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# Ontario Dental Association Student Membership Guide

2023-2024



Start your career on the right track with the ODA

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*CD SPI is pleased to help support the ODA's Student Programs*



On behalf of the Ontario Dental Association (ODA), congratulations on your excellent choice of careers. We would also like to introduce you to the Ontario Dental Association (ODA).

The ODA is the professional association for Ontario's dentists. We're there for you as you navigate each phase of your dental career. ODA members have exclusive access to a long list of solutions, services and resources designed to benefit not only your careers, but also our great profession.

In the following pages, you'll find a brief overview of some of the benefits available to student members. Your student membership fee of \$194 (plus HST) covers all years at dental school and your first year of practice in Ontario. We're happy to offer this four-year discounted rate to help you begin your relationship with your professional association. To join the ODA, please complete and submit the application form at the back of this brochure.

As you become more familiar with the ODA and the work we do, you'll notice that we believe strongly in organized dentistry. Being a member of the ODA means belonging to a larger organization — the Canadian Dental Association — and contributing to national, unified voice with which we can represent and advance the best interests of dentists, the public and the profession. It's an important concept and one to which we're committed.

On a more personal note, my family has been part of the ODA for almost 50 years. We can all say that it was one of the best decisions in our careers, and personally one of the most rewarding decisions I have made. I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet you and your classmates at future ODA-sponsored events.

Welcome to the profession; and welcome to the ODA.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brock Nicolucci". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "B" and a trailing flourish.

**Dr. Brock Nicolucci**  
Chair, Board of Directors and President



The ODA has been working on behalf on Ontario dentists since

# 1867



more than  
**95%**  
of Ontario  
dental students  
belong to the ODA

# \$194

covers your  
ODA membership  
**throughout  
dental school**



When you graduate, your  
ODA membership for your  
**first year in practice is**

# FREE

Introducing your dedicated  
ODA Coordinator, Student Services: Rose Zisko

**Rose has established a track record as an invaluable resource to student members. She is available to provide you with access to answers, information and any other support you need as a student member of the ODA.**

**You can contact Rose:**

**416-922-3900 or 1-800-387-1393 (extension 3318)**

**or by email at [rzisko@oda.ca](mailto:rzisko@oda.ca)**



# Overview of benefits for student members

As a student member of the ODA, you have access to all of the resources, programs, and support your professional association has to offer. You can take advantage of special benefits developed specifically around your needs and experiences as you progress through your dental studies. The following are just a few of the benefits available to you.

## CPR Training

One of the ODA's most popular offerings for students, CPR courses are provided free of charge for first-year students. In addition, your ODA membership covers any re-certification costs required by your dental school.

## Ontario Dentist Journal

Complement your studies by staying up-to-date on all the latest news, trends, changes and events related to the dental profession and ODA. Your subscription to the *Ontario Dentist* journal puts well-written and insightful articles in your hands 10 times each year, covering topics including clinical and practice management and much more.

## The ODA Website

It's never too early to get acquainted with the resources available on the ODA website [oda.ca](https://oda.ca). Your membership includes full access to member benefits, valuable information and resources.

## The ODA Job & Ad Board

Once you graduate and are ready to start looking for a job, this listing will be an invaluable resource in your search. This province-wide listing lets you search ads from member dentists who are looking to buy or sell a practice, as well as those searching for partners or associates. As a member, you can also post your own ads for free. You'll find the [Job & Ad Board](#) on the ODA website.

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## Annual Spring Meeting (ASM)

Enjoy free access to the ODA's Annual Spring Meeting, one of the largest conferences and trade shows in North America. This one-of-a-kind event features educational seminars, excellent networking opportunities, the chance to test drive new dental products and leading-edge technologies and much more.

## Member Discount Program

Save money and access a wide range of exclusive offers, products and services. With the ODA Member Discount Program you can take advantage of savings on travel and accommodations, fitness and leisure and wireless communications to mention a few. We continuously add new vendors and offers under the program, so keep checking the the Member Discount Program page on the website.

## No-Cost Insurance and Financial Planning from CDSPI

Get objective education and advice on personal finances as well as life, disability, dental hand-tools and accidental death and dismemberment insurance – all at no-cost to you, courtesy of CDSPI Advisory Services Inc.

Created by dentists, [CDSPI](#) is a not-for-profit organization that is endorsed and governed by the ODA and other dental associations across Canada to help dentists and dental students, like you, achieve and maintain financial well-being.

Join over 1,000 Canadian dental students who have formed their first financial impressions with CDSPI for;

- [No-Cost Student Insurance](#)
- No-Cost Income Tax Returns
- Group discounts for travel, auto and tenant insurance
- Creating and sticking to a realistic budget
- Debt management and investing

CDSPI takes a holistic approach to wellness because the physical, mental and financial components are interdependent. That's why in addition to our focus on your financial well-being we also sponsor the [Members' Assistance program](#) provided by TELUS Health (formerly Lifeworks) that gives you free, 24/7, confidential support for your mental, physical, and social wellbeing to help you be your best and most productive self.

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## Customized programs and events

As a student member, take advantage of a wide range of programs and events for each stage of your dental education.

### Welcome to the Profession

At this special luncheon, the ODA welcomes first-year students into the dental profession. Learn more about us and the value of ODA membership.

### Practice Management Seminar Speaker Series

Our practice management seminars are designed to provide the next generation of dentists with valuable practice management information for the transition from dental school to dental practice. These free seminars focus on a range of topics that students have told us are important to them, including:

- Employment contracts
- Tax and accounting Issues for new grads
- The business side to running a successful practice: you graduated — now what?
- Financial planning and debt management

### Munch and Learn Seminars

With this series of informational and accessible events throughout the year, the ODA brings you various topics and speakers that are of interest to student members.

### Office Tours with Practising Dentists

These office tours provide you with an invaluable opportunity to spend an evening with an alumni dentist and get a glimpse into the realities of opening and running a practice. Enjoy light refreshments and get answers to all your questions about debt repayments, career/life balance and more.

### Fourth-Year Graduation Event

You're invited to celebrate your impending graduation and receive a special gift of a one-year free membership to the ODA (upon obtaining your *Certificate of Registration* from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario).

### Ontario Dental Cup ODA Gold Sponsor

The Ontario Dental Association is proud to support the annual charitable hockey game between the dental faculties at the University of Toronto and Western University. Fostering a collegial spirit with students and dentists, the game is open to faculty, alumni, staff, family, friends and fans. Proceeds raised are donated to a charity of each faculties' choice.

# Student Membership Application 2023-2024



**Student Membership Fee is \$194 plus HST \$25.22 = \$219.22.** This one-time fee payment covers your ODA student membership throughout dental school and your first year of practice as a licensed dentist in Ontario.

## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

English Name \_\_\_\_\_

Male Female Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Address (for mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

HST #108090945RT0001

**Dental School:** University of Toronto – Faculty of Dentistry  
Western University – Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

**Program:** Undergraduate – Four Year Program IDAPP – Two Year Program  
ITD – Three Year Program

**Graduating Class:** 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

Once graduated, I plan to practice in Ontario: Yes No

## Payment Method:

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership ID#** (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Pay by Cheque (Full Payment only)  
Cheque enclosed (Payable to Ontario Dental Association)

**OR**

Pay by Credit Card (Full Payment only)  
All credit card payments must be made by calling the ODA at 1-800-387-1393

## Application Questions

You can contact Rose Zisko, ODA Coordinator, Student Services at 416-922-3900 or 1-800-387-1393 ext. 3318 or email rzisko@oda.ca. Note: **Do not send application with credit card by email, as email is not secure.**

## RETURN FULLY COMPLETED APPLICATION:

**Mail:** Membership Administration  
Ontario Dental Association  
4 New Street  
Toronto, ON M5R 1P6

PRIVACY: The information collected on this form will be used by the ODA for the purpose of processing your membership and for purposes outlined in the ODA'S Privacy Statement for ODA Members and ODA Prospective Members, and for no other purpose. The ODA is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information. For more information about the ODA's management of personal information, or the ODA's use and disclosure practices, see the ODA's privacy policy posted on our web site: www.oda.ca or contact the ODA's Chief Privacy Officer or any Member Services Representative by calling 1-800-387-1393 or 416-922-3900, or by email at info@oda.ca.  
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