

Aaron Levy's Personal Statement

A Focus on Clinical Efficiency, Empathy, and Commitment to Growth

From the precision I developed during my neurosurgery internship to the artistic finesse I've honed in restorative dentistry, my journey in dental school has been built on a foundation of hard work, adaptability, and a relentless drive to improve. Now, as I approach the completion of my DDS at the University of the Pacific Dugoni School of Dentistry, I am eager to bring my clinical efficiency, surgical experience, and empathy into a dynamic private practice. My goal is to contribute to a team that values high-quality care, while continuing to refine my skills in implant and esthetic dentistry.

Throughout my academic and clinical training, I've strived to be both fast and precise. I was second in my class to finish my clinical graduation requirements, completing them six months ahead of schedule. This achievement not only demonstrates my ability to quickly assimilate and execute complex clinical tasks but also reflects my commitment to efficiency without compromising quality. My acceptance to the Implant Enrichment Program, where I will place dozens of implants before graduation, will further solidify my proficiency in advanced restorative and surgical techniques, ensuring I am ready to step into a private practice setting and hit the ground running.

My clinical experiences, especially at the Aesthetic Associates Centre in Buffalo, New York, where I spent 1,200 hours as an assistant, have deeply shaped my approach to patient care. There, I assisted in a wide array of surgical and restorative procedures, including hundreds of implant placements, learning firsthand how to balance surgical precision with the artistry needed to craft natural, functional smiles. This hands-on experience, coupled with my background in biomedical research, has given me the tools to approach every case with an evidence-based mindset. Whether it's assessing the latest literature or integrating new techniques into my practice, I have developed a keen ability to extract key insights from research that inform my clinical decision-making. This ensures I will always be on the cutting edge of advancements in implantology, restorative dentistry, and esthetics.

Beyond my technical expertise, my empathy has been a cornerstone of my development as a clinician. Working closely with patients, I've learned to listen attentively to their concerns, communicate effectively, and deliver care with compassion and respect. These interactions have strengthened my ability to connect with people from all walks of life, which I believe is essential in building trust and providing the best care. I've also come

to realize that in private practice, this balance between clinical skill and patient-centered care is key to long-term success.

In addition to my clinical strengths, I am always eager to learn and grow. I have a deep-seated curiosity that drives me to continuously improve, and I am excited to find a mentor who can help guide my growth in implant and esthetic dentistry. The opportunity to work alongside an experienced clinician, absorbing their knowledge and expertise, is something I deeply value as I continue my journey.

While my ultimate career focus is on implant and esthetic dentistry, I understand that every private practice needs a reliable associate who can take on a variety of restorative and maintenance tasks. I am more than willing to step into that role, ensuring patients receive top-notch care, whether it's in the form of restorative procedures, hygiene, or more complex treatments. My efficient and adaptable approach to treatment planning makes me confident that I can contribute meaningfully from day one, taking on cases with the skill and confidence equal to that of a dentist with a year or two of private practice experience.

I am confident that my clinical skills, efficiency, and passion for continuous learning will allow me to be a valuable asset to any private practice. I am ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of this next phase of my career, and I look forward to the chance to contribute to a team that shares my commitment to patient care, innovation, and professional growth.

Thank you for considering my application.