The UNMC College of Dentistry has offered a fully accredited advanced education program in pediatric dentistry since 1947. Our residents thrive in our supportive learning community and enjoy a wealth of extraordinary opportunities.

Well-rounded, hands-on residency experience - Our intricately designed residency experience includes didactic experiences, hospital clinical experiences and community outreach to underserved populations, and our residents begin treating patients their first month. This combination of experiences and focus on hands-on learning helps residents build exceptional diagnostic, clinical and critical thinking skills.

One-on-one learning experiences with faculty - Residents thrive in our close-knit, supportive environment receiving personalized guidance from our outstanding faculty members. Faculty members mentor residents and help them grow into compassionate oral health providers and leaders.

Supportive resident team - Our program has a strong tradition of close-knit, collaborative resident teams. Our residents help each other succeed.

Hospital-based clinical experience - Our main location at Children's Hospital and Medical Center offers our residents unique learning experiences treating children who are facing challenging medical conditions. Our strong clinical program includes excellent sedation and operating room experiences, and experience working with an interprofessional team to help children achieve overall health.

Diverse patient base - Residents have the privilege of treating patients with special health care needs, as well as socially and economically diverse patients.

Impactful research - Residents have the opportunity to complete cutting-edge, award-winning research projects with guidance from our faculty. They also have opportunities to collaborate on research with other UNMC pediatric medicine specialties.

Program stipend and benefit package - Residents receive a program stipend to help offset educational costs, vacation and sick leave, and a flexible benefit package.

About the UNMC College of Dentistry

Founded in 1899, the mission of the College of Dentistry is to continually improve the oral health of the people of Nebraska and beyond through a humanistic approach to education, extraordinary patient care and innovative research.

The College offers a DDS program, a BS in dental hygiene, six postgraduate programs in advanced education in general dentistry, endodontics, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics and a general practice residency, and an advanced standing dental program. There are five departments: Adult Restorative Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Growth & Development, Oral Biology and Surgical Specialties.

Our Values: We value our strong sense of community. We are committed to compassionate care, collaborative learning and the continuous exploration of knowledge. We demonstrate integrity, accountability, intellectual curiosity and passion in everything we do. We respect diversity and its contributions to our culture of excellence.

I chose UNMC because my peers highly recommended it. When I was interviewing and meeting the residents, I really liked the dynamic and the relationships they all had with each other and the faculty. Being in a hospital setting is something that's really advantageous and gives you exposure to patients who are medically compromised and have special health care needs, which is very important. I also loved living in Omaha. I had an incredible experience.

- Ryan Smith, DMD, 2022 Graduate

I chose UNMC because of the opportunities that being in Children's Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha opens up for residents. We see a lot of medically compromised patients and advanced cases, experiences that will help us in our careers. The best part of residency is the fun environment and working with my co-residents and the faculty and staff. Every day is enjoyable and a learning experience. I also really enjoy living in the Midwest.

- Andrew Wilson, DDS, 2023 Graduate
Clinical Training

Children's Nebraska, Omaha
The program’s main location and primary site for inpatient pediatric training, including clinic, ED, OR and interprofessional experiences. Children's is the only full-service, pediatric healthcare center in Nebraska, providing expertise in more than 50 pediatric specialty services to children across a five-state region and beyond. The patient population is socially and economically diverse.

UNMC College of Dentistry, Lincoln
Located on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus, the College of Dentistry Pediatric Dental Clinic has nine operatories. Residents provide patient care and clinical instruction and oversight for third- and fourth-year dental students. They also rotate to the College’s Orthodontics Clinic.

UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute Caring for Champions Dental Clinic, Omaha
The College collaborated with the UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute to open the Caring for Champions Dental Clinic, inspired by Special Olympics athletes. Residents provide comprehensive oral health services for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities.

UNMC/Nebraska Medicine Rotations, Omaha
On the UNMC-Omaha campus, residents complete the following rotations: Anesthesia, Pediatric Medicine, Interdisciplinary and Oral Surgery. They have hands-on learning opportunities alongside UNMC and Nebraska Medicine’s extraordinary providers.

Boystown National Research Hospital, Omaha
At the Boystown National Research Hospital Craniofacial Clinic, residents help provide life-changing care for infants and children with oral-facial clefts and other diseases, disorders or injuries affecting the face, jaw, skull and ears.

Community Outreach, Across Nebraska
Residents treat the underserved at Federally Qualified Community Health Centers, including the Charles Drew Health Center in Omaha, and participate in UNMC and College of Dentistry outreach programs, including Children's Dental Days where free care is provided to underserved children.

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