We are thrilled you want to learn more about the UNMC College of Dentistry. Our college has a 120 year history of excellence in education, research and patient care, and an exciting future. What sets us apart from other dental schools is our small, supportive learning community. Our faculty and staff are passionate about helping our students thrive.

We recently added new state-of-the-art learning spaces - our clinical and virtual simulation laboratory and digital design studio - where our students use the most innovative learning technology available today to learn the latest clinical techniques and skills. By adding this technology to our supportive learning community, we are offering a unique educational experience that guides our students to becoming competent, passionate oral health care providers.

While many other things set the UNMC College of Dentistry apart, the foundation of our long-standing tradition of excellence is our extraordinary people, including our students who contribute to our mission of improving the oral health of the people of Nebraska and beyond through participating in outreach activities, serving our patients and conducting research. We are always excited to welcome new learners into our community who share our passion for improving the lives of others through oral health care. We invite you to come visit and see what makes the UNMC College of Dentistry special.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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FAQs

What is the purpose of the UNMC College of Dentistry Advanced Standing Program?
The Advanced Standing Dental Program allows dentists educated outside of the United States the opportunity to earn a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree. Upon successful completion of the 29-month program, students are eligible to apply for licensing to practice dentistry in the United States.

Who is the program for?
The Advanced Standing Dental Program has been developed for individuals who have completed the equivalent of a D.M.D. or D.D.S. program in a non-U.S. or Canadian accredited dental school. It is intended for individuals who are interested in pursuing a dental career in the U.S. or are interested in returning to their country with additional skills acquired in a U.S. accredited D.D.S. program.

The program is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

What do students learn?
Advanced Standing students are fully integrated into the second-year, second-semester curriculum which incorporates preclinical general dentistry didactic and laboratory courses. In addition, this curriculum includes a course specially designed for the Advanced Standing student to ensure a seamless integration into the clinic, as well as prepare for third- and fourth-year didactic courses.

This curricular concept prepares the student with the foundation for providing comprehensive patient care in all facets of general dentistry and understanding of treatment protocols, materials and techniques.

Program Details

Length of program: 29 months
Application opens: March
Application deadline: July 1
Start date: January 3, 2022
Class size: 4-6
Degree awarded: D.D.S.

How big are the dental classes?
Our dental classes have 53 students.

Student Demographics
Among the first-year students in 2020:
- 62% are Nebraska residents, 53% are from rural areas
- 56% female, 44% male
- Average GPA: 3.67
- Average DAT: 20

What is Lincoln, Nebraska like?
Lincoln is a vibrant and safe city of nearly 300,000 people. It has many of the cultural and entertainment benefits of a much larger city, with the feel of a friendly Midwestern community.

- #1 America’s Healthiest Small Cities (Daily Finance)
- Top 20 - America’s Thriving Cities (The Daily Beast)
- #7 Best City for College Students (American Institute for Economic Research)
- #9 Best Places to Live (Liveability)
- #3 U.S. City, Quality of Life (Nerdwallet)
Why the UNMC College of Dentistry?

Small class sizes and faculty-to-student ratios
With a small class size, our students thrive in our close-knit, supportive environment. Students receive personalized guidance and mentoring from our nationally renowned faculty members who have expertise in all areas of dentistry.

Hands-on learning via simulations
In our innovative clinical and virtual simulation laboratory, students learn the latest clinical techniques through virtual dental trainers which use the most advanced simulation technology to achieve a high level of realism, allowing students to feel the difference between enamel, dentin, pulp and caries. Cutting-edge 3D, virtual reality and haptics technology allow students to navigate and manipulate virtual clinical environments.

Hands-on learning in digital dentistry
In our new digital design studio, students have access to the latest CAD/CAM technology for designing dentures and restorations, and an equipment studio with milling machines, 3D printers and other technology.

Hands-on learning in patient care clinics
We have created a highly effective clinical model that closely resembles providing comprehensive care within a private practice. Students are assigned to teams that provide patients with all the care they need. This clinic model promotes a sense of teamwork and helps students build relationships with their patients.

Hands-on learning in specialties
Students can work alongside postgraduate residents to provide care to patients with more advanced treatment needs in our six specialty clinics: endodontics, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, general practice residency and advanced education in general dentistry. After graduation, students are encouraged to apply for UNMC’s advanced education residencies.

Hands-on learning with community outreach
Our many community outreach programs (Special Olympics, SHARING Clinic, etc.) allow students to volunteer their time and talents to provide services to underserved populations that have little or no access to oral health care. Students have memorable, rewarding experiences helping those in need while they practice their clinical and communication skills.

Collaborative, interactive classroom learning
Our faculty members utilize the latest interactive classroom technology. We are a leader in developing innovative e-modules to teach important concepts and our iWall allows students to interact with educational content through touch-enabled software and virtual reality. To our knowledge, we are the only dental program in the world with an iWall, offering our students a truly unique educational experience.

Student-lead research projects
Our students lead cutting-edge, award-winning research projects with guidance from our faculty. Students have opportunities to present their research findings at national meetings and many receive top honors for their work.

Extraordinary faculty
Our faculty have a great impact on our students’ success. Many of our faculty are: dedicated practitioners, providing patient care using the latest clinical techniques; involved with cutting-edge research; lead local and national outreach activities for underserved populations; and serve in leadership roles in organizations including the American Dental Education Association.

Focus on student wellness
Students have access to a wealth of health and wellness services to help them build skills to enhance their well-being. We offer a very supportive environment where students thrive.

“Of all the schools I interviewed at, I strongly felt the UNMC College of Dentistry was the school for me. First and foremost, the faculty here are very approachable and welcoming. They will go the extra mile to help. Second, the college offers amazing technology like the digital design studio. The day I interviewed here I told myself, ‘UNMC, here I come!’” - Rooh Afza, class of 2022

“One of the reasons I chose the UNMC College of Dentistry was the small class sizes compared to other colleges. Students have more opportunities to interact with professors and receive more individualized feedback which enhances learning.” - Karla Mejia, class of 2022
Application Procedure

Applicants must apply through the ADEACentralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID) at: adea.org.CAAPIDapp

The UNMC College of Dentistry is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Residency Status: The UNMC College of Dentistry will accept U.S. citizens and U.S. permanent residents.

English Language Proficiency

• Must be proficient in speaking and reading English.
• All non-native English speaking applicants must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants must score at least 95 on the internet-based test.
• The ETS Institution Code for UNMC is 6896.
• Only scores from TOEFL exams taken after October 1, 2019, will be accepted. Original TOEFL scores must be submitted from TOEFL directly to ADEA CAAPID.

National Board Dental Examination Requirements

• Applicants must pass NBDE Parts I and II or the INBDE.
• If an interview is offered, submission of official National Board Dental Scores will be requested.

Letters of Evaluations

Three letters of evaluation are required:

• One letter of evaluation must come from a former faculty member. Two letters of evaluation should come from former mentors or employers who can attest to character, conduct and professional ability of the applicant. (Letters must come from different writers.)
• Letters must be less than 1 year old.
• Letters must be written in English and signed by the letter writer on official letterhead with contact information (telephone number and email) on letterhead.
• Writers must submit letters of evaluation directly to ADEA CAAPID.

Transcripts and Evaluations

• Applicant must submit a detailed evaluation by ECE or WES to ADEA CAAPID.
• If chosen for an interview, the applicant must submit the official transcripts and degree certificates from their dental school directly to the program. This includes any additional educational programs following dental school.

Application Fees

• Application fee is $250 (separate from the ADEA CAAPID application fee) and interview fee is $500, includes psychomotor skills assessment.
• Admitted and accepted students must pay a nonrefundable tuition deposit.

If an interview is offered, the following supplemental application material may be requested by the program:

• National Board Scores
• A copy of the applicant’s dental license, if applicable.
• Proof of U.S. residency or U.S. citizenship (passport or permanent resident card).

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