Educating Oral Health Care Providers

Each year, approximately 105 dentists, seven dental therapists and 25 dental hygienists graduate from the School of Dentistry. Our students gain experience in a wide range of settings from rural to urban and learn to work effectively in a rigorous team-based environment.

Enrollment

- 20 | Dental Therapy
- 56 | Dental Hygiene (includes dual degree DT)
- 69 | Advanced Specialty and Graduate Programs
- 9 | Oral Biology Graduate Program

*as of March 2023

73% of the state’s dentists graduated from the University of Minnesota

Advanced Specialty and Graduate Programs

- Endodontics
- Geriatrics
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Oral Biology
- Orofacial Pain
- Orthodontics
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Periodontology
- Prosthodontics

The graduate program in oral biology attracts students from dentistry and other fields interested in pursuing research in biomaterials, biomechanics, epithelial biology, microbiology, immunology, neuroscience, tissue engineering and related areas.

Continuing Education

Dental professionals across the region look to us to help them stay current on best practices, emerging research, new technology and regulations in a dynamic business climate.

7,000 dental professionals annually participate in continuing dental education offered in online, hands-on clinical, lecture and workshop formats.
Driving Groundbreaking Research

Fueled by external grants, faculty are tackling a range of challenges from infectious diseases to the opioid epidemic to cancer to the increasing public health disparities in oral health. As a leading dental school located within a major health sciences university, our patients, students and faculty benefit from collaboration with a multitude of health professions and scientists from across the University and around the world.

Our faculty partner with biomedical companies, manufacturers and health systems to test ideas and move discoveries to the marketplace.

$7 million
approximate annual funding received from research

Centers and Institutes Within the School of Dentistry

Institute for Molecular Virology + Minnesota Dental Research Center for Biomaterials and Biomechanics
Hard Tissue Research Laboratory + Biofilms, Apatite and Microbiomes Lab + Oral Health Clinical Research Center

Engaging Alumni

The school’s alumni are an essential part of the community. Today an estimated 4,000 alumni are practicing dentists, dental hygienists and dental therapists in Minnesota. Our alumni are actively engaged in mentoring students and supporting them through scholarships.

Many of the school’s adjunct faculty are alumni who find that teaching part time enriches their own practices and life balance. An annual alumni weekend draws hundreds back to the school to rekindle friendships and network.

Delivering Excellent Clinical Care

Each year our expert faculty, residents and students address approximately 115,000 patient visits at our dental clinics on the Minneapolis campus and at 13 community-based clinics and in our mobile dental clinic. Because most are teaching clinics, our fees are lower than average while incorporating the latest research and patient care technologies.

115,000 patient visits per year

Specialty Clinics in Minneapolis + Orthodontics + Pediatric Dentistry
Cleft and Craniofacial Conditions + Oral Radiology + Prosthodontics
Endodontics + Periodontology + Implants + Oral and Facial Surgery
TMD, Orofacial Pain and Dental Sleep Medicine

The urgent care dental clinic on the Twin Cities campus is open to anyone who has dental pain or an urgent dental need and offers extended hours.

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