not constitute an offer of employment nor a guarantee of placement.

COHORT

Maximum of 6 participants.

Selection is based on application file and a virtual interview.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

This training aims to enable dentists to develop skills in forensic odontology, particularly in the following areas:

- Forensic dental identification
- Dental age assessment
- Bitemark analysis and interpretation
- Participation in disaster victim identification (DVI) operations
- Interdisciplinary collaboration with forensic pathologists and forensic anthropologists
- Expert testimony in legal proceedings

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Theoretical Instruction – 240 hours

- 30 virtual sessions of two hours each, held every two weeks
- Directed readings, assignments, and case studies (approximately 3 hours per week)

Practical Training – 105 hours

Three intensive in-person weeks at the LSJML including:

- Application of theoretical knowledge
- Management of real forensic odontology cases
- Observation of medico-legal autopsies
- Exposure to the various disciplines within forensic sciences

TRAINING FORMATION

SCHEDULE

Module 1: Forensic Sciences, Odontology and Identifications

Start date: October 12, 2026

Duration: 10 weeks (5 virtual sessions)

Module 2: Dental Age Assessment

Start date: January 4, 2027

Duration: 10 weeks (5 virtual sessions)

First intensive week at the LSJML

Week of March 15, 2027

Module 3: Disaster Victim Identification

Start date: March 22, 2027

Duration: 6 weeks (3 virtual sessions)

Module 4: Broader Medico-Legal Context

Start date: May 3, 2027

Duration: 6 weeks (3 virtual sessions)

Second intensive week at the LSJML

Week of June 14, 2027

Module 5: Bitemarks

Start date: September 13, 2027

Duration: 14 weeks (7 virtual sessions)

Module 6: Comparison of Suspect Dentitions with Bitemarks

Start date: January 17, 2028

Duration: 14 weeks (7 virtual sessions)

Third intensive week at the LSJML

Week of April 24, 2028

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of five years of clinical dental practice experience
- Prior knowledge of Adobe Photoshop et Microsoft Excel
- As the LSJML operates under the Ministry of interior Security of Québec, admission is conditional upon successful completion of a security clearance conducted by the Sûreté du Québec
- Provide a DNA sample for internal exclusion purposes only, as part of contamination prevention protocols during medico-legal autopsies

TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

Participants must have access to:

- A functional personal computer
- Word processing software
- Microsoft Excel (or equivalent spreadsheet software)
- Adobe Photoshop
- Reliable Internet access sufficient to participate in virtual sessions

The purchase of selected reference textbooks will be required as part of the program. The list of required materials will be provided to admitted participants.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit before **June 30th 2026** at LSJML-ODOFELLOW@msp.gouv.qc.ca

DOCUMENTATION TO SUBMIT:

- Dental degree (DDS/DMD or equivalent)
- Valid license to practice dentistry
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- One reference letter

All candidates will undergo a virtual interview.

FEE SCHEDULE

The total tuition fee for the Fellowship / Residency in Forensic Odontology is **\$30,000** CAD.

Payment may be made in up to three installments:

- **First installment:** Payable upon formal acceptance into the program and successful completion of the security clearance conducted by the Sûreté du Québec.
- **Second installment:** Payable prior to the start of Module 3.
- **Third installment:** Payable prior to the start of Module 5.

Detailed payment instructions and deadlines will be provided to admitted candidates.

Register now!

For any questions, please contact us:

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