

# TAKE YOUR TEACHING CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL.



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## Oral Health Educator Certificate Program

The University of Minnesota School of Dentistry is proud to announce its new Oral Health Educator Certificate Program. The program's curriculum will provide dental and dental hygiene educators with the contemporary knowledge and skills needed for effective didactic and clinical teaching. The School of Dentistry has been preparing oral health professionals for more than 130 years, and today the school is a national leader in dental education, research and oral health patient care.

**Clinical teaching August 26-October 20, 2024 | Didactic teaching October 21-December 15, 2024  
Assessment January 6, 2023-March 2, 2025 | Instructional strategies March 3-April 27, 2025**



### FOUR COURSES

#### Course series

Clinical teaching  
Didactic teaching  
Assessment  
Instructional strategies

### TWELVE CREDITS

#### Prerequisites

Licensure in a dental profession  
Bachelor's degree, at minimum

# Become the best educator you can be.



Candidates should hold, at minimum, a baccalaureate degree and a current faculty appointment in a dental educational institution.

## How to apply

Applications are submitted through the University of Minnesota Graduate School. The deadline for application is August 1, 2023.

Get more information on requirements and the application process at [grad.umn.edu/admissions](https://grad.umn.edu/admissions).

## About the program

The Oral Health Educator Certificate program will provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to be an effective educator in the classroom and in the clinic. This new program develops essential skills, while guiding learners in the exploration of contemporary educational methods, innovative teaching strategies and student assessment. Early-career and seasoned educators will enhance their understanding of dental education.

The certificate can be completed asynchronously over 32 weeks of curriculum, across four courses. Each course is eight weeks long, and courses can be taken individually or in sequence in pursuit of the certificate.

## Why pursue a certificate?

Oral health practitioners often take on the role of educator following years of clinical practice. You may not have received any formal training in teaching, and may not be familiar with the academic environment.

The online, self-paced courses involved in the certificate will develop your confidence as an educator while allowing you to maintain work-life balance.

## Who should apply?

Faculty, lecturers and instructors engaged in dental and dental hygiene education and seeking to develop effective classroom and clinical teaching skills are welcome to apply for this certificate.

## Cost

This 32-week program costs \$9,000. This investment in your excellence as an educator is significantly more affordable than an advanced degree in education. Plus, you'll gain competencies that start paying off on day one.

## For more information

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