

Taylor P. Cotton, DDS
Advanced Care Endodontics in Bryan/College Station

Graduated in 2002 from Texas A&M University

Biomedical Sciences - Undergraduate Degree

Attended San Antonio Dental School (UTHSCSA) - Graduated in 2006

He opened a dental office here in College Station, following his residency.

- His wife runs his office.

Endodontics; one of many specialties that you can go into after dental school.

- There are 55 Endodontic Programs in the United States.
- It is a 2-3 year residency.
- You can receive an Endodontic Certificate or a Masters.
- A research project is usually required.
 - He completed this!

Residency programs vary depending on which specialty you are pursuing.

- Some accept people straight out of school or require a 1 year minimum of general dentistry.

There were 3 people in his residency program, versus there being 70-100 in dental school.

Why did he choose Endodontics?

- It is a problem focused profession.
- Able to alleviate patient's pain and infection.
- Gratification of being an expert.
 - Enjoys being the guy that knows everything about the profession.
- Patients are not tied to the practice.
 - Good vs. Bad patients
 - Patients rarely ever come back, because their problem is solved.
- Immediate and quick results.
- Recession Protected - pain drives treatment.
- If he can not fix it, then there are other avenues that can be explored.

About his practice:

- Does **Root Canals**, all day, every day.
- Accepts a lot of referrals from other offices.
 - Endodontists will usually receive the patients that have tough cases. General Dentists can do root canals, but if it is outside their comfort zone, they will send the patient to him.
- Has a diverse patient pool, treating people of all ages.
- Trauma cases are common at his office.
 - He works closely with Oral Surgeons in the Bryan/College Station area.
- Commonly will re-do other dentist's work, if there are issues with the tooth.

- If it is a tougher case and he can not access the root. He will take the surgical route, *Root End Surgery*.
- He does a lot of continued education, in order to keep his license and board certifications.

Dr. Cotton prides himself in favoring quality over quantity.

- “If you provide your patients with great care, then everything else will fall into place.”
- It is a profession that requires a lot of hard work, but it is very rewarding to see his patients happy with their results.