

UTHSCSA Dental School Outreach Education & Service Programs Summary

Required Rotations for Dental Students

(San Antonio/Bexar County/South Texas)

FRESHMEN (1/2 DAY)

Head Start Centers in San Antonio (half day) to participate in a fluoride varnish program to students that have parental consent.

SOPHOMORES (3 DAYS)

Rotations included in the Introduction to Patient Care Module:

Pediatric Dentistry (0.5 days) Students rotate to Ricardo Salinas clinic to assist with pediatric dentistry procedures.

School-Based Prevention (SBP) Interprofessional Education Program (1 day) located at Roy Cisneros Elementary School in the Edgewood Independent School District. The sophomore dental students provide tailored dietary counseling, oral hygiene instructions, dental screenings, and prophylaxis for the children who have parental consent to participate.

Community-Based Sealant Program (0.5 day) students rotate to various elementary schools throughout the San Antonio Independent School District and provide dental screenings and sealants to students identified in need of sealants.

Oral Healthcare for Vulnerable Populations (1 day) students rotate two half-days and assist senior dental students with provision of primary and preventive oral healthcare to the homeless population of Haven for Hope.

JUNIORS (1/2 DAY)

Ricardo Salinas Clinic (Pediatric Dentistry) (half day) as part of a required course in *Pediatric Dentistry*.

SENIORS (23 DAYS)

Ricardo Salinas Clinic (3.5 days) - pediatric dentistry training. This program takes place at the Laredo Health Department in Laredo, Texas. It is conducted by the Department of Developmental Dentistry and is a required rotation in the curriculum.

Laredo Health Department (4.5 days) for pediatric dentistry training. This program is conducted at this FQHC by the Department of Developmental Dentistry and is a required rotation in the curriculum.

San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic (5 days) located at the Haven for Hope Homeless facility in downtown San Antonio to provide **primary dental care** services for **homeless and underserved** patients served by the site. GEND points are awarded.

South Texas Rotation - rotate to one of four clinic systems in South Texas for a minimum of **2 weeks** as part of GEND 8077. They provide **primary dental care** services under the supervision of adjunct faculty at the sites (Harlingen, Laredo or San Antonio).

Besides the above-mentioned required rotations, there are numerous other **Elective opportunities** for dental students to participate in outreach activities thru electives as listed in the next page:

Selective Rotations for Dental Students

Heroes for the Homeless Selective (SELC # 8221) - for senior dental students. During the academic year, senior dental students have the option to rotate to the SAM Ministries shelter for ***interdisciplinary health professional training*** (Wednesday evenings in conjunction with dental hygiene, medical students and family practice residents) to provide ***primary dental care services*** for special needs patients including the homeless and underserved patients served by the site. They also have the option to provide outreach dental screenings and primary care to the homeless population in a mobile van setting at Haven for Hope.

Mission Dental Care Selective (SELC # 8035) - The Christian Medical-Dental Association sponsors weekend ***Mission trips*** (6-8) to the ***US/Mexican border region during*** the academic year. Students (8-12/trip) at all levels sign up for this program. Students travel to churches, community centers, or schools located in communities on the ***US side of the border*** (Del Rio, Eagle Pass, or Laredo) to provide basic primary, preventive, and emergency dental care under the supervision of dental school faculty, including adjunct faculty members.

Community Clinical Selective (SELC # 7011/8032) - Each summer, the Dental School (through the South Texas Border Initiative) offers an elective outreach program (2 weeks) which assigns students in teams (DS I's, II's, & III's) to affiliated clinics in South Texas (Brownsville, Harlingen, Raymondville, and Laredo). Dental students provide dental care to patients under the supervision of adjunct faculty at the designated affiliated clinic sites. Housing provided by AHEC, the Center for South Texas, and the Hispanic Center of Excellence HRSA grants.

Preventive Dentistry Selective (SELC # 7120) - for rising sophomore dental students. During the summer, dental students rotate to Mercy Ministries of Laredo or to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, to participate in a preventive dentistry outreach selective which requires the students to work in the colonias of Laredo/Webb County, and various other colonias located in the Rio Grande Valley regions of South Texas. Students work with other organizations, health professionals, medical students/residents, and colonia residents to develop educational programs focusing on preventing dental disease and raising the level of awareness of the importance of oral health to general health. Housing is provided by AHEC and the Hispanic Center of Excellence.

Community Service Selective (SELC # 7088) – established several years ago when dental students submitted a proposal to the Curriculum Committee to create a vehicle by which students could interact with the local community by participating in such projects as Habitat for Humanity (building homes for the poor), United Way's Days of Caring/Sharing, Christmas Under the Bridge (for the homeless); etc. Students also volunteer at Morgan's Wonderland to assist at this theme park for children with special needs, and at the Children's Shelter, where they assist with programs for children who are aware from their families.

National Program Externship Opportunities for Dental Students

Junior dental students are also encouraged to apply for the ***COSTEP*** or the ***Indian Health Service Externship program*** conducted by the U.S. Public Health Services. Students selected through this program are assigned to dental clinics on Indian reservations for a period of 2-4 weeks. The dental students provide dental care to ***Native American populations*** under the supervision of IHS Dental Commissioned Corps Officers and are exposed to the Public Health Service mission. (***SELC # 7010***).

Every year, UTHSCSA Dental students (6-8) participate in externships offered by other Universities (Oral surgery, etc.) OMS also accept students from other Universities.

International Program Externship Opportunities for Dental Students

UTHSCSA participates in a ***Japanese Exchange Program (SELC 7190)*** in conjunction with 2 Japanese Dental Schools. Through this program, 5 Japanese dental students and 1 faculty member from each of the 2 schools visit UTHSCSA for a week (August) each year; subsequently, 10 UTHSCSA dental students/2 faculty members visit each of the 2 Japanese dental schools for a week in March each year.

Postgraduate Off-Site Programs

San Antonio/Bexar County

- *Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Residents*
 - San Antonio Christian Dental Clinics at Haven for Hope
- *Oral Maxillofacial Radiology residents*
- *Oral Maxillofacial Surgery residents*
 - Methodist Hospital
 - Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Admin Hospital
- *Orthodontics Residents*
 - Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center
- *Pediatric Dentistry Residents*
 - Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center
 - San Antonio Metropolitan Health District/Ricardo Salinas Clinic
- *Periodontics Residents*
 - Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Admin Hospital

Laredo

- *Laredo Prosthodontics Residency program* – rotation to Gateway Community Health Center (FQHC) Laredo, TX – every other week
- *Laredo Periodontics Residency program* – rotation to Gateway Community Health Center (FQHC) Laredo – every other week
- *Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program Expansion* – Laredo Health Dept -
- *Pedo Residents (Laredo)* Laredo Medical Center (OR cases)