

Education

The University of Florida College of Dentistry — one of six colleges at UF Health — is dedicated to high-quality programs of education, research, patient care and public service.

UFCD is continually expanding interdisciplinary educational opportunities in the predoctoral and the advanced education arenas and is a program of choice for applicants. During the 2021-22 application cycle, the college received more than 3,050 applications for 93 dental student positions and 60 advanced education positions. The college offers advanced education programs in endodontics, operative and esthetic dentistry, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial radiology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontology and prosthodontics.

In October 2023, for the ninth consecutive year, UFCD received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award, or HEED Award for outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. UFCD is one of only two UF colleges to ever receive the award.



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12
degree & certificate
programs

163
Faculty

375
DMD students

150
advanced education
residents, fellows & interns

6th
The college is ranked
5th out of 65 U.S. dental
schools for NIH funding

Dentistry FY23 Financials

State General Revenue	\$24,593,809	28%
Clinical Collections	\$29,324,203	34%
Misc. Income	\$5,520,446	6%
Grants	\$13,884,210	16%
Trust	\$9,980,493	12%
Florida Foundation	\$2,346,284	3%
Research Foundation	\$754,724	1%
Total revenues	\$86,404,168	

\$13.9
million
in research funding

51
years
educating future dentists
to serve Florida residents

16
dental centers in the
UF Statewide Network for
Community Oral Health

136,146
patient visits

Research

The college is nationally recognized for its oral health research enterprise, emphasizing oral infectious diseases in dentistry, bone biology, pain and neurosciences, and translational research to improve oral health care and patient outcomes. The Department of Oral Biology is one of the top-ranked in the U.S. based on National Institutes of Health, or NIH, research funding among similar departments. Last fiscal year, the college received \$13.9 million in contracts and grants, with 90 percent coming from the NIH. The oral biology faculty includes national leaders in oral infectious diseases and immunology research.

The Comprehensive Training Program in Oral Biology (T90/R90) builds on 31 years of successful training of basic/clinical scientists and was selected for a national excellence award by the American Dental Education Association.

The Summer Research Program offers freshmen dental students an opportunity to conduct an eight week research project before they begin dental school. The program provides a structured research experience for participants to increase skills in analytical thinking, critical review of scientific literature, and research presentations.



Patient Care

Our dental centers provide a complete range of general and specialty oral health care for adults and children, offering the latest technologies in a professional learning environment. Annual patient satisfaction surveys in all clinical areas show that our patients value the services they receive: 92 percent of patients rated overall quality of care as “excellent” or “very good.”

Through the UF Statewide Network for Community Oral Health, the college provides affordable, high-quality dental care for a large number of low-income adults and children in Florida. The network includes five college-owned centers in Gainesville, Hialeah, Naples, St. Petersburg and Wildlight, and 11 affiliated centers located throughout the state where DMD students and residents provide care during external rotations. Together our faculty, staff, residents and students these dental centers provide care for people from all 67 counties in Florida.