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A LIFE-CHANGING DECISION

When I graduated from dental school in 2011, I felt I had the clinical experience and judgement to enter private practice, but quickly began to realize that I was missing something. I was diagnosing and treating teeth, not looking at the entire masticatory system and its interrelated working pieces. After researching the various organizations offering post graduate education in occlusion and comprehensive care, I chose to enroll in Seminar 1: Functional Occlusion - From TMJ to Smile Design with The Dawson Academy. From there my life was forever changed.

My great friend, Dr. Kevin Kross, and I flew to Tampa together to listen to what Dr. Dawson had to offer. Immediately I knew I was headed in the right direction. Dr. Dawson has such a beautiful way of teaching the anatomy of the temporomandibular joint and how the mechanics of the joint relate to the muscles of mastication and the occlusion. I've never had so many “aha” moments in my educational process. Dr. Dawson's philosophy of being a complete dentist resonated greatly with me, and for the first time gave me a direction to head. I knew with the seminar based component of their curriculum along with the hands-on courses that were offered I could begin my journey to become an even better dentist.

HOW THE DAWSON CURRICULUM CHANGED MY LIFE

We completed the entire curriculum in a short period of time, but the courses allowed me the ability to learn at a perfect pace. I was able to go back to my practice and implement what I learned quickly. As I began to change my approach to patient care, recreate a New Patient Experience that reflected my new found philosophy, the curriculum design allowed me to start comprehensive cases and bring the records to the different classes and discuss them with the faculty. What an amazing opportunity to sit in a small group of like-minded dentists and discuss treatment plan ideas with Drs. DuPont, Wilkerson and Finlay.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

The Dawson Academy has recently launched their Lab Association. After beginning the curriculum, I reached out to Buddy Shafer and Bay View Dental Lab. What a fantastic group of professionals with whom to work.

Dr. Ribitch obtained his undergraduate degree at Alma College where he majored in biology. He received his dental training at the University of Michigan and currently runs a practice in Mount Pleasant, MI. Dr. Ribitch was given the Dentsply International Award in Removable Prosthodontics for his excellence in making dentures and partial dentures. He is an active member of the Michigan Dental Association and American Dental Association.



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STUDENT SUCCESS PROFILE

Not only is their laboratory work of the highest quality, but they have a wealth of knowledge about the philosophy of Dr. Dawson and the goals of occlusion and smile design.

THE BENEFITS OF MY JOURNEY

Possibly one of the greatest benefits of my journey through The Dawson Academy has been The Dawson Alumni Association. I have enjoyed the monthly webinars and relationships I have developed. The Alumni Association has been helpful in answering my questions and getting me in

touch with the professional resources that can help me develop and shape my practice. The Dawson Alumni have helped me develop not only my clinical ability but helped strengthen my communication skills to care for my patients.

THE BEST INVESTMENT PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY

Nearly two and a half years after taking that first step with Seminar 1, I feel that my practice is thriving. I've developed a philosophy that is a great representation of my personal and professional

beliefs. My practice is focused on comprehensive dental care, with an emphasis on health and wellness. I have The Dawson Academy to thank.

This journey has been the best investment of time and energy I have ever made.

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