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Websites:

- 1) General Information: DPH Residencies
<http://www.aaphd.org>
click on “American Board of Dental Public
Health” and on “Criteria for Board Eligibility”
- 2) San Antonio Program DPH Residency Description
<http://dental.uthscsa.edu/educprog/advdpdr.html>
- 3) Schools of Public Health for MPH Accredited Programs
<http://www.ceph.org> and click on “Accredited Schools...”

**Application deadline is March 1 for the program
commencing September 1 of each year.**

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Dental public health is the science and art of preventing and controlling dental diseases and promoting oral health through organized community efforts. These include assessments of oral health status and need for care, the use of scientific knowledge to influence oral health policy, and assurance that adequate services to achieve community health goals are available and provided.

The UTHSCSA Dental School, highly regarded nationally for its educational, research and community service programs, has 360 dental students and 80 graduate students and residents. Schools of the Campus (Dentistry, Medicine, Biomedical Sciences, Nursing, and Allied Health) are located in the 700 acre South Texas Medical Center. The School of Public Health is located within one mile of the main campus. San Antonio, a culturally diverse city of 1.2 million is famous for its five Spanish colonial missions including the Alamo, for its 'River Walk', recreational, cultural and sporting events, plus nine other college and university campuses. Its financial bases are in tourism, the military, regional health care and technology.

The Department of Community Dentistry conducts a one year full-time or two year part-time Residency in Dental Public Health (DPH). The program which is accredited, adheres to the guidelines of the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH), and **is designed to allow dentists with the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree or its equivalent to complete the educational requirements for Board Certification as a specialist in Dental Public Health.** For U.S. applicants who are highly qualified academically and by career it is possible to combine the MPH degree at The University of Texas School of Public Health, San Antonio

Program, and this residency over a minimum of two years. Separate admissions processes apply. Financial support may be available for the second [residency] year only, for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.



This program prepares dentists for careers in dental public health services, administration, research and development and may offer financial support. Career opportunities exist in research, education, administration and clinical practice in federal public health agencies (e.g. for the U.S. Public Health Service: Indian Health Service, Bureau of Prisons, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, National Institutes of Health, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Bureau of Health Professions, Centers for Disease Control, etc.) the Armed Forces, State Bureaus of Dental Health, Local City and County Health Departments, International Health Agencies, Health Care Organization, Management and Financing Agencies and in University Dental Schools and Institutes.

The Department of Community Dentistry has programs in epidemiology, oral disease prevention and health promotion, behavioral sciences, nutrition, cariology, sialochemistry, health services research and development, and cooperates in several school and community health center educational, preventive and clinical programs.

Other resources may include the Texas Department of State Health Services, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, The University of Texas School of Public Health -

San Antonio Regional Campus, and South Texas Border Health Initiatives.

Opportunity for research, teaching, administration and clinical activity exists within the residency. Half of the resident's efforts are spent on two research projects and the balance in seminars, teaching and service projects. Seminars focus on Oral Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Oral Health Policy and Administration, and Systems for Oral Health Services which are organized around the competency objectives of the ABDPH. Projects are focused on problems of oral health in South Texas and have included needs assessments for underserved groups, enhancement of the Texas dental care program for children of low income families, dental workforce requirements and projections, and oral disease prevention and risk factors. Research projects and other activities require work in various parts of South Texas. Site visits and experience at public health agencies are arranged.

Dental Hygienists with the MPH or equivalent degree, and public health career experience may be eligible for a separate program. Such background and this program while not meeting the educational requirements for Certification by the ABDPH, will provide additional education and research training for career development of dental hygienists in the public sector and in education. Details available on request.

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