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**Advanced
Standing Program
in Orthodontics
and Dentofacial
Orthopedics**



Course overview

CTOR Academy's Advanced Standing Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics is designed for **Internationally-trained Orthodontists or currently enrolled Residents/Students wishing to transfer**. Our **CODA-accredited program** is a maximum of 24 months, with the actual duration to be determined based on the applicant's training level. Graduates who successfully complete the Advanced Standing Program at CTOR Academy will receive a **Certificate in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics**.

Advanced Standing students participate in an Orientation period focused on Mechanotherapy and Treatment Planning, before joining the Year 2 or Year 3 students in classes and the clinic.

Who can apply?

- A **current resident** enrolled in a U.S.-based Advanced Education Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics who is seeking to transfer and is in good academic and professional standing.
- A **former resident** who was previously enrolled in an orthodontic residency program in the U.S. and left under acceptable circumstances (e.g., personal, medical, or relocation reasons) and now wishes to re-enter a program with advanced standing.
- An **internationally trained orthodontist** who:
 - Holds the equivalent of a U.S. DDS/ DMD degree
 - Has completed an orthodontics residency program abroad
 - Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (green card holder)
 - Can demonstrate qualifications comparable to U.S. residency standards

Program Director:

Jeanne M. Nervina, DMD, MS, PhD, ABO
Diplomate

Application Fee:

\$250 USD

Application Deadline

May 31, 2025

Program Start Date:

September 2, 2025



Program Director

Jeanne M. Nervina, DMD, MS, PhD, ABO Diplomate

Dr. Nervina is Professor, Program Director and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. She earned DMD and PhD in Biomedical Sciences/ Developmental Biology from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine and her Orthodontics Certificate at the UCLA School of Dentistry. Prior to joining CTOR Academy's faculty, Dr. Nervina was a faculty member at UCLA, University of Michigan, and New York University. She focuses her clinical activities on patients with craniofacial anomalies. Because these cases are complex, her current research interests encompass several aspects of craniofacial development, including investigating how tensegrity can explain, and help develop treatments for skeletal asymmetry in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics patients.

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