

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Our mission is to make lives better through excellence in oral health education, research, patient care and community engagement.



OUR VISION

To be recognized as the leading academic oral health institution with a mission to improve oral health through excellence in education, research, patient care and community engagement.

A LEADER IN DENTAL EDUCATION

1ST IN TEXAS

30TH GLOBALLY IN THE 2024 GLOBAL RANKING OF ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

The internationally recognized School of Dentistry at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, also known as UT Health San Antonio, was established in 1970. The school educates oral health care providers and scientists, engages in biomedical and clinical research to improve the oral health of the public, provides high quality patient care, enhances community

awareness of oral health issues and practices and addresses health disparities among the population in Central and South Texas.

As a leading academic health center, the School of Dentistry attracts world-renowned faculty educators and a diverse student population with state-of-the-art clinical facilities and a distinguished research enterprise.

The school is home to more than 600 undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and postdoctoral students and provides learners a unique journey into the practice of dentistry and specialty disciplines as well as research and academia.

ADVANCING ORAL HEALTH RESEARCH

TOP 15

DENTAL SCHOOLS RECEIVING NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH FUNDING IN 2024

The School of Dentistry scientists collaborate with clinicians and research teams worldwide, working across multiple medical and dental disciplines to find new treatments. The school's initiatives advance the knowledge of oral health spanning key areas of research in biomaterials, pain, cancer, tissue engineering and population oral health with a focus on Hispanic oral health disparities.

The School of Dentistry has three new research centers including the Center for Regenerative Sciences, the Center for Pain Therapeutics and Addiction Research and the Center for Global and Community Oral Health.



CUTTING EDGE CARE FOR ALL

267,415
PATIENT PROCEDURES
IN 2024

As the region's largest and most comprehensive dental practice, UT Dentistry, the clinical practice of the School of Dentistry, offers unparalleled patient care training and experience. Located in the South Texas Medical Center, the school's \$96.5 million state-of-the-art clinical facility has

cutting edge technologies and research-based treatments, allowing our students, residents and experts in general and specialized dentistry to work together to care for patients. UT Dentistry provides comprehensive care in general dentistry and all dental specialties in one location, serving more than 123,000 patients annually. Patients are able to choose to receive dental care from students, advanced graduate residents or faculty members of our top-ranked School of Dentistry.

UT Dentistry expanded its services in 2024 with the opening of the Phil and Karen Hunke Special Care Clinic. The clinic serves adults and children with special needs and medical complexities including those with developmental and physical disabilities. In addition to serving patients from throughout South Texas, the facility provides academic and clinical training to students in special-care health care across several disciplines, including dental and dental hygiene, medical, physician assistant and nursing students.



GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION IN RESEARCH

The School of Dentistry recognizes individual student investigators who, in addition to completing their clinical dental program, have acquired research skills and accomplished significant research activity. Students will have the opportunity to work under the mentorship of an active scientist, prepare a research proposal, complete a research project, analyze and present results at local and national research meetings and prepare a report for approval by the School of Dentistry Research Committee.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

18,785

**COMMUNITY-BASED
PATIENT VISITS IN 2024**

The UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry is committed to help address the unmet oral health needs of underserved San Antonio and South Texas communities. Dental and dental hygiene students have participated in community-based outreach programs

to South Texas clinical sites since 1984. The pre-clinical and clinical rotations to affiliated sites are embedded within the curriculum throughout the 4 years of dental and 2 years of dental hygiene training. Oral health care is provided by our faculty, residents and students through 45 community health center affiliations and our mobile dental clinic in San Antonio and across South Texas.

The mission of community-based training is to enhance our students' ability to provide primary dental care for a diverse patient population while successfully functioning in a multicultural work environment. The School of Dentistry has partnership agreements with hospitals, military and nursing home facilities, elementary and middle school districts, Head Start Centers, Federally Qualified Community Health Centers (FQHC), local health department clinics, non-profit faith-based clinics, a homeless shelter and a refugee clinic.

At the UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry, we are working together to make lives better.

\$5,361,980

**VALUE OF COMMUNITY-BASED
PATIENT CARE IN 2024**



18 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

POSTDOCTORAL

Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Dental Public Health

Endodontics with optional Master's in Dental Science

Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology with optional Master's in Dental Science

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency

Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics with optional Master's in Dental Science

Pediatric Dentistry with optional Master's in Dental Science

Periodontics with Master's in Dental Science

Prosthodontics Certificate with optional Master's in Dental Science

DOCTORAL

Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)

International Dentist Education Program (2-year DDS)

Doctor of Dental Surgery and Doctor of Philosophy (DDS, PhD)

MASTER'S

Master of Dental Science in Dental Hygiene

BACHELOR'S

Dental Early Acceptance (3+4) Program

Dental Hygiene Bachelor of Science Entry Level, San Antonio and Laredo

Dental Hygiene Bachelor of Science Degree Completion

CERTIFICATE

Certificate in Dental Clinical Specialties Foundations Program

ABOUT US

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Established 1970

Faculty: 169

Kenneth M.
Hargreaves,
DDS, PhD
Dean

Staff: 350

ENROLLMENT

FALL 2024

Dental Hygiene Students: 58

DDS Candidates: 435

Postdoctoral: 113

18

DEGREES AND
PROGRAMS OFFERED

8

CODA RECOGNIZED
SPECIALTY AREAS

45

COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTER AFFILIATIONS

7,800+

Dental and dental
hygiene graduates
since 1970

9

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

4

General
Dentistry
Clinics

11

Specialty
Clinics

198,000

SQUARE FOOT

Clinical space
on 13 acres

123,000+

Annual patient
visits

267,000+

Annual
procedures

RANKING

#14 Nationally

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH FUNDING

\$8.67 MILLION

Research awards
distributed from the
National Institutes of
Health in 2024

\$13.8 MILLION

Total research
funding awarded in
2024



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