Community Service Learning

Dental students have several opportunities to engage with our community and participate in rotations to underserved areas of South Texas. Throughout the various rotations, students deliver primary care, develop and implement health promotion and disease prevention projects, volunteer at local agencies that provide assistance to patients with special needs, participate in school-based prevention programs, and clinical care delivery to the homeless of San Antonio.

Affiliated South Texas Clinical Training Sites

Visits to various universities

The UT Health Science Center San Antonio School of Dentistry's Hispanic Center of Excellence (HCOE) conducts workshops with pre-dental groups at various universities. The onsite sessions include undergraduate curriculum guidance and application process workshops. Dental related hands-on activities for college students also take place in San Antonio, Laredo, and various cities across the South Texas Rio Grande Valley Region. Please contact us if you are interested in having us visit your college or university campus.

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LEAD 1 (summer after college year 1)
- Mini-courses: Organic Chemistry, and Genetics or Cell Biology
- Study skill development & tutoring
- Cultural Diversity Matters session
- Participation in clinical preceptorship to shadow dental private practitioners, clinical outreach programs, and clinical activities
- Case-based ethical discussion groups

LEAD 2 (summer after college year 2)
- Mini courses: Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology
- DAT preparatory course
- Information technology skill enhancement – hands-on workshops
- Ethics and dental professionalism sessions
- Clinical preceptorship with dental practitioners

LEAD 3 (summer after college year 3)
- Mini course: Biochemistry
- TMDSAS application workshop
- Communication and hand skills sessions
- Hispanic Oral Health Disparities session
- Presentation skills workshop
- Clinical preceptorship with dental practitioners and/or faculty

LEAD 4 (summer before starting dental school)
- Mini courses: Gross Anatomy, Histology, Dental Anatomy, and Biochemistry
- Learning strategies and time management workshops
- Student life, counseling, and financial aid sessions
- Ethics and the culture of dentistry sessions

LEAD 5 (summer after dental school year 1)
- Mini courses: Pathology, Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry
- Clinical sessions
- Oral-Systemic Health Links impacting Hispanics
- Community Service Learning (CSL) opportunities
- Mentored research opportunities

LEAD 6 (summer after dental school year 2)
- Clinic navigation, patient care, and electronic health record workshops
- Cultural ethical dilemmas in dentistry session
- National Dental Board Exam Part 1 prep course

LEAD 7 (summer after dental school year 3)
- 2-week summer selective clinical rotation at an affiliated Community Health Center in South Texas
- Community Health and Leadership
  - Research issues important to oral health care access and delivery