

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Welcome!

The University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine (CU SDM) is an amazing research-intensive, comprehensive dental education institution with state-of-the-art clinical care facilities, located on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

The School of Dental Medicine believes dental health is critical to overall health, and we are dedicated to integrating dentistry and the other health professions through our innovative educational programs, real-world research, exceptional patient care, and life-changing community outreach initiatives. Believing that there should not be a distinction between dental and systemic health, the SDM emphasizes our intention to integrate “dental” to improve health.

I'm inspired every day by the wealth of diversity and talent that is present at the CU SDM. I'm excited for you to take a look around our site and discover the education, research and clinical programs that are shaping tomorrow's dental workforce, creating new knowledge and providing person-centered care.

Whether you are a prospective student with an interest in building your future, a potential faculty or partner who wants to make a difference by working with us, I am confident that after browsing our site, you will discover why the CU SDM is one of the most selective US dental schools and is **powering the future of integrated health**.

Thank you for your interest in the work we do.

Sincerely,

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The CU School of Dental Medicine strives to achieve excellence in education, research and patient care which integrates into our dynamic curriculum for students. Located on the world-class CU Anschutz Medical Campus, our programs provide students an exceptional opportunity to learn in an interprofessional environment, participate in cutting edge research and train in real clinics on campus, across the state and around the world. These unique opportunities allow our students to graduate with the skills and confidence they need to be successful and make a positive impact in patients' lives.

- Advanced Standing International Student Program (ISP) (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-anschutz/schools-colleges-programs/school-dental-medicine/advanced-standing-international-student-program-dds/>)
- Dental Medicine: Dual Degree (DDS/MPH) (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-anschutz/schools-colleges-programs/school-dental-medicine/dual-degree-programs/>)

- Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-anschutz/schools-colleges-programs/school-dental-medicine/doctor-dental-surgery-dds/>)
- General Practice Residency in Dental Medicine (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-anschutz/schools-colleges-programs/school-dental-medicine/-general-practice-residency-dental-medicine/>)
- Geriatric Dental Medicine (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-anschutz/schools-colleges-programs/school-dental-medicine/geriatric-dental-medicine-certificate/>)
- Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-anschutz/schools-colleges-programs/school-dental-medicine/graduate-orthodontics-certificate/>)
- Periodontics (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-anschutz/schools-colleges-programs/school-dental-medicine/graduate-periodontics/>)

School of Dental Medicine Forms & Policies

The University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine is a diverse teaching, clinical care and research community comprised of dedicated students, faculty and staff working together to help further our mission. Please visit this site (<https://dental.cuanschutz.edu/current-students/student-life-resources/#ac-forms-policies-1>) for the most current policy and form information and corresponding URLs.

The policies below were created to help our students maintain our high standards and ensure the best possible experience during your time here.

- **Academic Policy**
- **Clinic Policy and Procedure Manual**
- **Competency Statements**
- **Compliance Portal**
- **Ethics Point Reporting**
- **Social Media Policy**
- **Student Handbook**
- **Student Identity Verification With Remote Learning**
- **Student Leave Form**
- **Student Organizations Policy**
- **Student Professionalism Flow Chart (SPAIC Committee)**
- **Technical Standards for Admission, Promotion and Graduation**

Mission, Vision, Goals & Values

The CU School of Dental Medicine Strategic Plan has four mission areas: education, research, patient care and community engagement. These align with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus mission areas (<https://www.cuanschutz.edu/offices/strategic-initiatives/strategic-initiatives/#ac-from-the-chancellor-0>).

Three **Integrated Value Threads** impact the mission areas and include: DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion), health and wellness of SDM resources, and innovation.

A goal has been identified for each mission area and integrated value thread. Priorities define the intent of each SDM mission area goal. Objectives and targets of each goal are assessed in the continuous monitoring of the **CU SDM Institutional Effectiveness Plan**.

Mission

The University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine (CU SDM), a collaborative partner on the Anschutz Medical Campus, is a diverse learning, clinical care and research community. The CU SDM is committed to integrated health that innovates, treats, and discovers for the well-being of, and in service to, local and global communities.

Vision

The CU SDM will be recognized as the leading transformative dental institution that graduates future-ready practitioners to deliver research-informed person-centered-care.

Education

Student Success and Resilience

Goal

The School of Dental Medicine will provide contemporary educational programs that prepare future-ready dentists with the knowledge, skills and values to practice general dentistry as critical thinkers and lifelong learners, dedicated to fulfilling the public's trust.

Research

Inquiry and Collaborative Science

Goal

The School of Dental Medicine will conduct collaborative research activities to contribute to the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge and evidence-based practice for society's benefit and to be consistent with and advance the mission of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

Patient Care

Person-Centered Clinical Activities

Goal

The School of Dental Medicine's patient care programs will provide person-centered oral health care and support provider wellness, while serving as a clinical resource for dental and post-doctoral students, residents, and the community.

Community Engagement

Population Health

Goal

The School of Dental Medicine will provide oral health care to underserved populations in our communities, involve students in outreach and service-learning, support interprofessional education and patient care, work with community partners on research activities, and provide programs to benefit our alumni and other members of the dental profession in Colorado, nationwide, and globally.

Integrated Value Threads for the Mission Areas

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Support an ongoing review of practices to ensure a just and equitable SDM environment where diversity and difference are celebrated.

• Goal

- The School of Dental Medicine's education, research, patient care, and community engagement programs will be strengthened by an accountable culture of inclusion for all, and our students, faculty, and staff feel that they belong.

Health and Wellness of SDM Resources

Promote the mental health and overall wellness of the SDM community members, while securing, managing, and building capital and human resources that support the School of Dental Medicine.

• Goal

- The School of Dental Medicine will invest in and support growth of its human resources, facilities and technology to promote wellness, safety, accountability, and sustainability in operations.

Innovation

Embrace the SDM's Innovation Agenda to catalyze changes in the education, research, clinical care, and community engagement missions of the SDM.

• Goal

- The School of Dental Medicine is committed to being a transformational dental institution that educates a future-ready dental workforce, creates new knowledge, provides person-centered care, and enhances the communities we serve by incorporating innovative technologies and methods throughout the school and its programs.