

Forensic Odontology education: from undergraduate to Ph.D. - a Brazilian experience

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ABSTRACT

Background: Forensic Odontology is a topic present for the majority of Dental Schools in Brazil, and, due to this reality, some universities develop activities related to undergraduate and graduate students, since the Dentistry course until the Ph.D. degree.

Objective: present the education experience related to Forensic Odontology at School of Dentistry of Ribeirão Preto (USP - University of São Paulo), showing the strategies and activities in the different degrees (Dental course, Forensic Odontology Specialization Program, Specific Professional Training, Master, and Ph.D.).

Results: to the undergraduate students, many activities are developed in order to demonstrate all the possibilities that Forensic Dentistry allow, including theoretical and practical activities; in the Forensic Odontology Specialization Program, the dentists are trained to act as Forensic Odontologists in all its amplitude; in the Specific Professional Training, some courses are available related to specific topics as DVI, Forensic Facial Reconstruction, Auditor in Dental Care Insurance and others; and in the Master and Ph.D. Programs, the professionals receive training in skills like teaching, research, student's guidance and others.

Conclusion: In Brazil, Forensic Odontology is a well know field in Dentistry and universities develop an important role in training a qualified workforce.