## The Dental School in Port au Prince

A presidential decree on August the thirtieth 1878, laid the grounds for dental Studies in Port au Prince, Haiti. The school was upgraded to the rank of Faculty of Dentistry (Faculte d'Art Dentaire). In 1968, a presidential decree changed the name of the institution from Faculte d'Art Dentaire to Faculte d'Ontologie and brought major changes in the school's curriculum.

Nowadays, Faculte d'Ontologie is a member of the Universite d' Eatat d'Haiti , (State University of Haiti).

For the 2015-2016 academic year, there were 56 Faculty members for 126 students. Faculte d'Ontologie delivers a a diploma of "dental Surgeon" after 5 years of studies including educational, practical and clnical training.

The curriculum emcompasses general basic classes along with medical and dental classes.

The Faculté d'Odontologie faces many challenges due essentially to the political instability and dire economic situation that prevail in the country. Such instability affects the on time provision of the budgeted funds by the state while the economy makes it difficult to compete with other programs and projects that are seen as priorities by the government.