

HIGHLIGHTS

The UNLV School of Dental Medicine provides world-class oral health education while serving the dental needs of Nevada residents. The hallmark of our school is service. We pride ourselves on our excellent patient-centered clinical care, patient education, and statewide community outreach programs.



POINTS OF PRIDE

- The School of Dental Medicine has over 60,000 patient visits per year in its clinics and throughout Nevada. Its low-cost fees, about one-half of what private practices charge, save residents more than \$1.6 million annually. Combined with community outreach and free clinics at the school, that equates to \$3.8 million in free services to those in need.
- The faculty and facilities of the School of Dental Medicine make it a popular choice with future dentists – one in five prospective dental students nationwide applies for admission to UNLV. The school is highly selective, accepting less than nine percent of applicants.
- The School of Dental Medicine is located on the Shadow Lane campus in the heart of the Las Vegas medical district. Students learn in settings that simulate the environment found in advanced dental facilities. Equipped with 205 dental chairs, the Shadow Lane campus also includes digital radiography facilities, research laboratories, and pediatric dentistry, orthodontics, oral surgery, and emergency clinics as well as a faculty private clinic.
- For wheelchair-bound patients, the school has the only wheelchair lift designed for dental treatment in the state of Nevada.
- Dental students can continue advanced studies through residencies in general dentistry, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, and pediatric dentistry while also serving the community.
- The University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine and the Stomatological Hospital of Nankai University in Tianjin, China, are establishing a formal “sister-school” relationship, with faculty at both universities exchanging information about dental education in the U.S. and China.
- The dental school generates three-fourths of its budget from self-supporting funds such as clinical revenue, research grants, tuition, and fees.
- The School of Dental Medicine brings hundreds of dentists to Las Vegas each year to participate in courses focused on the most up-to-date techniques, materials, and oral health practices. These continuing education classes enhance patient care and professional development for established dentists.



COMMUNITY

- Local veterans and National Guard soldiers now have something to smile about—literally. Many are getting free dental care thanks to a UNLV program honoring a fallen soldier. The Sergeant Clint Ferrin Memorial Clinic initially began treating National Guard troops who could not be deployed because of poor oral health. It now serves all veterans who can't afford dental care.
- The Shadow Lane campus regularly hosts Saturday Clinics for children who don't have access to regular dental care. In addition, the dental school hosts several different clinics and education sessions at various locations throughout Southern Nevada including sites at libraries, high schools, shopping centers, senior centers, Boys and Girls Clubs, the homeless corridor, and community centers in the Las Vegas metropolitan area, Pahrump, and Tonopah.
- Dental students and faculty have reached more than 25,000 elementary students with important messages about good dental health habits specifically targeted to their age groups.
- It's difficult for seniors in assisted living centers to get to the dentist, so UNLV dentists and dental students go to them, screening more than 1,200 for signs of oral cancer.
- Healthy Smiles is an oral health care education program for parents. They learn about good oral hygiene practices at workshops held during community events. Families learn together about how to take better care of their teeth and how to stay healthy through good dental habits and nutrition.
- The Crackdown on Cancer van has provided tobacco education to young people throughout Nevada. It also brought dental care to youths in rural communities in the southern part of the state. Through this effort, the dental school has screened more than 79,000 young people for oral cancers, which are often associated with various forms of tobacco use.

ALUMNI

Our graduates make us proud because they are doing very well and are becoming leaders in the field of dentistry. More than half of our students are admitted into advanced specialty programs, where admission is extremely competitive. The feedback we receive from experienced dentists is that our students are well prepared for advanced studies and are well accepted in the community.

School of Dental Medicine Facts

Enrollment and Faculty

Doctor of Dental Medicine students:	313
Residents:	30
Full-time faculty:	53

Programs

General dentistry
Doctor of Dental Medicine
Advanced studies/Residencies
General Dentistry Residency
Orthodontics and Dentofacial
Orthopedics Residency/Master's in
Oral Biology
Pediatric Dentistry Residency
Continuing Professional Education

Clinics, Centers, and Resources

Community Outreach Van
Crack Down on Cancer Mobile Unit
Healthy Smiles
Huntridge Homeless & Teen Clinic
General Practice Residency Clinic
Pediatric & Special Needs Clinic
Saturday Children's Clinic
Seal Nevada South
Sgt. Clint Ferrin Dental Clinic for Veterans
Shade Tree Women's Clinic
Shannon Clinic

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