

**Florida Atlantic University**  
**D.M.D. Dental Medicine**  
**CIP 51.0401**  
**Proposal Documents**

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Board of Governors, State University System of Florida  
**REQUEST TO OFFER A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM**  
 In Accordance with BOG Regulation 8.011  
 (Please do not revise this proposal format without prior approval from Board staff)

Florida Atlantic University  
 Institution Submitting Proposal

College of Dentistry (Newly Created)  
 Name of College(s) or School(s)

Dentistry  
 Academic Specialty or Field

51.0401  
 Proposed CIP Code (2020 CIP)

Fall 2026  
 Proposed Implementation Term

College of Dentistry  
 Name of Department(s)/Division(s)

Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)  
 Complete Name of Degree

The submission of this proposal constitutes a commitment by the university that, if the proposal is approved, the necessary financial resources and the criteria for establishing new programs have been met prior to the initiation of the program.

12/8/22  
 Date Approved by the University Board of Trustees

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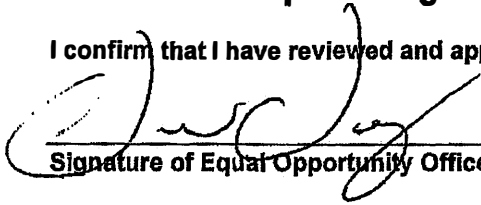
## PROJECTED ENROLLMENTS AND PROGRAM COSTS

Provide headcount (HC) and full-time equivalent (FTE) student estimates for Years 1 through 5. HC and FTE estimates should be identical to those in Appendix A – Table 1. Indicate the program costs for the first and the fifth years of implementation as shown in the appropriate columns in Appendix A – Table 3A or 3B. Calculate an Educational and General (E&G) cost per FTE for Years 1 and 5 by dividing total E&G by FTE.

Implementation Timeframe	HC	FTE	E&G Cost per FTE	E&G Funds	Contract & Grants Funds	Auxiliary/Philanthropy Funds	Total Cost
Year 1	45	45	2590150	116,556,750	0	0	116,556,750
Year 2	90	90					
Year 3	158	158					
Year 4	248	248					
Year 5	293	293	128283.28	37587000	0	0	37587000

## Additional Required Signatures

I confirm that I have reviewed and approved Need and Demand Section III.F. of this proposal.

  
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Signature of Equal Opportunity Officer

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I confirm that I have reviewed and approved Non-Faculty Resources Section VIII.A. and VIII.B. of this proposal.

  
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Signature of Library Dean/Director

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## Introduction

### I. Program Description and Relationship to System-Level Goals

#### A. Describe within a few paragraphs the proposed program under consideration, and its overall purpose, including:

- degree level(s)
- majors, concentrations, tracks, specializations, or areas of emphasis
- total number of credit hours
- possible career outcomes for each major (provide additional details on meeting workforce need in Section III)

The degree program will be housed in the newly-created College of Dentistry on the Boca Raton campus. The purpose of this advanced degree program is to produce general dentists who will provide comprehensive, culturally-safe, person-centered oral health care for patients of all ages and abilities by working in teams with other health care providers including medical doctors to support the overall health of individuals and communities, with a special emphasis on the underserved.

The FAU College of Dentistry will confer the degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) to its graduates, through an accredited program under the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to practice dentistry in the United States. Normally no internship or residency is required following graduation thus graduates are expected to be practice-ready upon leaving FAU.

The DMD degree does not customarily include majors, concentrations, tracks, or specializations, and there is no intention for the FAU program to do so. However, this program proposes to have an emphasis on graduating oral health care providers who are especially well equipped to practice in underserved locations, with diverse populations, and in interprofessional teams in partnership with MDs. The total number of credit hours required is 198.

Students could enter specialty training or directly into practice at the time of graduation. They could practice in private dental offices including solo or group practice, in corporate dental settings, in the public health service, the military or in dental academia. However, it is hoped that many would seek to practice in community health centers that serve low-income and rural populations that have a shortage of health care providers.

#### B. If the proposed program qualifies as a Program of Strategic Emphasis, as described in the Florida Board of Governors 2025 System Strategic Plan, please indicate the category.

- **Critical Workforce**
  - ☐ Education
  - ☒ Health
  - ☐ Gap Analysis
- **Economic Development**
  - ☐ Global Competitiveness
  - ☐ Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)



☐ Does not qualify as a Program of Strategic Emphasis.

## II. Strategic Plan Alignment, Projected Benefits, and Institutional Mission and Strength

A. Describe how the proposed program directly or indirectly supports the following:

- System strategic planning goals (see link to the 2025 System Strategic Plan on the [New Program Proposals & Resources](#) webpage)
- the institution's mission
- the institution's strategic plan

### Support for System Strategic Planning Goals

FAU's proposed Doctor of Dental Medicine supports the SUS Strategic plan 2025 Goals for the state universities by

- Increasing the number of graduate degrees awarded in an area of strategic emphasis
- Increasing the number of graduate degrees awarded in STEM and Health
- Strengthening the quality and recognition of commitment to community and business engagement
- Increasing levels of community and business engagement
- Increasing community and business workforce

Additionally, the proposed program aligns with the 3 areas of emphasis identified in the SUS Strategic Plan: Excellence, Productivity and Strategic Priorities for a Knowledge Economy.

### Areas of Emphasis in the SUS Strategic Plan

GOALS	EXCELLENCE	PRODUCTIVITY	STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
<b>Teaching and Learning</b>	DIRECT Strengthen the Quality and Reputation of Academic Programs and Universities	DIRECT Increase Degree Productivity and Program Efficiency	DIRECT Increase the number of Degrees Awarded within Programs of Strategic Emphasis
<b>Scholarship, Research and Innovation</b>	DIRECT Strengthen the Quality and Reputation of Scholarship, Research and Innovation	DIRECT Increase Research Activity and Attract More External Funding	DIRECT Increase Commercialization Activity

<b>Community and Business Engagement</b>	DIRECT Strengthen the Quality and Reputation of Commitment to Community and Business Engagement	DIRECT Increase Community and Business Engagement	DIRECT Increase Community and Business Workforce
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### *System Goals in Excellence*

The availability and visibility of dental programs at other institutions across the country indicates that FAU would benefit from developing a similar program in order to compete successfully for the best applicants in this profession, including students from traditionally under-represented groups, as well as non-traditional, returning students aiming to further their education. By providing this new, advanced professional degree in a health field, the University will directly enhance the quality and reputation of its academic programs, its research and scholarship activities, and community and business engagement. New basic science and dental faculty will contribute their diverse expertise in teaching and collaborative research to provide quality professional education, strengthening both the reputation and visibility of FAU academic programs. Through access to the state-of-the-art resources and facilities, students will master cutting edge techniques, enabling them to excel in highly innovative, impactful hands-on provision of clinical dental services to the community.

FAU recently received Carnegie Community Engagement Classification in recognition of its ongoing commitment to civic engagement and community outreach, achieved through the efforts of faculty, staff and students in programs such as active service learning and programming that would fall under the current umbrella of FAU Health Network. The notion of a new dental program was conceived with the goal of community outreach specifically through FAU Health. This commitment to excellence in community engagement is achieved through educational programs that have impacted, and will continue to impact, the southeast Florida community in measurable and meaningful ways, with students playing important roles in these programs.

### *Goals in Productivity*

By providing this new academic program, FAU will be expanding degree access and productivity in a medically relevant STEM field, directly increasing the number of professional degrees awarded in programs of Strategic Emphasis identified in the 2019 update to the 2025 SUS Strategic Plan. The DMD is CIP 51.0401, designated as the *Health* category under the Strategic Areas of Emphasis. The proposed program creates a breadth of coursework and research opportunities that extend beyond any of the current health-related programs at FAU. Establishing an advanced professional health degree will also attract more top undergraduate students who seek to pursue pre-dental and pre-health options at the university. Interactions of both the students and faculty in the program will foster collaborations and build team research efforts across the Colleges and Institutes, leading to expanded clinical services delivered to the public as students begin their practical experiences and as faculty deploy new techniques and equipment, the sharing of ideas and valuable experimental resources, more patent applications and publications, and the development of competitive grant proposals that the NIH, NSF, and other agencies favor, directly increasing levels of external funding at FAU. All of these benefits attract more students in the related disciplines where the state has strategically identified needs for increased productivity.

## *Goals in Strategic Priorities for a Knowledge Economy*

Establishing a new FAU degree program in the area of dentistry will directly increase the numbers of doctoral graduates with high quality training in a health field where the university will be able to devise more effective treatments to address oral health matters. This knowledge lays the groundwork for translational research aimed at designing effective diagnostics, drugs, biologics, and therapeutic devices for millions of Americans and Floridians suffering from serious dental issues that impact their comprehensive health statuses – especially affordable treatments that can be deployed in resource-strapped regions of the nation and state. A significant amount of federal funding, across multiple NIH Institutes and other federal agencies, is targeted to equity-based health research, and program faculty and students participating in collaborative research projects will be in a better position to compete for this funding. As the prevalence of oral health deterioration, especially in under-resourced regions continues to rise, the program will generate trained dentists needed to fill the national and state workforces that drive translational research and novel treatment and equipment creation and deployment to those who have the highest need.

### **Support for University’s Mission**

The program aligns with Florida Atlantic University’s mission as “a multi-campus public research university that pursues excellence in its missions of research, scholarship, creative activity, teaching, and active engagement with its communities.” Dentistry and oral health care is an important component of overall health and well-being, and the D.M.D. will support excellence in teaching and active engagement with our communities throughout the region of South Florida and our state. Traditionally, doctoral-level professional schools are also major hubs for research and scholarship activities, attracting faculty members who are externally funded to explore and develop cutting edge clinical practices and techniques in addition to investigating broader complex health equity and policy issues. Accordingly, the D.M.D. and the new College of Dentistry reinforces the University’s continued focus on becoming nationally recognized for the highest levels of impactful research and inquiry.

### **Support for University’s Strategic Planning Goals**

Additionally, this program supports FAU’s *Strategic Plan for the Race to Excellence, 2015-2025*. The plan is structured around ***pillars*** and ***platforms***, and as the plan explains, “these areas of focus will guide institutional goals and strategic actions” (p. 5). In other words, this framework *does not* represent goals or objectives, but rather provides thematic applications for a living plan in which the goals and strategic actions can orient themselves. Throughout each of these pillar/platform ‘themes,’ FAU launches its various plan goals and strategies.

First, while FAU has already executed an incredibly successful strategic plan by many measures, the clearest evidence of these successes has been in the formal establishment of research institutes that are the living embodiment of the plan’s pillars. ***Pillars*** define institutional programs focused on creating knowledge that benefits society. The clearest alignment with a single pillar is the “Healthy Aging” focus, which covers a number of health-based topics, programs, and initiatives, as outlined in the bullets below.

<b>Healthy Aging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health and wellness</li><li>• Geriatrics and aging in place</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug discovery</li> <li>• Health policy, health equity, and health economics</li> <li>• Stem cell research and regenerative medicine</li> </ul>
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These topics are essential to FAU's plan to focus on community health matters, so that even the most traditionally underserved populations throughout the state can have access to high-quality healthcare including dental medicine.

Furthermore, FAU's strategic plan has resulted in robust university initiatives and centers that serve as the vehicle for platforms. **Platforms** represent scholarly activities that apply to and support all *Pillars*. The dental program will align with most of these platforms, but the most obvious connectivities are with community engagement and economic development (as the focus of our dental program will be serving underresourced communities with comprehensive oral health services). Many of FAU's interprofessional health education efforts are community based. The full list of platforms and explanations for the themes are listed below.

<b>Big Data Analytics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop tools to store, sort, and mine large datasets</li> </ul>
<b>Community Engagement and Economic Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with communities to develop tools to address challenges and uncover solutions that promote community development and economic prosperity</li> </ul>
<b>Diversity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and promote opportunities to diversify our students, faculty, and staff – and build institutional cross-cultural competencies</li> </ul>
<b>Global Perspectives and Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify opportunities to share technology, discoveries and learning with other institutions across the U.S. and the globe</li> </ul>
<b>Healthy and Environmentally Sustainable Campus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify opportunities to incorporate scholarship into campus operations</li> </ul>
<b>Leadership, Innovation and Entrepreneurship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage faculty, staff and students in professional development of leadership skills</li> <li>• Identify intellectual property, license IP and promote a culture of startup companies for faculty and students.</li> </ul>
<b>Peace, Justice, and Human Rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop programs that share best practices and promote tolerance and understanding of diverse cultures.</li> </ul>
<b>South Florida Culture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The region as an international hub for the arts and the humanities</li> </ul>
<b>Undergraduate Research and Inquiry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distinction through discovery and research experiences that promote scholarship and graduation</li> </ul>

Furthermore, there are opportunities to leverage our strengths in several of the other platform areas. For example, clear synergies exist with big data analytics and the FAU Health Network's focus on applied intelligence-fueled health applications. The diversity platform, in which leaders from across the university come together to identify and promote efforts to continue to build on FAU's nationally-ranked campus diversity, will also provide a lens through which the DMD can address socioeconomic and racial disparities. As with any professional health program, there are also opportunities to welcome scholars from across the world to learn and teach, conduct

research, and provide community services so that FAU can “share technology, discoveries and learning with other institutions across the U.S. and the globe.” This clearly promotes the platform of global perspectives and participation.

The DMD proposal directly fits with the specific goals and strategic actions listed in the 2025 FAU Strategic Plan, as outlined below:

Limited in number, but broad in scope and impact, attainment of these goals will ensure Florida Atlantic University’s future as a public research university that creates value for all of its institutional stakeholders. To that end, it will be the entire institution’s strategic priority to build the following six characteristics upon *Pillars and Platforms* that will define our Vision:

**Boldness** A uniquely competitive and globalized student body

Build a geographically-diverse population of students who excel in focused academic areas and engage in enriching activities that drive them to timely graduation and successful futures.

*DMD alignment as program will spotlight the quality academic offerings at the university, draw more undergraduates and graduates who wish to study at a school with multiple professional health schools, and continue to serve our diverse communities throughout the State of Florida.*

**Synergy** Prominent teams of researchers and scholars

Invest in focused pillars and platforms—connecting the most talented faculty, staff and students to expand on the robust culture of nationally respected research and inquiry.

*DMD alignment as program will provide new outlets for health-based research programs and scholars who wish to collaborate with a growing leader in the field of equity-focused health provision.*

**Place** Deep engagement with South Florida’s global communities

Partner with a diverse set of local stakeholders and enhance the physical spaces to build upon the unique cultural, demographic and environmental characteristics of each campus community – striving for leadership in developing the South Florida culture and economy.

*DMD alignment as this program is particularly focused on the unique opportunities of South Florida’s economy and rich cultural diversity. Preparing health professionals who have exceptional cultural competencies is key to this proposal, and the strategic locations of our clinics will serve the community.*

**Quality** Continuously-assessed and evolving best practices

Design a resilient, lean organization—based on best logistical practices—that identifies economies of scale and incorporates new technologies to promote institutional development.

*DMD alignment as this program will be part of the FAU Health Network that organizes previously disparate and disjointed health-based university activities.*

**Brand** National reputation for excellence

Communicate the incredible stories of the University to an increasingly eGlobal audience, so that key internal stakeholders can link with external constituency groups.

*DMD alignment as this program will help promote the brand and identity of FAU as a high-quality institution with a focus on serving Florida's communities.*

**Strategy** Wise and innovative allocation of resources

“Budget to the plan” and pursue new revenue streams in order to make FAU self-reliant and thriving in the midst of competitive public and private funding opportunities.

*DMD alignment as this program has a strong financial model that will also give us the opportunity to bring in new partners and supporters of the university.*

Professional health programs are an exceptional way to build on each one of these goals and concepts as a university, especially given the thematic focuses outlined in our pillars and platforms. Overall, the FAU strategic plan metrics attempt to measure our success with each one of these goal characteristics, and these metrics also align with the SUS planned outcomes for the state system's strategic plan. Accordingly, the DMD program will boost institutional performance in production of degrees in areas of strategic emphasis (health), in research opportunities for health-based and applied AI-based scholars, and in direct provision of clinical services to our state's diverse communities.

**B. Describe how the proposed program specifically relates to existing institutional strengths. This can include:**

- **existing related academic programs**
- **existing programs of strategic emphasis**
- **institutes and centers**
- **other strengths of the institution**

FAU is well positioned in the present time to launch a new Doctor of Dental Medicine, given the growing institutional strengths under the umbrella of the FAU Health Network. In addition to standardized patient clinical program requirements, dental care clinic experiences will be operationalized initially in the Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties with full and affiliate faculty members similarly to clinical rotations provided by our College of Medicine and College of Nursing. The college will partner with public and private partners in the FAU Health Network (see below). The College of Dentistry is an essential component of FAU Health Network's mission to best serve the growing population of Florida.



FAU Health Network aims to best serve the healthcare needs of the population of the region and of Florida through education and research integration and interprofessional practice. The Boca Raton campus currently houses 7 colleges related to health sciences (e.g. biomedical engineering, medicine, nursing, psychology, social work). The proposed dental school is the next natural progression of this coalition of collaboration. In addition, FAU Health Network works collaboratively with the region's 12 dental hygiene programs to provide additional clinical rotation opportunities—also impacted by shortage of dentists in the region. The ability to find and retain adequate preceptors is becoming evermore challenging for the dental allied health providers. These programs benefit directly from connectivity to a dental school and will also help FAU reduce the cost of clinical support personnel.

The university also organizes its research efforts around Healthy Aging as outlined in the 2025 FAU Strategic Plan. We have a number of health-based research programs.

For example, FAU is part of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities program for Research Centers in Minority Institutions. This institute is a key member of the National Institutes of Health. The purpose of the Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) Program is to expand the national capacity for research in the health sciences by providing cooperative agreement support to institutions that offer doctorate degrees in the health professions or in a health-related science and have a historical and current commitment to educating underrepresented students, and for institutions that deliver health care, and provide clinical services to medically underserved communities.

The primary goals of the RCMI specialized centers are to:

- Enhance institutional research capacity to conduct world-class basic biomedical, behavioral, and/or clinical research;
- Enable all levels of investigators to become more successful in obtaining competitive extramural support, especially from NIH, particularly for research on diseases and

- conditions that disproportionately impact minority and health disparity populations;
- Foster environments conducive to career development and enhancement for post-doctoral fellows, junior faculty, and other early stage investigators;
- Enhance the tools for, conduct of, and dissemination of research generally and specifically for advancing minority health and preventing and eliminating health disparities; and
- Establish sustainable relationships with community-based organizations that will partner with the RCMI Institution.

As another example of our strength in organizing around health topics, the FAU Human Health and Dementia Research Focus Group considers afflictions which primarily impact the neurons of the human brain, resulting in diseases that are presently incurable. Researchers develop novel therapeutic agents for treating individuals with dementia and other related diseases and conditions associated with memory deficits and declining cognitive skills. A growing body of evidence suggests that lifestyle changes in diet or environment across entire lifespans can help reduce risks and impacts of neurodegenerative diseases. The Group is creating and testing outreach programs in South Florida to improve public understanding of neurodegenerative disease progression and existing and potential treatments and lifestyle strategies. While not specific to oral health topics, these individuals have a deep record of experiences investigating diseases and novel diagnostic tools and therapies.

Members of the Human Health and Dementia Research Focus Group include:

- **Jianning Wei, Ph.D., Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine**
- **Lisa Kirk Wiese, Ph.D., Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing**
- **Deguo Du, Ph.D., Charles E. Schmidt College of Science**
- **Kailiang Jia, Ph.D., Charles E. Schmidt College of Science**
- **Robert Stackman, Ph.D., Charles E. Schmidt College of Science**
- **María Ordóñez, Director, Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center**
- **Ali Asghar Danesh, Ph.D., Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**
- **Connie Porcaro, Ph.D., Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**
- **Ruth Tappen, EdD, RN, FAAN, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing**
- **Cheryl Krause-Parello, Ph.D., Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing**
- **Ning Quan, Ph.D., Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine**
- **William R. McConnell, Ph.D., Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters**
- **Peter Holland, M.D., Associate Professor, College of Medicine, FAU**
- **Chad Forbes, Ph.D., Associate Professor, College of Science, FAU**
- **Beth Pratt, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, FAU**
- **Claudia Rodrigues, Ph.D., Associate Professor, College of Medicine**
- **Ernane Souza, Ph.D., The Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy, PBA**
- **Tarsis Brust, Ph.D., The Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy, PBA**
- **Christina Batoh, Ph.D., School of Arts and Sciences, PBA**

In addition, the dynamics of the current healthcare environment and the needs of the communities we serve call for a collaborative approach as we focus on learning how to provide the safest and best quality of care for all persons. FAU's Office of Interprofessional Education and Practice (IPE&P) endeavors to create and implement educational experiences to address the four competencies under the domain of interprofessional collaboration, which are: values/ethics, roles/responsibilities, interprofessional communication, teams, and teamwork. As we work together to learn and apply these Core Competencies of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice, we emphasize the value of each profession and the role interprofessional teams play in addressing the Quintuple Aim of improving population health, reducing costs, enhancing the patient experience of care, improving the work-life of health providers, and the most recent focus



on health equity.

The IPE&P is home to a number of faculty facilitators who offer programs to develop interprofessional competencies for healthcare students and practitioners in our region.

- **College of Social Work & Criminal Justice:** Allan Barsky, Donna Drucker, Everiste Ambris, Georgia Brown, Joy McClellan, Kathryn McCormic, Kyle Matera, Manny Gonzalez, Morgan Cooley, Tracey Rubenstein
- **Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine:** Adam Wyatt, George Luck, Jennifer Foster, Joseph Ouslander, Kenneth Folsom, Lee Porterfield, Lisa Martinez, Monica Weinberg, Peter Averkiou, Philip Robinson, Robert Furlong, Robert Jacobson, Suzanne Weiner
- **Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing:** Andra Opalinski, Andrea Archer, Cheryl Krause-Parello, Dawn Hawthorne, Clarene Brown-King, Deb Hain, David Newman, Herlie Bertrand, Joy Longo, Karen Chambers, Karethy Edwards, Katherine Chadwell, Kyndall Mammah, Laurie Martinez, Lisa Weise, Maria Ortega, Marlene Brennen, Mary Ann Leavitt, Michelle Broadbent, Michelle Ferguson, Nancy Harris, Narciso Quidley-Rodriguez, Raquel Brown, Shirley Gordon, Suzie Kaye, Tracian Kelly
- It also includes individuals from our partners at a private school, Palm Beach Atlantic University's Lloyd L. Gregory School Of Pharmacy: Andria Church, Jacintha Cauffield, John A. Dougherty, Erenie Guirguis, Ernane Souza, Jordan Sedlacek, Justine Latif, Laura Rhodes, Amos Abioye

Collaborations between the OIPE&P and faculty from across FAU and other institutions have resulted in various scholarly publications, conference presentations, as well as grant applications. Below is a list of the scholarship developed by our office in the past:

- Bamdas, J.A., Luna, N., & Jacomino, M. (2019). An exploration of social work and medical students' perceptions towards interprofessional education and collaborative practice (IPEC) programming. Submitted to *Advances in Social Work*.
- Eggenberger, T., Howard, H., Prescott, D., & Luck, G. (2019). Exploring quality of life in end-of-life discussions. *American Journal of Hospice & Palliative Medicine*, 37(6), 465–473.
- Eggenberger, T. & Keller, K. *Using the Lens of Caring Science to Transform Interprofessional Communication: Overcoming the Impact of Hidden Curriculum*. Global Alliance for Human Caring Education. Victoria, BC, October 1, 2019. Workshop.
- Eggenberger, T., Keller, K., & Leavitt, M. A. *Advancing Interprofessional Team Communication: Overcoming the Impact of Hidden Curriculum*. 40th Annual International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) Conference. Greenville, SC, May 30, 2019. Workshop.
- Eggenberger, T., Luck, G.R., Howard, H. & Prescott, D.E. (2019). Advanced directives and family practice: Implications and ethics for “greying” family systems and interdisciplinary collaboration. *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, 32(1), 1-28.
- Eggenberger, T., Millender, E., Drowos, J., & France, N.E.M. (2019). Interprofessional education and practice guide: Developing interprofessional community-based clinical experiences, *Cogent Medicine*, 6(1), 1-10.
- Millender, E., Valentine, K., Eggenberger, T., Lucier, C., Sandala, H., & Bruneau, D. (2020). Implementing interprofessional collaboration to improve patient outcomes: A caring and social approach to integrated nurse-led community based-care. *International Journal for Human Caring*, 24(1), 39-49.
- Principal Investigator: Eggenberger, T. Co-PI: Keller, K. The effects of 12-lead electrode misplacement: Development of an interprofessional culture to mitigate 12 lead errors. *American Association Critical Care Nurses*. Submitted on November 1, 2019. (Requested award \$47,380).
- Sehgal, M., Nassetta, K. R., Bamdas, J. A. M., & Sourial, M. (2019). First do no “pharm”: Educating medical and pharmacy students on the essentials of medication management. *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning*, 11(9), 920-927.

- Suragarn, U., Luck, G., Jacomino, M., & Goldstein, M. (2019). Implementing a community-based interprofessional learning program. Submitted to *Journal of Interprofessional Education and Practice*.

Of course, an important partnership for FAU to form as it launches its new DMD program will be the existing programs led by FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

The Schmidt College of Medicine is one of the newest and rapidly rising medical schools in the United States, nationally recognized by the U.S. News and World Report for its mission to care for diverse patient populations. The college maintains partnerships with more than 300 community agencies from Miami-Dade to Vero Beach, Florida to serve the community. With an emphasis on teamwork and collaboration, the college is dedicated to addressing the needs of its community.

The college offers an LCME accredited [M.D. degree program](#), M.D./Ph.D., M.D./M.B.A., and M.D./ M.H.A. [dual degree programs](#), as well as an [M.S. degree in biomedical science](#) and a [Ph.D. in integrative biology](#) in collaboration with FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Science, and the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience. A [Research Distinction Track](#) offers a parallel curriculum for medical students.

Additionally, a [Genomics and Predictive Health Certificate](#) prepares students for careers in personalized medicine, biotechnology and population health. Committed to interprofessional education and critical thinking, medical students and scientists are prepared to meet the challenges of healthcare delivery, as the college boldly advances the health and wellbeing of the community.

To address physician shortages, FAU's Consortium for Graduate Medical Education (GME) was formed in 2011 with five leading hospitals in Palm Beach County, Florida. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has accredited [FAU's GME residencies](#) for internal medicine, surgery, emergency medicine, psychiatry, and neurology. The college also offers [fellowship programs](#) in cardiovascular disease, geriatric medicine, hospice and palliative care and vascular surgery.

The physicians and scientists in the Schmidt College of Medicine strive to develop innovative approaches to understand, treat and prevent disease in Palm Beach County, the state of Florida and throughout the world. Using collaborative and multi-disciplinary approaches, we seek to both to understand basic biological mechanisms and cultivate new strategies to combat disease through patient-centered research and discovery. Within the College of Medicine, the research focus areas include: Healthy Aging, Geriatrics & Neuroscience (including cardiovascular disease, stroke, cancer, eye diseases and neurodegenerative diseases), Chronic Pain & Opioid Use, and Genomics & Precision Medicine.

Research at the Schmidt College of Medicine is recognized through significant funding from the National Institute of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF) and other funding agencies. The College currently has more than 15,000 sq ft of dedicated laboratory space and a wide array of state of the art equipment generously supported by the Schmidt Family Endowment Fund and SU Excellence Funds. Our faculty and students benefit from affiliations with prestigious local research institutions such as the [Scripps Research Institute Florida](#), and the [Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience](#). These relationships not only further collaborative research at the college but also provide exciting and diverse opportunities for students to gain experience working with world-class scientists.

The Schmidt College of Medicine focuses the efforts of faculty, staff and trainees on improving health through science, scholarship and innovation. This vision is realized through collaborative research initiatives in which basic, translational, and clinical researchers work together across disciplines and specialties to discover fundamental insights into human health and disease and apply their discoveries to develop new diagnostic tools and treatments.

The College of Medicine and FAU offer a number of cores and shared services to facilitate research across the university. At the university level, these include common equipment and shared equipment. We also have reciprocity agreements with Scripps-Florida and Max Planck Florida Institute for access to their core facilities. FAU faculty can access those cores with equal priority and on a cost basis.

- **Biostatistics Collaborative Core** - The Biostatistics Collaborative Core provides investigators with biostatistics support, including statistical analyses, interpreting data results and project management to ensure the integrity of data collection.
- **Advanced Cell Imaging Core** - The Advanced Cell Imaging Core offers investigators a range of resources and services such as imaging services, advanced light microscopy equipment, imaging software and data analysis workstations.
- **Clinical Research Unit** - The Clinical Research Unit gives researchers access to resources and services such as exam rooms, data collection, help with Institutional Review Board submissions and advice on study design and feasibility.
- **Comparative Medicine** - The Comparative Medicine (CM) unit is responsible for the humane and ethical care of research animals. CM services include a veterinarian, housing and experimental space, equipment and animal research training. The mission of Comparative Medicine is to oversee all animal care and use at Florida Atlantic University; provide veterinary care; ensure that all animal uses are in full compliance with federal, state and local regulations; provide the necessary elements in direct support to the University's research and teaching programs that use animals; and ensure proper care and use, emphasizing the avoidance or minimization of discomfort, distress and pain. Contacts: [Sylvia Gografe, D.V.M., Ph.D., DACLAM](#), 561-297-4233.
- **Engineering & Technology Core (ETC)** - The Engineering and Technology Core offers applied project support, including project management, equipment rental, tool procurement, assembly and fabrication and data collection.
- **Neurobehavior Core** - The Neurobehavior Core provides testing rooms, software and data analysis, and expert consultation for understanding the phenotypes and selecting behaviors relevant to animal models for behavioral research.
- **Water Analysis Lab (WAL)** - The Water Analysis Lab provides instruments for detecting nutrients, major ions, metals and stable isotopes, executing basic soil analyses and analyzing some industrial waste materials.

Specifically in the Schmidt College of Medicine, FAU offers the following shared facilities:

- The [Flow Cytometry Core Facility](#) provides access to a state-of-the-art analyzer, cell sorter and workstation and provides assistance to investigators and students with experimental design, data acquisition/analysis and interpretation.
- **MOLECULAR FACILITY** This facility provides investigators access to state-of-the-art equipment to conduct molecular experiments that include but are not limited to DNA/RNA quantitation and gene expression, RT-PCR, Q-PCR, and nucleic acid analysis. Manager(s): Dr. Max Caputi for 2nd floor [mcaputi@health.fau.edu](mailto:mcaputi@health.fau.edu)
- **IMAGING FACILITY** This facility contains equipment that provides for detection of nucleic acid and protein electrophoresis experiments. Manager(s): Dr. Lisa Brennan for 2nd and 3rd floors [Lbrenna6@health.fau.edu](mailto:Lbrenna6@health.fau.edu) – access provided after training.
- **CELL ANALYTICS FACILITY** This facility contains equipment to utilize fluorescence and/or impedance based technologies to sort and evaluate properties in both fixed and living cells.
- **GENOMICS FACILITY** This facility contains equipment and resources to support genomics

related research.

- **iPSC / DISEASE MODELING FACILITY** The Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell (iPSC) facility is used to perform genome editing and differentiation of iPS cells as an advancement in stem cell research. Contact Dr. Wang if interested in the services of this facility. Manager(s): Dr. Yingcai Wang [yingcai.wang@health.fau.edu](mailto:yingcai.wang@health.fau.edu) / – access provided after training.
- **PROTEOMICS FACILITY** This facility contains equipment to support identification and characterization of proteins. Manager(s): Dr. Andrew Oleinikov [aoleinikov@health.fau.edu](mailto:aoleinikov@health.fau.edu)
- **HISTOLOGY / QUANTITATIVE IMAGING & MORPHOLOGY FACILITY** This facility contains equipment and resources to support histological research needs. Manager(s): Dr. Ceylan Isgor [cisgor@health.fau.edu](mailto:cisgor@health.fau.edu) – access provided after training.

As noted above, FAU has many leaders, institutes, and programs that are working to meet the challenges of healthcare delivery, advancing health and wellbeing for our community, region, and state.

**c. Provide the date the pre-proposal was presented to the Council of Academic Vice Presidents Academic Program Coordination (CAVP ACG). Specify whether any concerns were raised, and, if so, provide a narrative explaining how each concern has been or will be addressed.**

The pre-proposal was submitted to BOG staff and reviewed by the CAVP ACG at the September 7, 2022 meeting. No objections to the proposed dental program at FAU were expressed by any institution. Some commented that if this program was planned correctly, it could become a national model for addressing the serious need for dentists in rural and urban HPSAs (Health Professional Shortage Area).

That being said, the group supplied feedback that collectively rose to the level of **concern**. The group felt that ours was a very important initiative that needed to be planned properly and carefully. Below are the areas of concern from the discussion.

1) The timeline for admission of the first class should be reconsidered.

This is based on the list of things that would need to be accomplished prior to admission—hiring of numerous faculty, staff and administrators, designing and seeking approval of new curriculum through the FAU processes, securing funding and space to house the program, seeking CODA accreditation, establishing community partnerships, etc. We were also cautioned to be careful with the timing of the rollout with respect to SACSCOC reaffirmation (substantive change restrictions) and the impact of such on moving to a new accreditor.

**FAU Response:** *We concede that our initial request for a Fall 2025 start is too aggressive. This decision was largely based on a re-examination of CODA accreditation processes and discussion with Texas Tech—the most recent public dental school start-up in the U.S.*

*Note that Texas Tech was successful with a 3-year CODA timeline, from initial application preparation and submission until CODA granting "Initial Accreditation". In discussing with others (CODA colleagues of Dr. Berg), a start date of Fall 2026 should allow reasonable time to earn the CODA nod prior to the inaugural class enrollment. Our external reviewer stated a 5-year timeline for a Fall 2027 start, which we still believe is overly-conservative. Other developmental tasks, such as development of curriculum, faculty hiring and developing the relationships with clinical rotations at FQHCs, etc. can be done in parallel with the CODA work.*

*NOTE: Communication with FAU's SACSCOC Vice President liaison (Dr. Geoffrey Klein) indicated no need for concern over the timing of the degree program proposal with respect to reaccreditation (Appendix D).*

- 2) Document a well-developed funding model. Even with the significant philanthropic support, having so much funding tied to an LBR seems problematic without knowing the LBR is approved at this point, and if approved, without knowing the exact amount that will be awarded. What is FAU going to do if the LBR is not approved? Is there a contingency plan?

**FAU Response:**

*As we have outlined in the comprehensive Legislative Budget Request (LBR) we submitted to the Board of Governors and given here as Appendix M, Florida Atlantic intends to seek legislative support and state appropriations to establish the College of Dentistry. The university will seek both operational and capital funding to hire the faculty and staff (110 FTE) necessary to run the college (360 total enrollment target goal) and house them in a new state-of-the-art dental education facility (93,750 GSF). In the event that we do not receive the full amount of appropriations requested, we plan on continuing to petition the state in subsequent years until we have reached the full level of funding we articulated in our LBR. In addition to seeking state support, Florida Atlantic also is committed to seeking support from the philanthropic community. The local community's desire to assist the state is already reflected in an incredibly generous philanthropic commitment that would seed this college and seek to name it. Regardless of the level of state funding that is received, the university remains committed to pursuing philanthropic and local community support to ensure that the College of Dentistry is able to provide high quality education to the full complement of students enrolled.*

- 3) If a main focus of the program is to solve the disparity of geographic distribution of dentists in Florida, how will FAU guarantee that graduates will work in dental HPSAs?

**FAU Response:** *The literature suggests for both dental and medical programs that there is no way to guarantee that graduates will practice in the underserved areas. As suggested by our external consultant in an exit interview, the best approach is a multi-pronged plan aimed at recruiting students from or linked to the underserved areas as well as fundraising to support financial incentives such as scholarships and loan repayment incentives in exchange for service for a specified period of time in an underserved area post-graduation. He was impressed with the record of our Pre-Health Advising Office with its long-established record of serving FAU's diverse and first-generation students. The efforts of that office coupled with the efforts of our Medical Pipeline program will be successful in recruiting these students for the DMD.*

*In addition, we are in the process of creating partnerships for student pipelines with the University of West Florida and FAMU (see Appendix D). **The external consultant also suggested building a stronger network of clinical facilities with a wider statewide geographic distribution in these underserved areas than we originally planned, and that if nothing else, in doing so would increase dental care to these regions as the trained students rotate in and out.** We have rearranged and lengthened items within our original timeline to implementation of the*

*degree program to include a longer period of time to build community relationships and to expand the geographic reach of support and service within the state. Conversations have already begun as noted elsewhere in this proposal.*

*FAU would work to create rural training rotations so that there are clinical opportunities for dental students and dental residents to be exposed to underserved areas. CODA (the accrediting body for dental education) data suggests that for a class size of 80 to 100 students each year (our eventual target), the average number of patient visits annually would be in the range of 32000-39000. FAU would ensure that many of the clinical rotations would occur in underserved areas. We will work with dental colleges at the University of New England, the University of Utah and the University of Washington to design the rural, community-facing model that make sense for FAU.*

*In the Palm Beach County area, as part of the FAU Health Network, we currently have relationships with the Caridad Center that provides dental services to uninsured children and adults who reside in Palm Beach County, and live at or below the 200% federal poverty level. A commitment to providing a clinic site rotation to our students has been provided verbally and we are currently working through the administrative/regulatory details to formalize this arrangement. Similar to the Palm Beach County Health Care District, FAU has verbally secured a commitment to providing clinical site rotations for our dental students. The Brumback Clinics, operated by the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, provides medical, dental and behavioral health services to adults and children with or without insurance with the goal of helping patients establish a medical home. Providing an outstanding clinical service opportunity, FAU values this partnership and is excited to expand the relationship to incorporate dentistry.*

*Beyond Palm Beach County, FAU is working with the Hartland Rural Health Network (HRHN) to establish clinical rotations in Hardee, Highlands, DeSoto and rural portions of Polk and Charlotte Counties. The HRHN is committed to improving access to quality health care (including dental care) by working in collaboration with network members and community partners to drive rural health initiatives. Aligning with the vision of FAU College of Dentistry “to provide outstanding dental care to the rural and underserved areas of Florida, graduating dentists with a commitment to service in these communities” HRHN is a perfect partner to provide robust, plentiful and impacting clinical rotations for our learners! A letter of support from HRHN is provided in Appendix D.*

*We are also in discussions with the Florida Rural Health Association, which is a statewide organization of physicians, rural hospitals, health clinics, rural governments, nonprofits, educational institutes and Area Health Education Centers dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and advocating for Florida’s rural residents. The rural site for our clinical rotations is a 5-county region and has a significant Hispanic population (aligning with the Hispanic serving institution mission) as well rural and/or high poverty area.*

*We are learning from dental colleges around the U.S. that have set up rural clinics to aid in the geographic disparity of accessibility to dental services. We have analyzed successful programs at the University of New England, the University of Utah and the University of Washington that will be useful as we proceed.*

*For a deeper discussion, see the end of section 3A of this proposal.*

- 4) The group recommended the creation of a *network* of support that is state focused as opposed to just South Florida focused to show that FAU is committed to solving the dental HPSA problem Florida-wide. How do we best meet the needs of the state and how will we build the team to do that?
- a) Establish feeder programs throughout the state to supply students living in dental HPSAs. Obtain letters that support articulation agreements with institutions within or near HSPAs. UWF (See Appendix D), UCF and FAMU (See Appendix D) spoke up as possible schools of interest in working with FAU if the program is approved. Institutions like this could become important feeders of students to the program who are more likely to be inclined to return to work in the geographic areas of concern.
  - b) Establish strong community partners for support of the FAU program. Community partners may be a source of resources to support the program, provide spots for clinical training, etc. FAU needs to do a broad community needs assessment in the state to determine areas of early partnership to help shape the proposal. Obtain agreements with communities and hospitals and practices within those communities. Develop a large network of support.

***FAU Response:*** *As mentioned above, we have altered our timeline to implementation of the degree program to allow for expanding our network of partners throughout the state. Preliminary discussions have started with UWF (See Appendix D) and FAMU (Appendix D) to assist in building these relationships. Some of our current partners in the FAU Health Initiative also have connections statewide, and we will build on those. We have deepened discussions with agencies that would expand our reach into rural Florida as highlighted in bullet 3 above.*

**D. In the table below, provide a detailed overview and narrative of the institutional planning and approval process leading up to the submission of this proposal to the Board office. Include a chronology of all activities, providing the names and positions of both university personnel and external individuals who participated in these activities.**

- **If the proposed program is a bachelor's level, provide the date the program was entered into the APPRiSe system, and, if applicable, provide narrative responding to any comments received from APPRiSe.**
- **If the proposed program is a doctoral-level program, provide the date(s) of the external consultant's review in the planning table. Include the external consultant's report and the institution's responses to the report as Appendix B.**

The stimulus for the creation of this degree program was a series of meetings and forums with FAU leaders and various health leaders in the South Florida community. Additionally, some Florida legislators were eventually brought into the conversation. The fact that no dental program was attached to a major public research university in the South Florida area became an important focus of the FAU health initiative. This led to the creation of an LBR (and CIP) to focus on building the dental program at FAU and the discussions with BOG staff on the timeframe and process required to create the program.

Also useful to jumpstart the proposal and LBR, was a series of benchmarking meetings that assembled leaders of current College of Dentistry programs from the University of Pittsburgh MC, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Texas (Houston and San Antonio),



University of Tennessee, University of Kentucky, University of California-San Francisco and the University of Utah. The group consisted of Deans, Associate Deans and Finance Directors and discussions included faculty-size, faculty-student ratios, start-up capital needs and annual operations projections. All participants shared their information as an effort to assist FAU to quickly gather industry data in a rational way that incorporated all essential data points. These colleagues shared a detailed and transparent level of finance and other data with individual confidentiality requested. Data reported at planning meetings was in aggregate.

Assisting FAU personnel in the planning for the program, was Hanover Research for a broad feasibility marketing analysis, ECGMC Research team for deeper dive data analyses, Dr. Joel Berg (former Dean of the dental program at the University of Washington, President of Execudent and a current CODA board member), Dr. Jose Mellado (member of the Florida Board of Dentistry and practicing periodontist in Miami-Dade County), Dr. Wendi Woodall (Associate Academic Dean of the Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso, TX) and Dr. Bruce Rotter (recently retired Dean from Southern Illinois University's School of Dental Medicine) who prepared the external consultant report.

Dr. Woodall was invaluable in our process, having been part of the planning and implementation of the newest public dental school in the US (first class enrollment in Fall 2021). The Texas Tech University feasibility report as well as interviews with Dr. Woodall served as another mentoring benchmark in fine-tuning the proposal. The full feasibility report from Texas Tech is found as Appendix P and at <https://www.texastech.edu/board-of-regents/august-2018/HSCEP-Dental%20School%20Feasibility%20Study-AUG2018.pdf>.

**NOTE: The external consultant's full report is given in Appendix O with the institutional response given in Appendix B per the *Request to Offer a New Degree Program* template.**

After preparation of the proposal, the document moved through the regular FAU committee processes until final approval by the FAU Board of Trustees. It then moved to the Board of Governors staff for initial feedback and was broadly presented to the Board of Governors at the November 9, 2022 meeting where FAU received approval to move forward with the planning.

Of note, Dr. Joel Berg was named Director of Dental Initiatives at FAU in November of 2022. In that role, he will serve as the program administrator who meets discipline-specific standards to assist in seeking programmatic accreditation. We have had tremendous CODA guidance from Dr. Berg in planning the curricular framework, setting core competencies, student learning outcomes, admission standards and graduation requirements.



## Planning Process

Date	Participants	Planning Activity Description
Spring-Summer 2022	FAU BOT Chair Levine, FAU BOT Members, FAU President, Legislators, South Florida Health Leaders	Meetings/Summits on the FAU Health Initiative and its Network
August 4-10, 2022	Rebecca Napier, Senior Associate Dean College of Medicine, as well as Deans, Associate Deans and Finance Directors from the University of Pittsburgh MC, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Texas (Houston and San Antonio), University of Tennessee, University of Kentucky, University of California-San Francisco and the University of Utah	Discussions included faculty-size, faculty-student ratios, start-up capital needs and annual operations projections
Mid to Late August 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy, BOG Office Staff: Disraelly Cruz, Dr. Christy England	Communications with BOG staff about process and timeline for submission for BOG approval.
August 23, 2022	FAU Board of Trustees	Vote by FAU BOT to revise accountability plan to include DMD Dentistry
August 23, 2022	FAU Provost Office/BOG Staff	Resubmission of FAU Accountability Plan through DRS
August 23-September 7, 2022	Hanover Research	Program Feasibility Assessment Broad Overview
August 23-September 7 2022	ECGMC Research	Demand Research for DMD in Florida
August 24, 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy	Submitted Pre-proposal for DMD Dentistry in ARTS
August 29-September 14, 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy, Rebecca Napier, College of Medicine Senior Associate Dean, Dr. Joel Berg (Execudent)	Preparation of Request to offer a New Degree Program proposal packet.
September 7, 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy, CAVP Academic Coordinating Group	Presentation and Discussion of Pre-proposal
September 13, 2022	Board of Governors	Consideration of FAU revised Accountability Plan
September 13, 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy, Dr. Geoffrey Klein (SACSCOC)	Initial Consult with SACSCOC VP about plans to work on DMD proposal (Appendix D)
Mid September,	External Consultant, Dr. Bruce Rotter	Review of proposal draft and creation of the consultant report

2022		(Appendix O). Exit Interview for deeper discussion on findings in the report.
September 14, 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy, Faculty Senate President Kim Dunn	Submit Proposal packet to Graduate Programs Committees, Academic Budget and Planning, Faculty Senate Steering, Faculty Senate Members, FAU BOT Members for perusal.
September 19, 2022	FAU Board of Trustees	LBR discussion and vote
September 19, 2022	FAU Board of Trustees	Capital Improvement Plan Discussion and Vote
September 19, 2022	FAU Board of Trustees	Discussion and vote on the degree program proposal. Motion stated as contingent on Faculty Senate approval.
September 21, 2022	FAU Graduate Programs Committee	Proposal packet review/vote
September 21, 2022	FAU Graduate Council	Proposal Packet review/vote
September 22, 2022	Academic Budget and Planning	Proposal Packet review/vote
September 22, 2022	Faculty Senate Steering	Proposal Packet review/vote
September 23, 2022	Faculty Senate	Proposal Packet review/vote
September 23, 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy	Review proposal packet for formatting and inclusion of all feedback.
September 26, 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy	Submission of Packet to BOG staff
October 2022-Ongoing	Rebecca Napier, Senior Associate Dean College of Medicine, Heartland Rural Health Network, We Care of Central Florida, etc.	Discuss Clinical Partnerships Around the State
October 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy, College of Medicine Senior Associate Dean Rebecca Napier	Respond to BOG staff critiques of proposal, prepare documents for 11/9 BOG presentation
November 2022	Dr. Joel Berg, Stacy Volnick, COO and VP for Administrative Affairs	Dr. Berg appointed Director of Dental Program Initiatives at FAU
November 2022	Dr. Wendi Woodall, Associate Academic Dean of the Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso, TX, Vice Provost Russ Ivy, Senior	Mentoring Sessions with Texas Tech Dental Program. BOG staff requested that FAU connect with this program as they are the most recent public dental school formed in the U.S.

	Associate Dean of COM Rebecca Napier, Dr. Joel Berg, Director of Dental Program Initiatives	
November 9-10, 2022	Board of Governors	Discussion and vote on approval of DMD.
November 16, 2022	Interim Provost Michele Hawkins, Vice Provost Russ Ivy, Vice Chancellor Christy England, BOG Staff: Emily Sikes and Lynn Nelson	Discussion of Major Points the Proposal Must Address to get on the BOG agenda.
November 18, 2022	Florida Dental Association—Joe Anne Hart conversation with Vice Provost Russ Ivy	Initial Discussion with Florida Dental Association about Need/Demand in Florida and Presentation to Board in Dec 2022.
November 22, 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy and Dr. Sherin Took (CODA)	Initial Contact with CODA about process and timeline to seek accreditation.
December 1, 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy	Resubmission of proposal to BOG staff.
December 7, 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy and Senior Associate Dean COM Rebecca Napier with Sherin Took (CODA)	Further discussion with CODA about accreditation timeline.
December 8, 2022	FAU Board of Trustees	Approval of Revised Proposal
December 9, 2022	Vice Provost Russ Ivy and Senior Associate Dean COM Rebecca Napier with Dr. Albert Abena, University of New England	Discussion of rural dental clinic model in Northern New England.
January 24-25, 2023	FAU Interim President, BOG	Present proposal to and seek approval from the BOG.

- E. Provide a timetable of key events necessary for the implementation of the proposed program following approval of the program by the Board office or the Board of Governors, as appropriate, and the program has been added to the State University System Academic Degree Program Inventory.**

### **Events Leading to Implementation**

Following approval of the DMD and approval of the LBR and Capital Improvement Plan, FAU will go through the process of preparing for the first incoming class. We will spend approximately 42 months after BOG degree program approval going through the process of hiring faculty and administrators, planning, designing and constructing space to accommodate the start of the program, creating the curriculum and taking it through the FAU approval process,

going through the accreditation process, marketing and recruiting the inaugural class, creating the administrative policies and governance structure of the management of the program and getting approval for the creation and naming of the College.

For the hiring of the faculty, we have looked to the recent experience of Texas Tech in staffing the inaugural instructors and administrators for their Fall 2021 start. The program began posting positions in January 2020 for the proposed start date. Their preliminary research indicated that there was tremendous competition for dental faculty across the nation. Texas Tech had the additional problem of trying to staff during COVID. While COVID did impact their hiring experience, it was for the interview phase (remote pieces of the interview that would normally have been conducted face-to-face) more so than an issue with the lack of supply of applicants. Dr. Woodall writes (Appendix D)

*“... We have been somewhat fortunate, in that some dentists were ready to move from private practice into academia as we opened. Others are wanting to return to El Paso, where they were raised, as they sell their practice. Finding faculty from other institutions, unless they are new graduates from specialty programs, is harder. Some are looking for a change, but most are wanting to stay put, especially now with rising prices. However, Texas and Florida may benefit from the lower taxes and sometimes, depending on location, the lower overall cost of living. Finally, younger graduates move more frequently, for a variety of reasons—parents, children, spouses, additional money or prestige/promotion....”*

The Texas Tech discussion coupled with a discussion with BOG staff led to an FAU consideration of the likelihood of success in hiring qualified faculty for the program. Dental faculty staffing is a challenge nowadays that requires proper management as discussed in a very recent paper by Sabato, et al (2022). <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jdd.13118>. These authors imply that you can be successful in staying fully staffed even in this challenging environment of faculty shortages.

Sabato, et al (2022) describe strategies for success in retaining a full workforce, grouped into four domains. They reflect the organizational units that typically direct and initiate change within dental education. These units are (1) budget and finance, (2) human resources, (3) organizational structure, (4) and curricular structure. “Recommendations using a four-pronged approach based on these domains have been developed for remaining agile in the face of a faculty workforce shortage.” <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jdd.13118>. Within human resources the recommendations from the authors include faculty identify and satisfaction, faculty mentorship and professional advancement and promotion opportunities. These are important to both recruit and retain faculty.

More pertinent to the topic at hand, Sabato, et al (2022) identify proven strategies for sustaining faculty numbers to support dental education, such as creating faculty pipeline programs as well as prudent succession planning which are both critical in the current competitive environment. They write...

*“Although half of dental graduates express interest in working in dental education, less than one percent intend to do so immediately following graduation. Concerns around income and indebtedness are two of the most important factors preventing new graduates from pursuing academic careers. However, programming devoted to exploration of academic career paths and financial support for education or loan repayment may increase the pool of potential dental educators. More schools are exploring a student to faculty pipeline in which dental students are*

*exposed to elements of teaching, often through peer mentoring and career exploration in academic dentistry through involvement in the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Academic Dental Careers Fellowship Program or student organizations focused on education.”*

Looking to dental colleges with such programs (Tufts University, New York University, University of Texas-San Antonio, University of Kentucky, University of Detroit-Mercy, Indiana University) as well as exploring the possibility of creating our own pipeline program could be just one important contributor to successful faculty recruitment and sustainability. John, et al (2011) write further

*“Dental schools must develop plans to start growing their own faculty. Implementation of programs focused on long-term development of future faculty members within our dental schools including mentoring programs will go a long way to help address and reduce faculty shortages.”*  
[Recruitment, Development, and Retention of Dental Faculty in a Changing Environment - John - 2011 - Journal of Dental Education - Wiley Online Library](#)

Execudent, Inc staff helped to identify some trends in current market landscape as follows:

- The largest trend in the dental profession is consolidation. Many practitioners, even in the early and mid-stages of their career, choose to sell their practices in part or in total to large DSO's (Dental Support Organizations). These groups, growing in number and accelerating the rate of the consolidation, are freeing up practitioners to extend their careers into other areas. We are already seeing a massive offload of dentists who previously only practiced dentistry in various particular specialties, and now are considering other career options - particularly academics. The pandemic has accelerated this trend.
- When one looks around the country at dental schools that are challenged to find faculty members, particularly when further focusing on the state-supported schools, these challenges are regionally specific. We have conducted a preliminary analysis and find that many dentists, through the process of leaving their practice or initiating their careers, are very interested in moving to Florida versus some states which are less desirable for relocation. Living in Florida appears to be a large draw which will mitigate concerns related to hiring faculty.
- There is competition amongst dental schools, yet again hiring faculty is a strategic effort. Given that we are years away from matriculating the first class and given that we intend to begin hiring administrators and faculty only two years in advance of that, we have significant time to continue developing our strategy for hiring, as well as to begin public relations related to the innovations that will be created at the FAU College of Dentistry. In addition, whereas it is likely that the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) standards will undergo significant changes during the next 2-3 years, many faculty will be seeking to relocate to FAU, which will kick off its efforts and its curriculum entirely under the new CODA standards and will need to make massive adjustments. This will be very attractive to the new hiring efforts.

FAU will engage a different kind of effort to recruit faculty other than from the traditional executive search firms that dominate the industry. Such traditional firms tend to recruit *post-facto*. In other words, they seek a list of potential candidates once the position is opened. There

are new often smaller firms with more innovative approaches (like Execudent, Inc.) that perform this recruitment in more novel ways. These firms maintain a much deeper database of vetted individuals who are looking for faculty positions, now or in the future. They have connections with hundreds of potential faculty members, including those that match the demographics of dental professionals leaving practice for academia, and can immediately ascertain the availability of individuals to fill open positions, and also to specify who in particular would be most appropriate to fill such positions on a discipline specific basis. Execudent, Inc (and others like them) can create a very custom-fit almost concierge recruiting service not available in traditional firms. FAU's work together with Execudent in developing this type of strategy will further mitigate concerns related to attracting and recruiting faculty.

We believe that given the forces in the marketplace and the attractiveness of Florida within those trends, along with the efforts FAU will undertake as described above as "remaining agile", faculty recruitment to the level of 40 total full-time faculty (10 administrators and 30 other faculty) should not be an issue over the specified time. FAU will continue to monitor and tweak the recruiting process based on market changes. Note that FAU is already receiving inquiries from potential faculty members who have heard about our proposal (example in Appendix D).

The curriculum approval process at FAU requires routing through various faculty committees culminating in approval at Faculty Senate. Normally, once a course request enters the process and moves from one committee to another, final approval is usually obtained in approximately one semester, depending on the timing of the first committee submission (no curriculum committees meet in the summer). An entire slate of new courses, however, would need to be phased in to both accommodate for proper planning of curriculum and its content as well as meet CODA and SACSOC requirements and timelines. CODA requires that all courses are designed to the level of a detailed syllabus prior to final stages of seeking accreditation. Therefore, the development and design of the courses will take high priority. Once batches of course syllabi are completed, they will start through the FAU curriculum process...not waiting for the entire curriculum syllabi to be developed. We will begin to design courses/syllabi immediately after approval of the degree program using a few existing College of Medicine faculty as well as the network of dental faculty affiliated with Execudent, Inc (many are retired dental deans). Eventually, as FAU dental administrators and faculty are brought into fold, they will dominate the curriculum development process.

Note that in order to obtain a dental license and practice in Florida, one must graduate from a CODA accredited dental school and complete the licensure and licensure examination requirements of the Florida State Board of Dentistry (<https://floridasdentistry.gov/licensing/dentist/>). Completion of the CODA accreditation is tantamount to completion of requirements for licensure in Florida, along with taking the various examinations (ethics and clinical ADEX exams). Coursework in FAU's DMD program will be planned meticulously with CODA accreditation and Florida licensure in mind.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Implementation Activity</b>
January 2023	Establish College of Dentistry Advisory Board
January 2023	Establish Dental Education Leadership Committee.
January 2023	Resume Discussions with SACSCOC about timing of accreditation of the DMD.
January 2023-August 2026	Add to the Community partner network statewide for clinical sites, etc. To include site visits and focus meetings with FQHCs.
February 2023	Create College of Dentistry and secure naming of the College.
February 2023	Set Up ADEA-AADSAS Account as pre-cursor to CODA accreditation
February 2023	Resume Discussions with CODA about accreditation steps and work with the Dental Education Leadership Committee to begin accreditation paperwork.
February-August 2023	Dental Education Leadership Committee develops syllabi for new coursework for first 2 years of the program. Academic Dental Professionals from Execudent (many with CODA experience) will be pulled into the process as well as existing faculty in the College of Medicine. Director of Dental Program Initiatives will lead.
February-August 2023	Recruit Dean of the College.
August 2023	Dean Reviews the Syllabi for the First 2 Years of the Program Prior to Moving to Curriculum Committees.
September 2023	Vice Provost Russ Ivy will meet with BOG staff to provide update of the curriculum development and approval progress.
September 2023-December 2023	First and Second Year coursework proposals will move through the University Graduate Programs Committee and Faculty Senate to seek final approval
September 2023-December 2023	Dental Education Leadership Committee with design third and fourth year coursework of the program for inaugural Dean to review and approve. Academic Dental Professionals from Execudent (many with CODA experience) will be pulled into the process as well as existing faculty in the College of Medicine and any administrative/faculty hires for the new College of Dentistry.
December 2023	Vice Provost Russ Ivy will meet with BOG staff to provide update of the curriculum development and approval progress.
September 2023-December 2023	Identify Office/Space Needs and Work with Space Committee to identify areas within existing space for DMD to use for first 2 years of program prior to construction of new building.
September 2023-March 2024	Develop the CODA Application Packet
September 2023-June 2024	Recruit Leadership of the College: Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Director of Admissions, Associate Dean for Finance and Administration, Clerkship Director, Site Director
January 2024	Submit CODA Application and Prepare for Site Visit
January 2024	Dean of College of Dentistry will meet with BOG staff to discuss accreditation progress.

January-March 2024	Minor Project Scope for Renovations to existing space needed to house early pieces of the College and development of budget
January 2024-May 2024	Seek approval of 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> year coursework through University Graduate Programs Committee and Faculty Senate.
January 2024-September 2024	Recruit Remaining Leadership of College: Associate Dean for Research, Director of Student Engagement, Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Analytics and Department Chairs
March-May 2024	A/E *CM and Design Phase for Remodel of Secured Existing Space including IT Infrastructure
April 2024	Vice Provost Russ Ivy will meet with BOG staff to provide update of the curriculum development and approval progress.
June-July 2024	Prepare and Submit SACSCOC Substantive Change Paperwork.
June 2024-August 2024	Construction Phase for Remodel of Secured Existing Space
June 2024-August 2026	Begin New Building Construction Process-A/E Selection, CM Selection, Design Phase
September 2024-June 2025	Create administrative and governance policies for the program and College.
September 2024-June 2025	Develop Marketing Strategies and Recruitment Plan for Students, Develop Admission Guidelines and Materials
September 2024-June 2025	Creative Financial Incentive Models for Scholarships, etc. Step up Philanthropic Efforts.
January 2025-July 2026	Recruit Initial Wave of Faculty (30) (Mirrors the Texas Tech Timeline)
January 2025-April 2026	Recruitment Activities and Effort for the Inaugural Class. This would include Pipeline discussions with SUS partners.
August 2026	First Day of Instruction with Inaugural Class

## **Institutional and State Level Accountability**

### **III. Need and Demand**

**A. Describe the workforce need for the proposed program. The response should, at a minimum, include the following:**

- **current state workforce data as provided by Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity**
- **current national workforce data as provided by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics**
- **requests for the proposed program from agencies or industries in your service area**
- **any specific needs for research and service that the program would fulfill**

Data from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Florida Department



of Economic Opportunity indicate an expected growth in the number of dentist and dental surgeon jobs through the next 10 years both nationally and statewide (Pulled from the most current BOG-supplied CIP/SOC report on August 30<sup>th</sup> of 2022).

	Employment 2020	Employment 2030	Employment Change, 2020-30 Number	Employment Change, 2020-30 Percent	Occupational openings, 2020-30 annual average
Dentists, General Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons	120,300	130,000	9,800	8.1	<b>4,300</b>
Orthodontists	5,200	5,600	400	7.7	<b>200</b>
Dentists, All Other Specialists	6,400	6,900	500	8.1	<b>200</b>
	6,800	7,100	300	5	<b>200</b>

	FL Employment 2021	FL Employment 2029	FL Employment Change, 2021-29 Number	FL Employment Change, 2021-29 Percent	FL Total Annual Average Job Openings
Dentists, General	<b>8,821</b>	<b>9,615</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>362</b>
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons	<b>310</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>13</b>
Orthodontists	<b>215</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9</b>
Dentists, All Other Specialists	<b>302</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>11</b>

The American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute Analysis 2022 shows that the supply of practicing dentists in the U.S. has risen yearly from 163,409 in 2001 to 201,929 in 2021. The overall national accessibility to dentists in the same period has risen from 57.34 working dentists per 100,000 population in the U.S. in 2001 to 60.84 per 100,000 population in 2021. The ADA does not expect the supply to catch up to the desired ratio of 67 per 100,000 until 2040. (See also <https://policycommons.net/artifacts/1769953/adaorg/2501601/> and <https://www.ada.org/resources/research/health-policy-institute/dentist-workforce>)

Florida has made progress in increasing the supply of dentists in the state during the 2001 to 2021 period from 9,098 to 11,668, and in improving the working dentists per 100,000 population statistic from 49.25 in 2001 to 53.57 in 2021. **However, Florida still ranks 31<sup>st</sup> in the nation (50 states plus District of Columbia) by this measurement.** ([https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/adaorg/files/resources/research/hpi/hpidata\\_supply\\_of\\_dentists\\_2021.xlsx?rev=5a77b55be401470483e65011fbca7c18&hash=791602EB2E5A91F065BBC975ACBCBDC2](https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/adaorg/files/resources/research/hpi/hpidata_supply_of_dentists_2021.xlsx?rev=5a77b55be401470483e65011fbca7c18&hash=791602EB2E5A91F065BBC975ACBCBDC2))

This undersupply of dentists, particularly in rural areas, means that patients end up in the hospital emergency room, which are not staffed with dental experts and create unnecessarily high costs to the health care system. *“In 2019, Florida hospitals billed more than \$624 million dollars for preventable ER visits and hospital admissions associated with painful oral health conditions. Taxpayers bear the brunt of these high bills as Medicaid paid for 40% of the visits.”*

(<https://www.gainesville.com/dental-care-barriers-florida>)

NOTE: The reliance on emergency room visits as a substitute for dental care in underserved areas was concurred in the interview with Joe Anne Hart from the Florida Dental Association (Teams Meeting, November 18, 2022).

It should be noted, however, that according to the Health Policy Institute, assessing the adequacy of the supply of dentists is a complex issue that is oversimplified by looking at raw supply-side numbers compared with population projections. “With any type of health care service, having a sufficient number of providers is critical to ensuring population access to needed care...The demand for dental care on the part of the population, the mix of patients in terms of payer type and geographic location, and a host of other factors determine whether the current and future dentist workforce is sufficient.” [https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/hpibrief\\_0521\\_1.pdf](https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/hpibrief_0521_1.pdf).

### **Initial Broad Sweep Analysis for Need of Dentists in Florida**

FAU first commissioned *Hanover Research* to conduct a very broad employment and student demand market feasibility study for the DMD and its future graduates. This was done to answer the question as to whether or not a deeper dive should be taken into exploring the DMD for FAU. Key findings from the *Academic Program Assessment* (Appendix I—where items are sourced) were as follows.

#### ***--Degree conferral trends indicate above average demand for DMD programs in Florida.***

The number of relevant degree completions, in aggregate, increased at annualized rates of 1.7, 2.1 percent and 2.4 percent in the state, region, and nation between 2016 and 2020. There are only three institutions offering a DMD degree in Florida: Nova Southeastern University, the University of Florida, and the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, though Lake Erie reported no conferrals last year. (Source IPEDS)

#### ***--Labor market demand indicators are positive, and analysis of demographic changes reinforce the likelihood of future growth.***

Statewide employment of dentists is projected to increase by 9.9 percent through 2031 (Source JobsEQ). This rate is slightly below the average rate of growth for all occupations, but still significant. Further, this number varies by region of the state as below. As Baby Boomers age out of the working population, industry reports indicate that the number of retiring dentists will exceed the number of dentists graduating from dental school. ([pdf \(ibisworld.com\)](#))

	Florida	Southeast	National
Estimated Employment (2021)	9,093	31,475	129,871
Projected Employment (2031)	9,990	33,431	133,947

<b>Total Annual Openings, Observed Occupations</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>4,481</b>
<b>Employment Growth, Observed Occupations</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>Employment Growth, All Occupations</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

Notably, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics identifies Florida as one of the top five states in terms of need for number of dentists. They state that Florida, with its large and growing population of retirees, can expect to see demand for the dental industry services increase, as retirees tend to need more serious and more frequent dental care than members of the general population. Hanover concurs and states “Florida in particular is expected to need dentists with projected demand in Florida being double demand in the region and triple demand in the nation.” (Appendix I)

### **Mentor Discussions About Demand of Dentists**

FAU engaged in discussions with Texas Tech University in November 2022 as well as conducted a deep perusal of that institution’s initial feasibility plan (Appendix P). Texas Tech is the site of the newest public dental school admitting their first class in Fall of 2021. We have also had initial discussions with staff from the Florida Dental Association regarding demand of dentists in the state. Both sources discussed the need in rural areas and other areas concentrated with minority populations (focus of the Texas Tech program and of the FAU proposal). Both sources also indicated that there is not one definitive statistic or source to show demand for dentists as it is actually a very complex issue that must take many factors into account, but for this particular population, it is more appropriate to “layer” the story. Texas state legislators approved the Texas Tech program by focusing on the key demand items mentioned in their feasibility study (Appendix P).

- ✓ The targeted region was officially classified as a dental HPSA (Health Professional Shortage Area)..
- ✓ The targeted region has a dentists per 100,000 rate below both national and state averages
- ✓ The dental workforce has sizeable population at or near the retirement age
- ✓ There is a growing number of dental school applications with stable dental slots—in-state dental school admissions have not kept pace with student interest and applicant demand. Their study cites that, “While Texas dental schools rejected 603 students in 2016, 90 qualified Texas applicants enrolled in programs elsewhere, indicating a strong pool of qualified candidates for an additional dentistry program within the state.”

The discussion with the staff member from the Florida Dental Association added that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) data and their discussion of HPSAs (Health Profession Shortage Areas) are the primary sources they use to look at rural demand for dentists and dental services.

### **Some National and State Challenges for the Dental Industry**

There are a variety of sources that concur with the demand for dentists in the rural areas in particular. According to [Oral Health in Rural Communities Overview - Rural Health Information Hub](#), the lack of adequate accessibility of dental professionals is frequently cited as a cause of oral health disparities that exist in rural America. Contributing factors to the shortage include:

- Limited slots in dental schools
- The growing trend of specialization in dental care
- A large number of dentists retiring
- An unwillingness of providers to work in rural areas

### **--Limited Slots in Florida Dental Schools**

According to the American Dental Education Association 2021 annual report to program directors ([ADEA Trends in Dental Education, 2021–22](#)), the University of Florida (UF) has a current enrollment rate of 86% who qualify for in-state residency status. Further, UF is highly competitive, admitting only 5% of the students that apply to their program. More than 600 in state applicants are denied admission and are forced to either seek enrollment at a private institution in Florida or go out of state. Additionally, the average GPA of *all applicants* to UF is 3.6 with a DAT Academic Average of 20. This is compared to the national demographics for accepted students of 3.57 and a DAT of 18.5 based on the 2019 ADEA data. Obviously not all applicants to the UF dental program present credentials that warrant admission to UF or any other accredited dental program, however, an acceptance rate as low as mentioned above leaves room for other applicants to move on to Nova Southeastern, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (with much higher rates of tuition) or out of state.

Similarly, Nova Southeastern University (NSU), a private university in Florida, has an acceptance rate of 5% for its DMD program. Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) also has a private college of dentistry located in Florida (Bradenton) offering the DMD and has over 3,300 applicants and a 3% acceptance rate. Both NSU and LECOM accepted students notably outpace the national GPA/DAT scores. This indicates a window of qualified applicants who must seek slots out of state.

The unique acceptance rates of UF, NSU and LECOM are dramatic compared to a national average acceptance rate of 20% of applicants. The notable difference in acceptance rates demonstrates the ultra-competitive landscape due to the limited number of student spots offered within the state. UF is the only one that provides a financially viable option for many FL aspirants. Florida has an abundance of highly qualified applicants forced to receive their dental school education out of state—or not at all. Providing another in state option should be a welcomed harbor for aspiring dental health care providers.

Three institutions in Florida report dental student enrollment data to the ADA : Lake Erie College, Nova Southeastern University and the University of Florida. Below is application and enrollment information for 2021. <https://www.adea.org/data/students/>

	Lake Erie	Nova Southeastern	U. Florida
Applications	3599	2282	1553
Total In-State Applications	670	665	685
Total First Year Enrollment	105	126	93
Total In-state First Year Enrollment	27	81	89

The above shows that 108 in-state Florida students enrolled in one of the two private dental programs in Florida in 2021. That coupled with the number of students who leave the state for other dental programs indicates that the demand for dental seats in the state of Florida programs is much more than the seats provided by the University of Florida. According to the 2020-21 Survey of Dental Education - Academic Programs, Enrollment and Graduates. (May 2021). Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), between 2010 and 2020, 930 students graduated with the DMD from the University of Florida and 1388 from Nova Southeastern University.

A broader pattern is obtained by perusal of the 2020-21 *Survey of Dental Education*, American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute, Group 11, Question 13 (<https://coda.ada.org> ). **58% of Florida's dental students leave the state for training. The outmigration of dental students from the state totaled 292 (out of 505 first year dental students from Florida) during the period of the survey.** The national average of outmigration of dental students (leaving their own state for training in another state) in the U.S. was 44% during the same time period, with important state comparisons of 42% for California, 36% for Texas and 20% for New York. Students who train in Florida are more likely to stay in Florida. (See also [Applicants, Enrollees and Graduates \(adea.org\)](#)).

The top 12 schools enrolling dental students from Florida are given below from the source above. Note there were 140 students who left Florida and were admitted to out-of-state-programs from this table alone.

### Top 12 Schools Training Students From Florida

University	Total Students From Florida
University of Florida	83
Nova Southeastern University	96
LECOM College of Dental Medicine	34
Tufts University	33
New York University	25
University of Pennsylvania	15
University of Louisville	13
University of Detroit Mercy	13
Howard University	11
University of Maryland	11
University of Alabama	10
Boston University	9

This trend has been identified previously as well. In 2017-2018, **57%** of practicing Florida dentists had graduated from an out-of- state school, suggesting that Florida is not training its own dentistry need.

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health/dental-health/reports/documents/FloridaWorkforceSurveyReportofDentists2017-2018FINAL.pdf>

The survey mentioned earlier also indicates that 65% of Florida dental students receive their training at private institutions as compared to a national average of 49%. The cost of attendance at private institutions is usually considerably higher than public institutions. Note that within Florida, the current annual tuition and fee rate for the dental program at Lake Erie College is \$58,310 (<https://lecom.edu/dental/sdm-tuition-fees/>) and the annual tuition and fee rate for the dental program at Nova Southeastern is \$48, 215 (<https://dental.nova.edu/aegd/tuition.html>). This compares to a rate of \$41, 720 annual tuition and fees for the dental program at the University of Florida <https://admissions.dental.ufl.edu/financial-aid/d-m-d/budgets-cost-of-attendance-d-m-d/>. Thus, having another dental program at an SUS institution could save qualified students \$25,000-\$66,000 in earning their credentials to practice dentistry.

### --Specialization in Dental Care vs. General Dentistry

The ADEA published a study in 2019 that examined career paths of dental students. ([https://www.adea.org/uploadedFiles/ADEA/Content\\_Conversion\\_Final/deansbriefing/2019-20\\_ADEA\\_Snapshot\\_of\\_Dental\\_Education.pdf](https://www.adea.org/uploadedFiles/ADEA/Content_Conversion_Final/deansbriefing/2019-20_ADEA_Snapshot_of_Dental_Education.pdf)) While the majority of dental school graduates still pursue general dentistry, some argue that this is due to the limited number of specialty residency programs available to them in areas (e.g. orthodontics, endodontics)

Due to the high debt burden associated with dental schools, more students are likely to pursue specialty fields of dentistry with higher salaries, which will subsequently worsen the shortage of dentists. This is especially true of students who graduate from private schools with higher burden of debt.

## **--Aging Dentist Population**

The population of dentists in the U.S. is also aging. In 2001, 27% of the working dentists were 55 or older. By 2021 that percentage had risen to 36.1%. According to Hanover Research (Appendix I), nationally, the number of retiring dentists will exceed the number of dental school graduates [pdf \(ibisworld.com\)](https://www.ibisworld.com). There is some concern about not only replacing those dentists as they retire, but also that older dentists (like other health professionals) tend to reduce their weekly working hours as they age, therefore reducing the number of patients seen. [https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/adaorg/files/resoures/research/hpigraphic\\_0421\\_1.pdf?rev=aa1f41177af94613a74a307adc11f2f0&hash=8F66BABF02828DB2E9A6D5D53908F2DD](https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/adaorg/files/resoures/research/hpigraphic_0421_1.pdf?rev=aa1f41177af94613a74a307adc11f2f0&hash=8F66BABF02828DB2E9A6D5D53908F2DD)

According to the ADA, the number of dentists over age 55 who left the workforce increased sharply by **27%** from 2020 to 2021. [https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/adaorg/files/resources/research/hpi/hpigraphic\\_dentist\\_retirements\\_increase.pdf](https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/adaorg/files/resources/research/hpi/hpigraphic_dentist_retirements_increase.pdf)

In 2017-2018, **48%** of Florida dentists had practiced for more than 20 years, pointing to a growing supply of older dentists serving the population.

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health/dental-health/reports/documents/FloridaWorkforceSurveyReportofDentists2017-2018FINAL.pdf>

Further confounding the matter is the older population in Florida. Demand for industry services will come disproportionately from older adults, who tend to need more serious and more frequent dental care as they age.

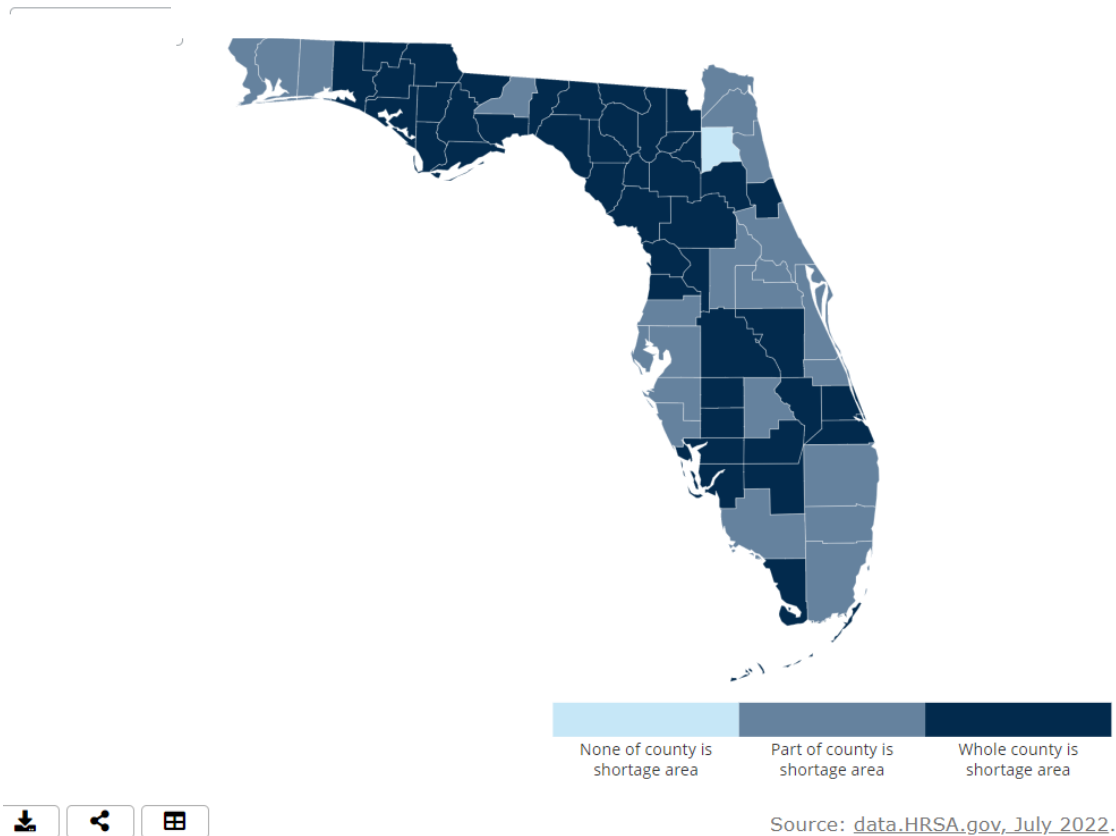
## **--Regional Disparity of Dental Services in Florida**

The Rural Health Information Hub ( <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/> ) charts health care shortages in the U.S., including areas of low numbers of dental health providers. According to the Academy of General Dentistry, approximately 1,470 dentists provide care to about 1.5 million Americans in dental health professional shortage areas (HPSAs), or parts of the nation where dental care is hard to access. The need is most significant in rural HPSAs. The ADA echoes these findings. Indeed, middle and high income communities in urban and suburban settings are at or near saturation point. Future industry growth will occur in rural areas, inner cities, and lower income areas. The expansion of dental care through Medicaid will enable low-income adults to access the care they need in greater numbers and thus increase the burden of care.

Below are graphics (<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/states/florida/charts>) that illustrate the *Dental Health HPSA* problem in the state of Florida. It is important to note that the definition from this source includes the dental workforce broadly (dentists, hygienists, etc).



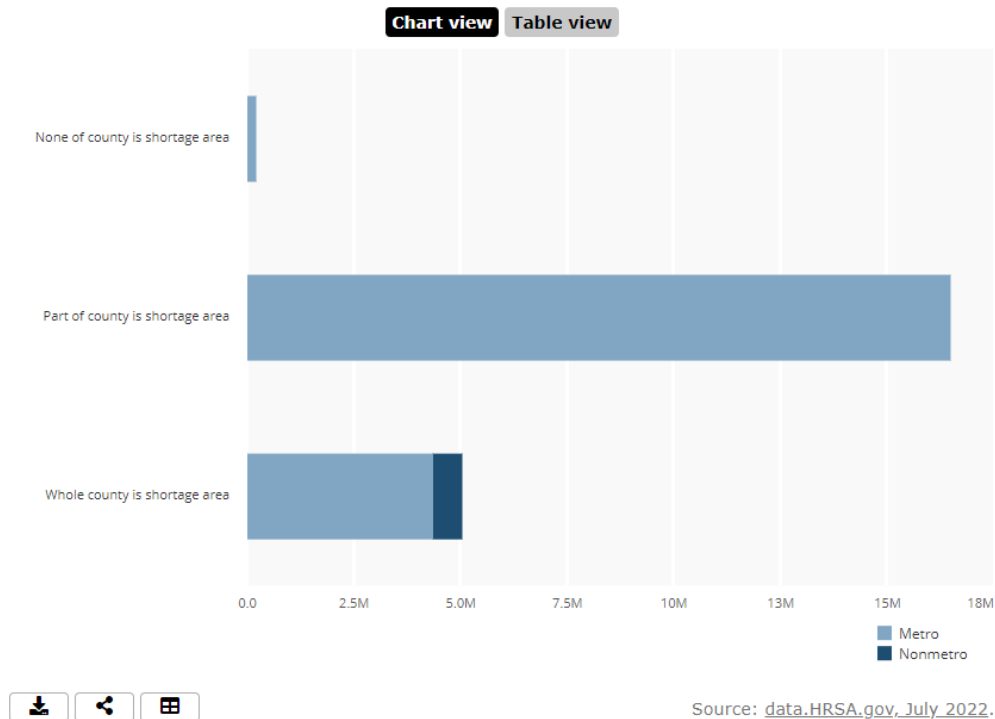
## Health Professional Shortage Areas: Dental Care, by County, 2022 - Florida



The graphic below shows the population of Florida with respect to Dental HPSAs (Health Professional Shortage Areas). Again, this graphic is for dental health care professionals broadly. The majority of Floridians live in areas of shortage of dental care providers.



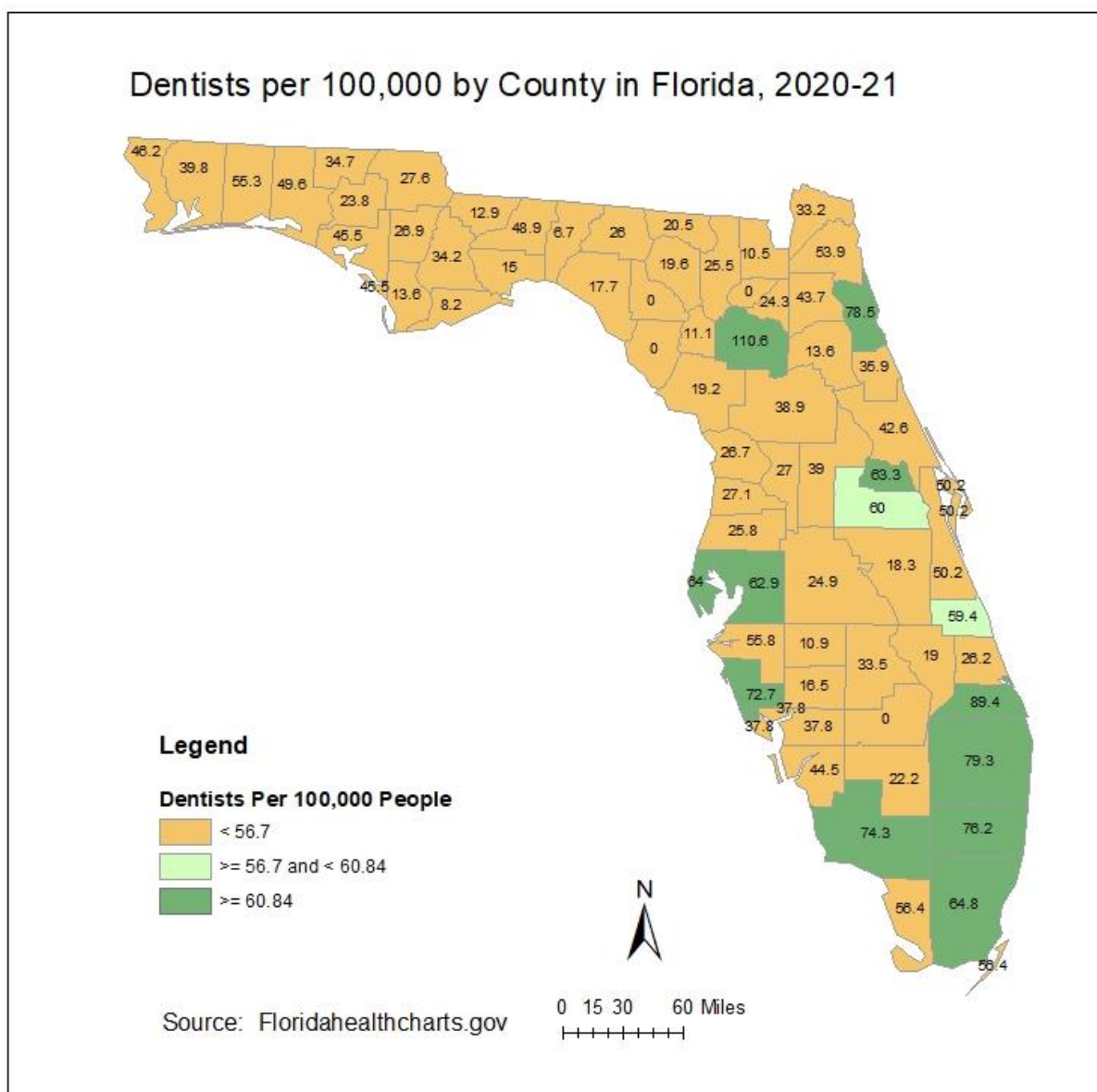
### Population in Dental Health HPSAs (Health Professional Shortage Area) for Metro and Nonmetro Counties, 2022 - Florida



### Regional Disparity of Dentists

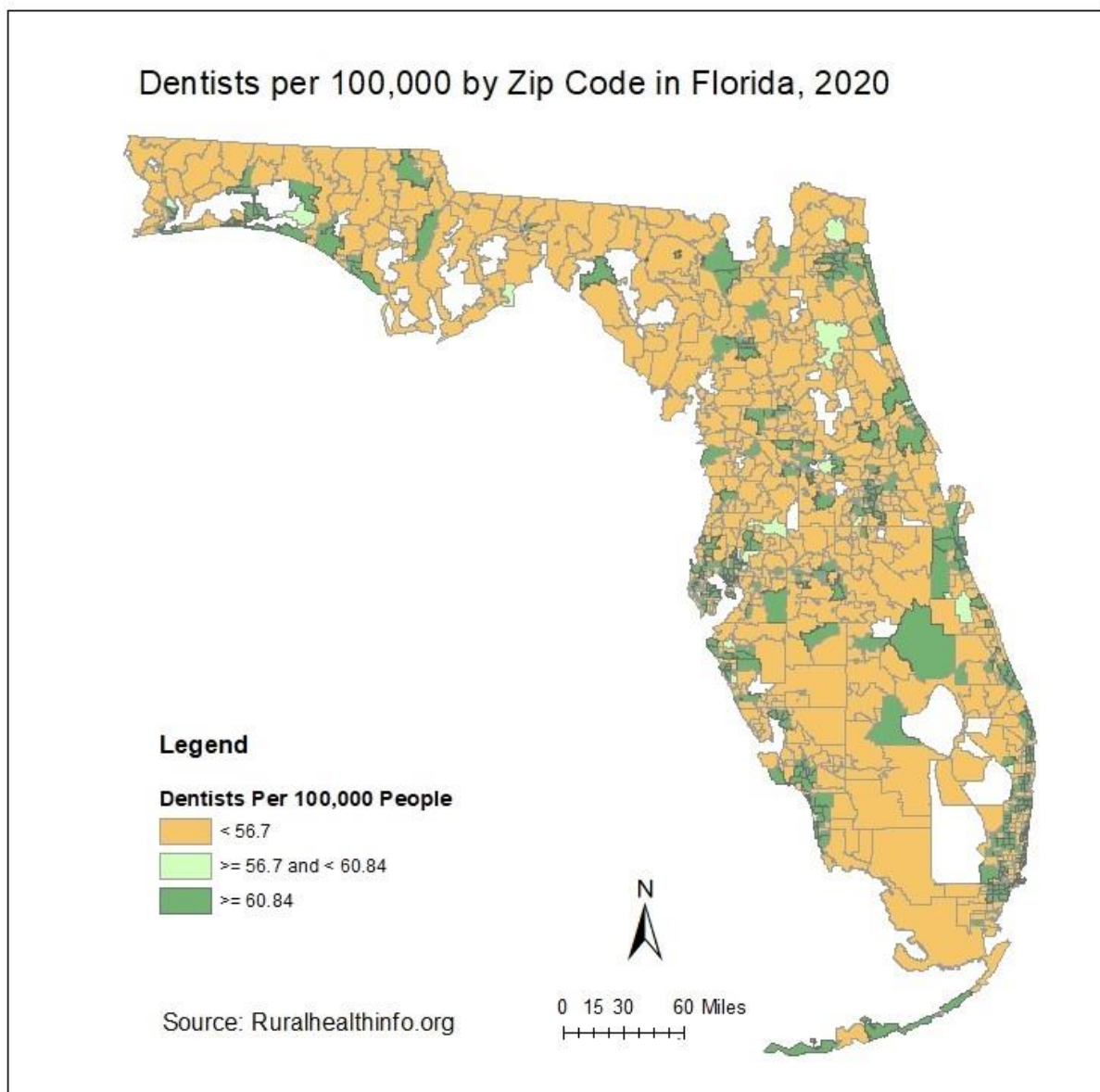
An examination of licensed Florida dentists per 100,000 population by county suggests problems in equity of access to dental care within the state.

<https://www.flhealthcharts.gov/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=NonVitalIndNoGrp.DataViewer&cid=326> The map below generated by data from the above source indicates that only 11 of the 67 counties in Florida have rates at or above the U.S. average, while an additional 2 have rates at or above the Florida average. This leaves 54 counties in Florida with less than average access to dental care in the state.



It is important to note that even looking at this data at the county level masks areas that are underserved. Counties with relatively higher numbers of dentists per 100,000 people may still have areas within them that are underserved. The map below (generated from data reported in the same source above) shows the same variable but at the zip code level. Some of these zip codes with lower values may of course simply be more residential, but it is important to remember that some of the zip code areas are concentrated in the poorer parts of the county with possible accessibility issues (transport or cultural) to other parts of the same urban area or county. For example, there are poor pockets of Miami-Dade that live in extreme poverty, and therefore, may not have transportation readily available for them to travel to other parts of the urban area for dental services, access to dentists who accept Medicaid or may have significant language barriers and may not be comfortable seeking dental care outside of their neighborhood. While **96%** of Florida dentists reported they were accepting new patients, but only **22%** were Medicaid providers.

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health/dental-health/reports/documents/FloridaWorkforceSurveyReportofDentists2017-2018FINAL.pdf>



The Health Policy Institute argues further that “the aggregate supply of dentists may be adequate in size when compared to the aggregate demand for dental care. However, there may be an insufficient number of dentists relative to need or demand for dental care among disadvantaged populations or in certain geographic areas.” [https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/hpibrief\\_0521\\_1.pdf](https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/hpibrief_0521_1.pdf)

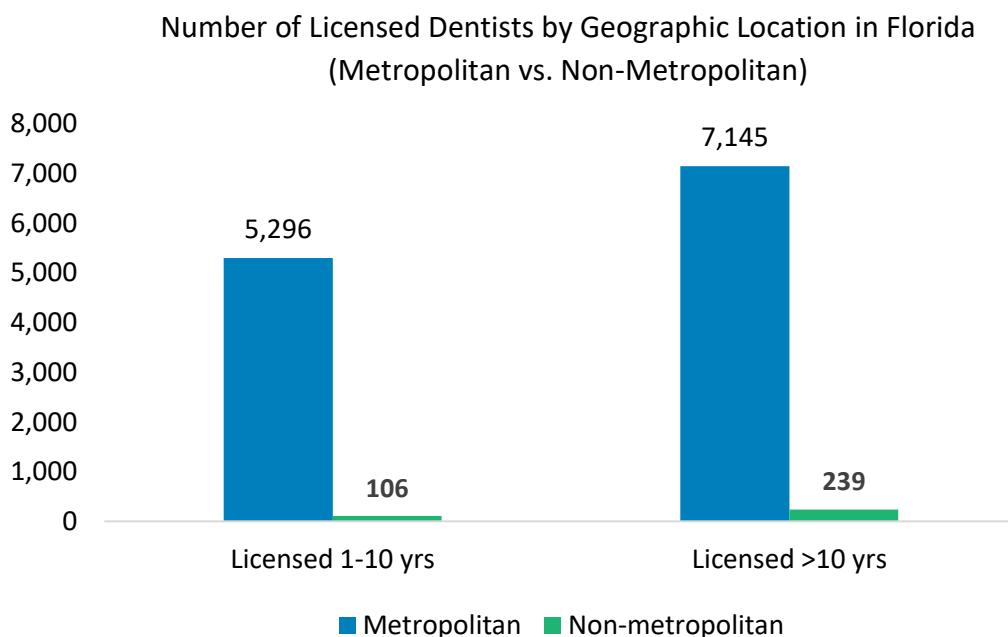
To address the underserved, Florida has in the recent past (“Health Access Dental License” SB 1296/HB 1461) even allowed dentists licensed out of state to practice in settings for underserved populations in both urban and rural areas to help with the disparity in accessibility to dental care. In 2014, more than 163,000 Floridians visited the emergency department for a dental-related issue at a cost of more than \$234 million (<https://wusfnews.wusf.usf.edu/health-news-florida/2020-02-06/allowing-out-of-state-dentists-to-practice-in-florida-could-help-reach-more-in-need-dental-group>) and as was stated earlier, “In 2019, Florida hospitals billed more than \$624 million dollars for preventable ER visits and hospital admissions associated with painful oral health conditions. Taxpayers bear the brunt of these high bills as Medicaid paid for 40% of the visits.”

(<https://www.gainesville.com/dental-care-barriers-florida>)

Untreated dental problems have been documented to lead to a variety of serious health concerns such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease and stroke, and in children malnutrition and poor school performance. <https://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/spotlight/nn/catalog.nlm:nlmuid-101584932X143-doc> and <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3482021/>.

The Florida Dental Association also requested \$773,000 from the state budget to fund Florida's dental student loan repayment program ([Florida Statute 381.4019](#)), to help dentists practice in public health programs and serve low-income patients in designated rural and underserved areas. Governor DeSantis signed into law [HB 843](#) in support of the loan repayment program in 2019 (<https://wusfnews.wusf.usf.edu/health-news-florida/2019-06-26/dental-student-loan-repayment-program-signed-into-law>). The program is in statute to support 10 new dentists each year for up to five years for \$50 thousand per year loan repayment (<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/opinion/2019/02/13/how-fix-floridas-shortage-dentists-poor-areas/2857754002/>). Yet in spite of all of these efforts, the disparity still exists, particularly rural vs. urban/suburban. In Florida, an additional layer to this problem is that the majority of our dental slots are in private institutions with higher tuition bills. Thus, the desire to practice in urban and suburban areas is even stronger for the private school graduates due to higher salaries in those areas that aid in tackling educational debt.

The majority of dentists in Florida with active licenses practice in urban areas as defined by the USDA's urban classifications. Newly licensed practitioners, expressed as having an original license date between 2012-2022 largely practice in metropolitan areas, but are less likely to establish a primary practice location in a non-urban area than those licensed more than 10 years ago. Thus, the regional disparity of dentists in Florida could become greater in Florida as the non-urban dentists approach retirement.



Source: 1) Health Care Practitioner Data Portal - Florida Department of Health, 2) USDA Economic Research Service – Urban Influence Codes.

One of the recommendations from the *Academic Program Assessment* (Appendix I) conducted for FAU by Hanover Research supports the main goal of the proposed program.

*“There is a growing need for dentists, but this does not occur evenly across the state. Middle and high -- income communities in urban and suburban settings are at or near saturation point. There is a need for qualified dentists in dental health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) across Florida. These areas are often rural and lower-income. FAU should partner with non-profits in underserved communities to enable students to conduct their clinical rotations in those communities. Doing so will yield many benefits, allowing FAU to serve the community, practice clinical skills, potentially draw outside funding, and encourage students to practice in rural Florida, where demand will be highest.”*

FAU has reached out to Melissa Thibodeau, Executive Director of the Heartland Rural Health Network. She writes (included in Appendix D)

*“Through our current Hardee DeSoto Community Health Worker Program, we are very aware of the great need for access to affordable and accessible dental care. Our prior work with Highlands County and a partnership with Samaritan’s Touch Care Center, the only free clinic in the Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto area, also allows us to speak to there being an echo of this need there as well.”*

### **Comment on Diversity of Dentists in the U.S.**

A search of the literature as well as our mentoring discussions with Texas Tech indicate a variety of strategies in place to increase the number of dental professionals and dentists in general who seek employment in these underserved areas and will be discussed later in this proposal. One problem identified early is the lack of diversity of dentists in the nation. Research has shown that health care providers, including dentists, from diverse backgrounds are more like to practice in underserved areas.

[https://jada.ada.org/article/S0002-8177\(21\)00095-7/fulltext?\\_ga=2.267235022.1584264463.1662221043-1405720035.1662221043](https://jada.ada.org/article/S0002-8177(21)00095-7/fulltext?_ga=2.267235022.1584264463.1662221043-1405720035.1662221043)

Diversity of dentists in the US. has improved over the past 15 years, but is still not reflective of the diversity in the U.S. population in general. In 2005, 79.8% of working dentists were white (67% of the U.S. population total was white at that time). By 2020, 70% of working dentists were white (60% of the U.S. population total was white at that time). The largest gain in dentist diversity was in the Asian population (11.8% in 2005 rising to 18% in 2020 with a corresponding change from 4.2% to 5.6% of the total U.S. population in general. The Hispanic plus African American population of dentists grew at a much smaller rate, from 7.9% in 2005 to 9.7% in 2020, while the total population of those groups summed rose from 26.6% to 30.8%. The African American dental population of dentists has remained relatively stagnant.

[https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/hpigraphic\\_0421\\_1.pdf?rev=aa1f41177af94613a74a307adc11f2f0&hash=8F66BABF02828DB2E9A6D5D53908F2DD](https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/hpigraphic_0421_1.pdf?rev=aa1f41177af94613a74a307adc11f2f0&hash=8F66BABF02828DB2E9A6D5D53908F2DD)

### **Comment on Addition of New Dentists to Florida Each Year**

According to the *Florida Department of Health Division of Medical Quality Assurance Annual*

*Report and Long-Range Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022,*

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/reports-and-publications/index.html>

at the end of fiscal year 2021-2022 there were 13, 113 dentists licensed as active in the state of Florida, with a total of 17,863 licensed adding inactive, out-of-state, military active and retired. Florida programs tend to graduate about 300-320 dentists per year, and of course, as Florida is a big state for in-migration, presumably some of those in-migrants would be dentists adding to the supply for the state.

Recall that Florida's population growth through the last decade was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest of all states, growing by 14.6%. Population is projected to increase by 3.5 million (to 26 million) by 2030.

<https://www.census.gov/library/stories/state-by-state/florida-population-change-between-census-decade.html>; <https://www.flchamber.com/>.

Assuming a normal representation of the population is moving to Florida, the percentage of dentists in the mix would equate to .0006 of the total relocating. This is based on the population of the United States of 332,403,650 (<https://www.commerce.gov/news/blog/2022/01/us-population-estimated-332403650-jan-1-2022>) and the number of practicing dentist at 201,117 in the United States ([https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/hpibrief\\_0521\\_1.pdf](https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/hpibrief_0521_1.pdf)) or 61 dentists per 100,000 of the population. The resulting demonstrates that even if a normal distribution of dentists were moving to Florida, this would do little to address the already significant shortage—and relocates of non-dentists in-migrants would continue to exacerbate the problem.

Couple this with the consideration that the population relocating to Florida tends to be older, with Florida topping the statistics regarding the highest percentage of relocating retirees ([United Movers Study](#))—we further compound the shortage with individuals that are likely planning to no longer work, will work reduced schedules, and/or for an abbreviated period of time. With 39% of the inbound to the state falling into this demographic the incoming residents will likely add to the issue, not alleviate the burden.

Does in-migration of dentists into Florida (or current graduations within Florida programs) solve the rural shortage? Our mentoring discussion with Dr. Woodall (Texas Tech) supported the negligible impact of in-migration of dentists to the state for underserved areas. Dentists moving into the state are typically following the general population flows into a state, which favor urban and suburban areas. While in-migration of dentists may help in the overall state number of dentists per 100,000, perhaps even creating an oversupply in some areas, she felt it had very little to do with improving the ratio for areas populated with rural and minority inhabitants and in-migration was not an important part of their demand discussion with the state as the Texas Tech program was moving through the approval process.

Our interview with Joe Anne Hart at the Florida Dental Association (November 18, 2022), confirmed the above sentiment as she indicated that in-migration of dentists is unlikely to have impact on the shortage of dentists in underserved areas as these are not the geographic regions of Florida that are top choice of migrants, dental professionals or otherwise. More dentists moving to urban and suburban areas of Florida does not alleviate the dental HPSA problem in the state. As stated earlier, the Health Policy Institute argues that “the aggregate supply of dentists may be adequate in size when compared to the aggregate demand for dental care. However, there may be an insufficient number of dentists relative to need or demand for dental care among disadvantaged populations or in certain geographic areas.” [https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/hpibrief\\_0521\\_1.pdf](https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/hpibrief_0521_1.pdf)



Ms. Hart indicated that the question was not whether there was a need for dentists in rural and other parts of Florida populated by poorer and more culturally distanced groups. The big question from Florida Dental Association Staff is how can you attract dentists to those parts of the state.

Is the current and future demand for dentists in Florida as estimated by very broad projections from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity likely to be met or exceeded by new graduates of dentists from Florida programs coupled with in-migration of dentists from other states? Our research in putting together this proposal leads us to strongly believe that is not the whole story.

### **Matching Graduates with Dental HPSAs**

Again, the big question is how will FAU guarantee that its graduates will go into practice in underserved areas. Or taking a cue from Texas Tech (Appendix P), how do we generate a pool of students with the desire to practice dentistry in underserved areas, particularly more rural counties of Florida. While one cannot guarantee that graduates will choose that particular post-graduation path, Texas Tech took the approach of selecting students from the qualified pool who had the traits that were most likely to want to practice in underserved areas and creating experiences for them that will foster and even grow that desire. Our external consultant suggests that programs that combine incentives to graduates (such as tuition benefits, guaranteed employment offer contracts, funding for residency, etc) in exchange for a certain number of years of practice in underserved areas, coupled with an intentional recruitment plan of students who have a tie to these communities and are more likely to settle and practice in those communities, can see wins.

FAU philanthropic efforts for the College of Dentistry would eventually focus on raising funding to provide such incentives to enhance tuition revenues that would be utilized for the same purpose. Additionally, FAU would work to create rural training rotations so that there are clinical opportunities for dental students and dental residents to be exposed to underserved areas. CODA (the accrediting body for dental education) data suggests that for a class size of 80 to 100 students each year (our eventual target), the average number of patient visits annually would be in the range of 32000-39000. FAU would ensure that many of the clinical rotations would occur in underserved areas. As our external reviewer points out, if nothing else, the presence of the students serving clinical rotations will greatly add to the dental care in these areas.

We are learning from dental colleges around the U.S. that have set up rural clinics to aid in the geographic disparity of accessibility to dental services. We have analyzed successful programs at the University of New England, the University of Utah and the University of Washington and will design our rural clinical programs around facets of those successes that make sense for Florida's underserved communities. Upon approval of our program, site visits to some of the rural clinics of these institutions would be planned to find the model that we feel best fits FAU.

### **-The University of New England**

The University of New England's College of Dental Medicine, the only dental school in Maine and in fact in Northern New England, offers opportunities for dental students to treat patients in the UNE Oral Health Center in Portland, ME during their first three years of the program and then at clinical sites throughout New England in their fourth year. The program acknowledges

that getting health practitioners to settle in rural areas is challenging.

Beginning in Summer of 2018, the university started an additional program sending 25 dental students to rural areas in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire working under the supervision of licensed dentists. It is a 12-week program where students care for patients thus increasing service levels to the rural area while gaining practical experience of their own. The dentists also benefit as they are being exposed to the latest training and technology from the students themselves and are receiving this extra help and training at no charge.

<https://www.une.edu/news/2018/unes-efforts-address-shortage-dentists-rural-areas-featured-wcsh>

In 2019, the university expanded their initiatives to serve specifically elementary school children in rural communities in Maine in partnership with the Maine Area Health Education Center Network (AHEC), the Partnership for Children's Oral Health and the Opportunity Alliance.

<https://www.une.edu/news/2019/une-and-partners-collaborate-strategy-preventing-oral-disease-rural-communities>

According to the pieces cited above, some of these students from these programs at UNE do stay in the rural areas to practice after graduation.

### **-The University of Utah**

At the University of Utah, dental student residents perform clinical rotations that serve unique patient populations in community settings, thus providing students with experience in rural and underserved communities ( <https://dentistry.utah.edu/education/training-clinics> ). Students participate in multiple residency rotations for foundational clinical training. The University of Utah hospital provides the faster-paced and specialized training the students need, while opportunities to serve rural populations exist at the Greenwood Health Center in Midvale, UT (<https://dentistry.utah.edu/education/training-clinics/greenwood>), and through the Montezuma Community Health Center (<https://dentistry.utah.edu/education/training-clinics/montezuma-creek>) which networks throughout the state's Navajo community.

The latter is a [Federally Qualified Health Center \(FQHC\)](#) as part of a non-profit rural health system in southeastern Utah.

*“GPR [general practice residency] residents have the opportunity to work with a number of faculty dentists at Montezuma Creek Community Health Center, a clinic offering integrated medical and dental care alongside the Utah Navajo Health System (UNHS). The UNHS is a non-profit rural health system that provides medical and dental services to underserved communities in southeastern Utah, including the Navajo Nation. While residents primarily work in Montezuma Creek, they also have the occasional opportunity to work at UNHS clinics in Blanding and Monument Valley.”*

### **-The University of Washington**

The School of Dentistry at the University of Washington has become quite known for their RIDE program which graduated its first cohort of students in 2012. *“The UWSOD RIDE Program is a cost-effective, scalable model for increasing the number of dentists trained to meet the needs of rural and underserved populations. By building on the existing educational structure in Spokane*



*and the community health centers across the state, RIDE increases access to quality dental care in remote communities, enhances the diversity of state and regional healthcare workers, and improves the health care system by training team-oriented professionals.”*

(<https://dental.washington.edu/ride/>)

### **--The RIDE Educational Model**

The RIDE curriculum includes a significant amount of training in rural and underserved areas to expand students’ familiarity and comfort in providing dental care for rural and underserved populations. This hands-on educational opportunity increases the likelihood that students will practice in these communities after graduation.

Phase	Description
ECI (Seattle)	RIDE students come to Seattle for a week-long Orientation followed by a 5-week Early Clinical Emersion (ECI) course. ECI is a great opportunity to explore the Seattle campus, connect with upper-level RIDE students, meet students from other RIDE cohorts, and learn the basics of clinical dentistry.
1st year (Spokane)	After ECI, RIDE students spend their first year of dental school at the EWU Spokane campus where UWSOD delivers high quality dental education. Using cutting-edge distance-learning technologies RIDE students are connected to the UWSOD campus and remotely attend many courses with their Seattle classmates. In addition, small group learning facilitated by EWU faculty enable an excellent student to faculty ratio while in Spokane.
RUOP	The summer after their first year, RIDE students spend 4-weeks rotating at an affiliated community health center in Central or Eastern Washington.
2nd and 3rd Year (Seattle)	Currently, students spend their 2nd and 3rd years of dental school at the UWSOD in Seattle and benefit from our robust clerkship and comprehensive care clinical training models. NOTE: The opportunity to spend the 2nd year at the EWU Spokane campus is in progress, pending funding.
4th Year (Seattle) + Extended Rotation	After completing their fall quarter at the UWSOD in Seattle, RIDE students spend their winter and spring quarters at an affiliated community health center in Central or Eastern Washington refining their clinical and professional skills under the supervision of UW affiliate faculty.

## Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)

The examination of the programs above shows the importance of starting the clinical relationship through partnerships with several FQHCs (<https://www.fqhc.org/what-is-an-fqhc>). in order to train dental students in underserved areas lowering the start-up time and start-up costs of developing such rotations.

As listed by the [Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#), FQHCs:

- Qualify for funding under [Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act \(PHS\)](#).
- Qualify for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid\*, as well as other benefits
- Serve an underserved area or population
- Offer a sliding fee scale
- Provide comprehensive services (either on-site or by arrangement with another provider), including:
  - Preventive health services
  - Dental services
  - Mental health and substance abuse services
  - Transportation services necessary for adequate patient care
  - Hospital and specialty care
- Have an ongoing [quality assurance program](#)
- Have a [governing board of directors](#)

There are a large number of potential sites where FAU COD could engage in “service-learning rotations”, as have been successfully created with the intent of increasing the number of dentists working in underserved areas. There is good data to show success in these efforts over many years (<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/rural-monitor/uw-ride-dental-education/>).

These rotations will provide a month or longer experience wherein FAU COD students could temporarily relocate and undertake a significant portion of their clinical experience/training. During the next 2 years after approval of the degree program, FAU will engage in conversations with 8-10 or more FQHC that are currently active in providing dental services. We will seek arrangements whereby FAU students treat patients under the supervision of the FQHC attending doctors, who must be credentialed as outside faculty of FAU using CODA standards. Because the incremental encounters made by the FAU students are billable, the FQHCs would have, a small but significant incremental revenue in their clinic operations. This revenue will be used to cover the costs of students rotating into those faculties including their transportation and temporary housing costs. There would be no clinical/equipment or facilities costs with these rotations, as we would only partner with existing dental clinic operations initially, therefore clinical sites were not included in the LBR.

**B. Provide and describe data that support student demand for the proposed program. Include questions asked, results, and other communications with prospective students.**

Recall that in section 3A above, the shortage of dental school slots in Florida was discussed as hundreds of qualified dental students seek admission opportunities out-of-state. While some of these may not have wished to attend school in Florida in the first place, the fact remains that they were obviously qualified dental applicants as they were successful in gaining admission at reputable schools elsewhere.

FAU works with students who desire to apply for all professional health programs through the Pre-health Professions Office ([http://science.fau.edu/student\\_services/pre\\_health/index.php](http://science.fau.edu/student_services/pre_health/index.php)) housed within the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. The primary mission of the office is to be a source of support and guidance for all undergraduate students, post-baccalaureate students and alumni of FAU interested in pursuing careers in the health professions. The office helps students prepare and submit their application packets. The numbers of students reaching out to the office have continued to grow during its 25+ years of existence (see table below).

Academic Year		Number of students with PRHP Attribute (GPA 3.0+)
<b>2017-2018</b> <b>Total number 1175</b>	New PRHP Returning PRHP	666 509
<b>2018-2019</b> <b>Total number 2693</b>	New PRHP Returning PRHP	989 1704
<b>2019-2020</b> <b>Total number 3791</b>	New PRHP Returning PRHP	1593 2198
<b>2020-2021</b> <b>Total number 4695</b>	New PRHP Returning PRHP	1693 3002
<b>2021- 2022</b> <b>Total number 5347</b>	New PRHP Returning PRHP	1706 3641

Data provided by FAU's IEA

Pre-Health Professions advising and support staff serve a diverse group of students and majors within the university, and are located across the three major FAU campuses: Boca, Jupiter, and Davie. The Pre-Health Professions team is led by the Senior Associate Dean in the College of Science and the Director of Pre-Health Advising. Currently the Office includes five academic advisors in addition to one support staff member and work study student support. The Pre-Health Office works collaboratively with multiple FAU offices and departments to ensure a cohesive network of support for the Pre-Health and Pre-Dental student population, this network includes: admissions, registrar, first-generation office, University Advising Services, career services, multiple colleges, and other resources. Notably, the Pre-Health Professions Office advising staff work with and advise **twelve Pre-Health Student Organization** including the **Pre-Dental Student Organization** with a membership of ~200 students.

Pre-Health Professions students (including Pre-Dental students) are not required to major in science, hence the Pre-Health Professions team offers academic support that includes a parallel plan for undecided students and those who are part of the College of Science Career Changer Certificate pathway. Throughout each semester and the academic calendar, the Pre-Health Professions Office provides essential and critical information to Pre-Health Professions students

to ensure timely graduation and to enable them to be competitive applicants to medical and dental schools, etc. These concierge services include but are not limited to: the management of required courses for dental programs, leadership experience, shadowing placement, Pre-Health Professions week activities and networking events, continuing education, MCAT and DAT preparation and support, and certificate courses to give FAU students a competitive edge in each application cycle. The Pre-Health Professions Office provides workshops (the basics and beyond the basics) for all pre-health students, facilitates placement in summer enrichment programs, and helps connect students to research opportunities among faculty members throughout the university and across disciplines.

Since its inception over 25 years ago, the **College of Science Pre-Health Professions (PHP) Committee** has been successfully assisting students in gaining admission into medical and dental schools, etc., of their choice. The PHP Committee members include medical practitioners, faculty, and staff from across FAU. The principal aim of the PHP Committee is to help each FAU student develop a realistic view of their potential for a specific health professions career, and then to create a uniquely tailored preparation plan (for each student) that will lead to the successful attainment of their intended health career goals. To that end, the Director of the Pre-Health Professions Office, maintains a liaison with all Florida Health Profession Graduate Programs within the State of Florida, as well as many out-of-state programs, and is qualified to provide students with a clear insight into basic requirements and acceptance factors for entering a wide range of programs such as Pre-Dental programs.

Each year, from May through November, the Pre-Health Professions Office assists over 150 students through the application (to medical, dental schools, etc.) process. The Office offers multiple services for assisting students in terms of the application process: Committee Letter Packet, Individual Packet Upload, Mock and MMI interviews, personal statement and application preparations (APPS), and alumni & graduate assistance.

The Pre-Health Professions Office tracks data on FAU students who interview with the PHP Committee and are admitted into medical, dental, physician assistant, optometry, pharmacy, and veterinary programs each year. On average, the acceptance rate (to dental, medical, and veterinary programs, etc.) for students that interviewed with the PHP Committee is approximately 75%+. Note: the past two years were impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic (see table below) and loss of staff.

<b>APPLICATION CYCLE</b>	<b>INTERVIEWED BY FAU's PHP COMMITTEE* (and applied)</b>	<b>ACCEPTED (medical, <u>dental</u>, PA, pharmacy, podiatry, optometry, and veterinary)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>2022-2023</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>2021-2022</b>	32	27	85%
<b>2020-2021</b>	60	46	76%
<b>2019-2020</b>	55	42	76%
<b>2018-2019</b>	62	45	72%
<b>2017-2018</b>	63	46	73%
<b>2016-2017</b>	60	37	62%
<b>2015-2016</b>	81	53	65%
<b>2014-2015</b>	72	60	83%
<b>2013-2014</b>	47	32	68%

<b>2012-2013</b>	81	70	86%
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\*The above numbers of applicants do not include students who used Pre-Health Professions Office services to upload their applications packets but did not interview with the PHP Committee.

The creation of a College of Dentistry at FAU will bring new faculty research mentors to FAU who will partner with undergraduate research students in a similar way to the existing College of Medicine model. Dentistry is a service-focused profession, and dental school admits demonstrate a commitment to serving the community. This fits well with the established relationship with the College of Medicine model and the FAU Health Network ecosystem with affiliated professionals in the service area providing opportunities for shadowing, volunteering, and professional mentorship as well as partnerships to observe patients and provide care to underrepresented populations. The Pre-Health Professions Office offers a for credit **Medical Internship Course** that is already supporting such shadowing opportunities and placement to our Pre-Health students both in medical and dentistry fields, etc.

Additionally, with the creation of a dental program at FAU, the institution will expand our successful medical pipeline programs and education initiatives to include and stimulate interest in dentistry among the best and brightest students through our initiatives with the Wilkes Honors College, FAU High School, Star MD which is targeted to athlete/scholars and our Medical Scholars partnership with FAMU. We will be able to take advantage of the fact that FAU has the most diverse student body in the SUS to help add to the diversity of dentists in the state.  
<http://med.fau.edu/newsandevents/CoM%20Medical%20Pipeline%20Programs%2012.6.16.pdf>

FAU's Pre-Health Professions office will participate in as well as develop outreach pipeline programs in minority dominated high schools in the state and eventually develop a robust scholarship program for such through fundraising and use of tuition revenue in the program.

Data supplied by the office for the period of Fall 2015-Spring 2022 indicated that 58 FAU students used the services of the office to apply to dental programs throughout Florida and the U.S., and 39 of those students were accepted into dental programs. The school that accepted and enrolled most of the FAU applicants during the period was Nova Southeastern University (14), with the University of Florida a distant second (7 students). The remainder of the accepted students (18) enrolled at institutions in state at Lake Erie Dental College (3) or out of the state of

We expect sources of student applicants to come from a variety of institution both within and beyond our local area. Conversations with the University of West Florida and FAMU have been particularly positive about supplying a pipeline of students to the FAU program. As noted in their letters of support in Appendix D,

*"We would welcome the opportunity to work with FAU on potential pathways for students from UWF and this part of the state to prepare to meet the FAU program's prerequisite requirement. We would also welcome the opportunity to assist FAU with recruiting students from the Usha Kundu MD College of Health at FAU...we would welcome further discussion of joint faculty and paths where FAU pre-dentistry students begin coursework at UWF and then move seamlessly into FAU's dentistry program."*

### **C. Complete Appendix A – Table 1 (1-A for undergraduate and 1-B for graduate) with projected student headcount (HC) and full-time equivalents (FTE).**

- Undergraduate FTE must be calculated based on 30 credit hours per year
- Graduate FTE must be calculated based on 24 credit hours per year

**In the space below, provide an explanation for the enrollment projections. If students within the institution are expected to change academic programs to enroll in the proposed program, describe the anticipated enrollment shifts and impact on enrollment in other programs.**

FAU aims to create a new college of dentistry and to offer the DMD program starting in 2026. We plan to admit 45 students in year 1 and have a staggered increase to 90 students over 4 years with a total enrollment of 350 students once fully enrolled (assuming attrition). Once we achieve desired class size, we anticipate the majority of students will come from public colleges and universities within the state of Florida.

We originally looked at 65 admits per year, but when we saw the dearth of dentists and capacity (even with proposed expansions at Nova and UF), we knew our number was inadequate if Florida were to ever achieve ADA requirements. In reality, even at 90, we are still short, but starting a school with greater than 90 (achieved over a period of years) was as big of a reach as we thought appropriately manageable.

Based on Appendix A – Table 1-B, the projected distribution of 71% of all students in the DMD program will be Florida residents, with 61% graduating from a Florida public college or university. This data mirrors the FAU college of medicine enrollment distribution currently, with 75% of entering student identifying as residents of Florida. This number (once full enrollment was achieved) has increased slightly each year. We would expect a similar trend with the college of dentistry.

FAU is proudly recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution. Clearly demonstrated in other professional programs (college of medicine, engineering, and nursing notably), FAU not only attracts underrepresented members of the community into the health science and engineering programs, we have an outstanding record of retaining these individuals within our local community and state—with more than 50% of our professional program graduates remaining in Florida. We would endeavor in a similar manner with the College of Dentistry to ensure a comparable outcome.

*NOTE: The LBR projection of 350 represents the end target enrollment ( $90 \times 4 = 360$ ) goal minus some expected attrition. The 293 quoted in Appendix A, Table 1-B of the proposal represents the first 5-years of the program. We project the first cohort class to be 45 and will rise annually until we reach 90 cohort admits per year. As the 293 is a 5-year estimate, the first class of 45 will have graduated by then, and therefore are not in the 293 total.*

**D. Describe the anticipated benefit of the proposed program to the university, local community, and the state. Benefits of the program should be described both quantitatively and qualitatively.**

Qualitatively— The proposed program will benefit the university and local community by growing the reputation of Florida Atlantic University, also delivering returns on the state’s investments in FAU as a growing national university with a uniquely-competitive advantage as an institution that is incredibly diverse and also producing high levels of research activity. In recent years, FAU has become one of the nation’s highest ranked institutions for social mobility (No. 36 in *US News and World Report*), diversity (No. 12 in *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* for degrees awarded to African Americans, and Top 50 in both *The Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac*’s Campus Diversity Index and *US News and World Report*’s Campus Ethnic Diversity Index), student success (Top 3 in Degree Completion from *Association of Public and Land-grant Universities* and Top 5 from *Eduventures*), and in overall national ranking (No. 72 in *Washington Monthly* among private and public institutions and No. 140 in *US News and World Report* among top public schools). These accolades will continue to grow in number and in impact with the establishment of a new dentistry program.

Quantitatively— The primary educational outcomes of the proposed programs include student enrollment and graduation numbers. The primary workforce outcomes include the number and percentage of students who successfully pass the National Board Dental Examination Boards (Part 1 and 2) and enter the dental workforce in the underserved areas of Florida. This program would increase the number of dental graduates and will recruit students likely to stay in the region and develop ties to the community that increases this likelihood. The expected returns on investment (ROI) include increases in the number and geographic distribution of health care employees added to the workforce, including the regional and state of Florida workforce.

**E. If other public or private institutions in Florida have similar programs that exist at the four- or six-digit CIP Code or in other CIP Codes where 60 percent of the coursework is comparable, identify the institution(s) and geographic location(s). Summarize the outcome(s) of communication with appropriate personnel (e.g., department chairs, program coordinators, deans) at those institutions regarding the potential impact on their enrollment and opportunities for possible collaboration in the areas of instruction and research.**

The proposed college of dentistry would confer a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree. The corresponding six-digit CIP Code for such programs (including Doctor of Dental Surgery) is 51.0401. The National Center for Education Statistics characterizes this instructional program as stated below:

**CIP Code 51.0401; Title: Dentistry (DDS, DMD).**

*A program that prepares individuals for the independent professional practice of dentistry/dental medicine, encompassing the evaluation, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases, disorders, and conditions of the oral cavity, maxillofacial area, and adjacent structures and their impact on the human body and health. Includes instruction in the basic biomedical sciences,*



*occlusion, dental health and prevention, oral pathology, cariology, operative dentistry, oral radiology, principles of the various dental specialties, pain management, oral medicine, clinic and health care management, patient counseling, and professional standards and ethics.*

There are only three institutions in the state of Florida that offer this degree program: the University of Florida (UF), Nova Southeastern University (NSU), and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM). Only UF is a public school with its main campus in Gainesville and smaller instructional centers around the state—UF St. Petersburg Dental Center, UF Wildlight/JAX Center, UF NCEF Pediatric Dental Center and the UF Hialeah Dental Center. NSU in Davie and LECOM in Bradenton are both private institutions. Nova Southeastern has recently announced expansion of the NSU International Dental program in the Tampa Bay area. This three-year program provides a pathway for internationally trained dentists to practice in the USA.

As described in the enrollment projections (III. C.) very little to no impact is anticipated for the three organizations with regards to enrollment. Currently all three institutions have an extraordinarily high application rate, very low acceptance rate, and well above the national average applicant credentials. The abundance of supply and scarcity of availability will have very little to no impact to the overall demand for the programs within the state.

As for opportunities to collaborate, Nova Southeastern University, although a private institution, is the closest geographically at 45 minutes from the FAU main campus. FAU has contacted NSU's leadership (dean of the college of medicine) and would seek opportunities to provide joint educational opportunities as appropriate. These would include grand rounds, journal club, invited speakers and other non-classroom learning. A potential collaboration with research is also being explored.

As part of the SUS of Florida, FAU would seek a mentoring institution relationship with The University of Florida (UF). The UF college of dentistry is highly regarded due to its longstanding and preeminent dental sciences programs. Accordingly, FAU has requested and received a letter of support for this application. Geography will drive the focus on specific collaborations. As stated in II.C., research being the most likely.

Collaborations with LECOM would be most challenging. LECOM was originally chartered in Pennsylvania in 1992 and has an expansion campus in Bradenton, Florida that is located nearly 4 hours from the FAU campus in Boca Raton, Florida; however, LECOM's primary teaching site is in at their Lake Erie, Pennsylvania location. Given the differences in organizational structure and constraints, both NSU and UF seem more likely collaborators. However, FAU will continue to include LECOM in conversations to identify any opportunity to work together in the dental health professional community.

Note that in order to obtain a dental license and practice in Florida, one must graduate from a CODA accredited dental school and complete the licensure and licensure examination requirements of the Florida State Board of Dentistry (<https://floridasdentistry.gov/licensing/dentist/>). Completion of the CODA accreditation is tantamount to completion of requirements for licensure in Florida, along with taking the various examinations (ethics and clinical ADEX exams). Coursework in FAU's DMD program will be planned meticulously with CODA accreditation and Florida licensure in mind, and as a result will have a great deal of similarity with other programs in the state.



## Communications:

University of Florida—Email obtained from UF Provost showing no objection to the program (Appendix D).

Nova Southeastern University—Have reached out to discuss collaboration with the Nova Dean of the College of Dental Medicine. It was a welcomed conversation for collaboration (Appendix D).

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine—Have reached out, but not received a response. (See comments from FAU COM staff in Appendix D.)

**F. Describe the process for the recruitment and retention of a diverse student body in the proposed program. If the proposed program substantially duplicates a program at FAMU or FIU, provide a letter of support from the impacted institution(s) addressing how the program will impact the institution's ability to attract students of races different from that which is predominant on the FAMU or FIU campus. The institution's Equal Opportunity Officer shall review this Section of the proposal, sign, and date the additional signatures page to indicate that all requirements of this section have been completed.**

The College of Dentistry will contribute to FAU's strong tradition of promoting diversity and inclusion (highlighted in the FAU Strategic Plan for the Race to Excellence 2015-2025) by promoting diversity and inclusiveness in the curriculum and through our efforts to recruit a diverse and inclusive body of students, faculty, and staff.

Diversity among dental students: In order to achieve the COD's goal of admitting, training, and graduating a diverse student body, the COD admissions process will emphasize a holistic approach in evaluating dental school applicants. The totality of the applicant's academic and personal journey is reviewed and considered during the admissions process. The COD will track diversity outcomes for the race/ethnicity and socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds to monitor the success of our pathway programs.

It has been well documented in healthcare that groups historically underrepresented and/or for low-income backgrounds more often care for underserved populations .[\[1\]](#), [\[8\]](#), [\[15\]](#) Specifically, greater proportions of healthcare professional school graduates who are women and self-identify as underrepresented are more likely to practice in underserved regions. [\[17, 28, 41\]](#) . These considerations are thus essential as we serve the need for the State of Florida. To do this, the COD may emulate pathway programs established by the Schmidt College of Medicine (COM) at FAU.

COM has pipeline programs within the local community with Title 1 schools and with the FAMU – FAU MSP. The former focuses on the recruitment of socioeconomically disadvantaged middle and high school students (predominantly Hispanic and Black) into healthcare careers. This highly successful program has engaged more than 2,270 middle and high school students from 2015-2018, with all high school graduates pursuing higher education in the healthcare field. The latter, a partnership with FAMU, one of the largest Historically Black Colleges/Universities, focuses on the recruitment of high school seniors into an eight-year Bachelor of Science-MD program, where accepted students complete their bachelor's degree at FAMU and are provided a

conditional admission to the COM. Both programs have demonstrated success in increasing the number and diversity of individuals entering the healthcare workforce and both programs have had continuous and sufficient financial and personnel support. The programs are funded by the COM, the school district and philanthropic sources. The overall success of diversity initiatives and pipeline programs in the recruitment of medical students is reflected in the composition of the medical student body: 23 (9%) Black/AA; 35 (14%) Hispanic; 66 (26%) socioeconomically disadvantaged. We predict similar can be done in the COD.

The COD faculty and staff recruitment processes will comply with FAU guidelines for the achievement of a diverse university community, and the COD's recruitment practices will focus on attracting a qualified and diverse pool of candidates with particular attention to candidates from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups to serve as role models for similar students. The COD will strive to support the promotion of all faculty through academic ranks, tenure application and opportunities for growth and development as leaders at the College, University and national level. The COM and the COM's ODI will work closely with FAU's HR and OEIC to ensure that faculty and staff searches yield a diverse candidate pool who are treated equitably. FAU has a formal anti-discrimination/anti-harassment regulation, Regulation 5.010, in use and publicly available online. Faculty and staff are provided training on this regulation during their orientation process to FAU. Medical students receive information on this regulation and the processes.

## IV. Curriculum

**A. Describe all admission standards and all graduation requirements for the program. Hyperlinks to institutional websites may be used to supplement the information provided in this subsection; however, these links may not serve as a standalone response. For graduation requirements, please describe any additional requirements that do not appear in the program of study (e.g., milestones, academic engagement, publication requirements).**

### Admission Standards

Admission to the program is expected to be highly competitive, as at all US dental schools. Applications for admission would be made through the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS®), the centralized application service for all U.S. dental schools ([https://www.dea.org/GoDental/The\\_application\\_to\\_dental\\_school\\_ADEA\\_AADSAS.aspx](https://www.dea.org/GoDental/The_application_to_dental_school_ADEA_AADSAS.aspx))

Required prerequisites for a successful application would include:

- Dental Admission Test. Applicants must take the exam no later than September of the year preceding the one in which they hope to enter the College of Dental Medicine. Scores must be no more than three years old at the time of application.
- A bachelor's degree from a college or university located in the United States or Canada and accredited by a regional accrediting agency.
- The following prerequisite courses. All prerequisites must be graded credits earned at a college or university located in the United States or Canada and accredited by a regional accrediting agency.
  - Two semesters ((three quarters) of English, literature, or writing
  - Two semesters (three quarters) of biology with lab,

- Two semesters (three quarters) of general chemistry with lab,
- Two semesters (three quarters) of organic chemistry with lab and
- Two semesters (three quarters) of physics with lab.
- Credits earned in Study Abroad programs are acceptable if they appear on the transcript of a regionally accredited college or university along with the number of credits awarded for each course.
- AP credit may be used for some of the requirements but in those cases, it is expected that the student will take higher-level courses in that discipline.
- Online courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis and preference will be given to applicants who have done the majority of their preparation at the senior college level.
- Courses that are recommended but not required for admission include mathematics, biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, genetics and statistics.
- At least 6 cumulative months of full-time employment in any field
- At least 100 cumulative hours of meaningful community service
- A demonstrated interest in, and knowledge of, oral health care
- Letters of reference: either one composite letter of evaluation written by the pre dental/premedical advisory committee at the applicant's school, or three individual letters from faculty members who have taught the applicant. At least two of the letters should be from a professor that has taught the applicant in the sciences, and one from a non-science professor who has taught the applicant and can adequately speak to both their academic readiness and personal suitability for the pursuit and practice of dentistry.
- A background security check that reveals no felony record.
- US citizenship or permanent residency of the United States
- Favorable interview

Important experiences and attributes in an applicant include:

- Evidence of
  - perseverance and resilience
  - high ethical standards
  - maturity and the ability to self-assess
  - good organizational skills
  - leadership skills
  - manual dexterity skills, through hobbies or other activities
- Broad life experiences
- A demonstrated commitment to public service and underserved communities, including rural populations
- Experiences working in teams and embracing diversity of thought
- Participation in fieldwork and community outreach programs

Other experiences and attributes that may be considered include:

- A record of shadowing oral health care professionals
- Research experience
- Participation in public health programs that support healthier behaviors and neighborhoods, and better access to healthcare services
- Scholarships and Service Awards
- Other achievements such as participation in organized sports, music, etc.
- A record of overcoming significant life challenges
- Participation in enrichment programs, post-baccalaureate programs, summer health

professions educations programs, etc.

## Requirements for Graduation

To graduate with a DMD, students at the FAU College of Dental Medicine must satisfactorily complete all of the following:

1. All required courses in the predoctoral curriculum.
2. All required clinical rotations in the predoctoral curriculum.
3. The U.S. Integrated National Dental Board Examination (INDBE)
4. All required Entrustable Professional Activity and competency assessments of the FAU College of Dental Medicine. In case of failure, no more than 3 attempts of any of these assessments will be permitted during any academic year.
5. A global assessment of clinical professional activities and judgment requiring an in-house cumulative OSCE, the DL-OSCE, or a 3-month rotation in a community clinic performing dental care in a competent manner. In case of failure, no more than 3 attempts will be permitted during the academic year of graduation.

### **DLOSCE COMPOSITION IS**

- Restorative 24%
- Prosthodontics 19%
- Oral Path, pain mgt, TMD 13%
- Medical emergencies and Rx 11%
- Perio 10%
- Oral Surg 9%
- Endo 8%
- Ortho 6%
- Dx and Tx planning are in all topics
- All topics must also include patients of all ages + medically complex + with disabilities

The exam is all about clinical decision-making in “the tasks of dentistry”, applying the factual knowledge from dental education to patient care, but does not ask questions directly about the recall of facts.

The tasks of dentistry and how they were derived are described in the ***DLOSCE Technical Report*** of the JCNDE at [https://jcnde.ada.org/~media/JCNDE/pdfs/DLOSCE\\_Technical\\_Report.pdf?la=en](https://jcnde.ada.org/~media/JCNDE/pdfs/DLOSCE_Technical_Report.pdf?la=en).

**B. Describe the specific expected student learning outcomes associated with the proposed program and include strategies for assessing the proposed program's learning outcomes. If the proposed program is a baccalaureate degree, include a hyperlink to the published Academic Learning Compact and the document itself as Appendix C.**

## Required Entrustable Professional Activity assessments of the College of Dentistry

Graduates of the College of Dentistry must demonstrate their ability to independently perform the following professional activities to community standards at the level of a beginning general dentist, before graduation. These professional activity assessments include all the competency assessments required by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

## Expected Learning Outcomes for Dental Medicine

	Description of Learning Outcome	Assessment Method(s)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSCE = OSCE</li> <li>• Portfolio = PFO</li> <li>• Multiple choice exam = MCQ</li> <li>• Patient-based assessment = PAT*</li> <li>• Simulated patient-based assessment = SIM*</li> </ul> <p><i>*These may be Entrustable Professional Activities (EPA) Assessments or conventional competency assessments.</i></p>
EPA 1:	<p><b>Gather a history and perform a physical examination</b></p> <p>1.1 Identify the patient's chief complaint and its associated signs and symptoms.</p> <p>1.2 <b>Collect</b>, assess, and interpret the patient's medical, dental, medication, and psychosocial history, and other relevant records.</p> <p>1.3 Examine and assess the patient, including the head, neck, oral cavity, accessible oropharynx, visible skin, and other relevant and appropriate areas, and the patient's vital signs.</p> <p>1.4 Interpret the clinical findings, distinguishing abnormal findings that require follow-up from those within the range of normal findings.</p>	<p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT</b> <b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b></p>
EPA 2:	<p><b>Formulate and prioritize a differential diagnosis</b></p> <p>2.1 Estimate the most likely disease process and tissue of origin for the condition</p> <p>2.2 Develop a prioritized differential diagnosis</p> <p>2.3 Select a working diagnosis</p>	<p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b> <b>OSCE, PFO, PAT, SIM</b> <b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b></p>

<b>EPA 3:</b>	<b>Recommend and interpret common diagnostic and screening tests</b>  3.1 Order appropriate diagnostic tests and imaging based on the differential and working diagnosis.  3.2 Interpret the results of the diagnostic tests and imaging to select the most likely diagnosis, and if necessary order further appropriate diagnostic tests and imaging.  3.3 Use the results of the tests to decide the most likely diagnosis and whether this is a final diagnosis.	OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM OSCE, PFO, PAT  OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM
<b>EPA 4:</b>	<b>Formulate a comprehensive or problem-oriented treatment plan</b>  4.1 Diagnose and establish a prognosis for oral and maxillofacial diseases and conditions.  4.2 Identify the rationale for and select appropriate clinical procedures  4.3 Establish a comprehensive person-centered treatment plan for the management of dental findings  4.4 Perform an assessment of the outcome of a comprehensive treatment plan and establish an appropriate plan for the maintenance of the patient's oral condition.	OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM  PFO, PAT, SIM  OSCE, PAT, SIM
<b>EPA 5:</b>	<b>Obtain informed consent for tests, procedures, or treatment plans</b> 5.1 Educate, counsel, and communicate effectively with the patient and/or their surrogate decision-maker using health literacy principles to facilitate the process of shared decision-making about treatment plans, health promotion, and disease prevention.  5.2 Achieve informed consent for the test, treatment plan or procedure	OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM   PAT, SIM

<b>EPA 6:</b>	<p><b>Prescribe, administer, or recommend appropriate medications</b></p> <p>6.1 Prevent and alleviate patient fear, pain, or distress during dental procedures, using appropriate behavioral techniques, local anesthesia, and minimal-level conscious sedation.</p> <p>6.2 Assess risk for, prevent, detect, and manage substance abuse and dependency, including referral to other appropriate health care providers as appropriate.</p> <p>6.3 Assess risk for, prevent, and manage complications arising from the use of therapeutic and pharmacological agents in patient care.</p> <p>6.4 Choose appropriate pharmacological agents to treat oral and maxillofacial conditions and pain, exhibiting vigilance about the possibility of future dependency.</p> <p>6.5 Prescribe or administer appropriate medications</p>	<p>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</p> <p>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</p> <p>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</p> <p>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</p> <p>OSCE, PAT, SIM</p>
<b>EPA 7:</b>	<p><b>Document a clinical encounter in the patient record</b></p> <p>7.1 Write a clinical note in SOAP format.</p> <p>7.2 Maintain patient records in accordance with jurisprudence and ethical requirements</p> <p>7.3 Use current information technology methods to identify, record, store, and transmit patient information in a secure and private manner</p>	<p>OSCE, PAT, SIM</p> <p>OSCE, PAT, SIM</p> <p>OSCE, PFO, PAT, SIM</p>
<b>EPA 8:</b>	<p><b>Form clinical questions and retrieve evidence to advance patient care</b></p> <p>8.1 Use critical thinking and problem-solving skills to assess and communicate the validity of lay health-related literature</p> <p>8.2 Locate and critically assess new advancements in research, technology and treatment with regard to their use in evidence-based patient care.</p>	<p>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</p> <p>OSCE, PFO, MCQ</p> <p>OSCE, PFO, MCQ</p> <p>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</p>

	<p>8.3 Critically assess emerging trends in economics, society, and health care to anticipate and accommodate their impact on the provision of oral health care.</p> <p>8.4 Evaluate and utilize available and emerging laboratory, clinical, informational and other resources to facilitate patient care, practice management, and professional development.</p> <p>8.5 Evaluate literature and the conduct of research for consideration of sex and gender</p> <p>8.5 Integrate and apply basic science concepts and current medical knowledge to patient care through critical thinking and clinical problem solving.</p>	<p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b></p>
<b>EPA 9:</b>	<p><b>Send or receive a patient consultation or referral.</b></p> <p>9.1 Recognize and acknowledge one's own scope of competent and licensed oral health care practice, and refer patients as needed to other health professionals for care that falls outside this scope.</p> <p>9.2 Identify when a patient requires consultation with or referral to a member of a different health profession.</p> <p>9.3 Perform and document effective referrals and consultations to other health professionals, and follow up in a timely manner</p>	<p><b>PFO, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, PAT, SIM</b></p>
<b>EPA 10:</b>	<p><b>Recognize and manage urgent or emergent oral and medical conditions</b></p> <p>10.1 Recognize urgent or emergent medical problems and initiate evaluation and management.</p> <p>10.2 Recognize urgent or emergent dental problems, including but not limited to acute pain, hemorrhage, trauma, and infection of the oral and maxillofacial complex, and initiate evaluation and management.</p>	<p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b></p>
<b>EPA</b>	<b>Perform general procedures of a dentist.</b>	





	<p>appropriate.</p> <p>11.5 Communicate with insurers about procedures using procedure codes and diagnosis codes</p> <p>11.6 Conduct the practice of dentistry in accordance with the ethical and legal requirements and standards of the profession and the jurisdiction.</p> <p>11.7 Adhere to standard precautions for infection control for all clinical procedures.</p> <p>11.8 Communicate case design to laboratory technicians and evaluate the resultant restoration or prosthesis.</p> <p>11.9 Screen patients for systemic and psychiatric diseases and appropriately manage their care, including referral to other members of the health care team.</p> <p>11.10 Treat patients at all stages of life, including children and geriatric patients.</p> <p>11.11 Assess and manage the oral health care of patients with special needs.</p> <p>11.12 Incorporate consideration of sex and gender into decision making</p> <p>11.13 Assess and manage the oral health care of patients with medically complex conditions.</p>	
<b>EPA 12:</b>	<p><b>Collaborate as a member of an interprofessional team</b></p> <p>12.1 Provide care in an interprofessional team, delegating professional responsibilities according to each team member's individual competency and licensure</p> <p>12.2 Provide oral healthcare in multiple models of oral health care delivery.</p> <p>12.3 Communicate medical information clearly and effectively in both written and oral form to other members of the healthcare team.</p> <p>12.4 Identify and address ethical and legal concerns in clinical practice and in research, recognizing different value systems while adhering</p>	<p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>PAT</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b></p>

	to ethical standards.	
<b>EPA 13:</b>	<p><b>Lead the oral health team</b></p> <p>13.1 Organize and prioritize tasks and effectively manage time in a clinical setting.</p> <p>13.2 Demonstrate leadership skills that enhance team functioning, the learning environment, education, research and patient care.</p> <p>13.3 Demonstrate professional behaviors toward patients, families, and members of healthcare teams.</p> <p>13.4 Apply the basic principles and philosophies of practice management to oral healthcare</p> <p>13.5 Lead the oral health care team, delegating professional responsibilities according to each team member's individual competency and licensure.</p> <p>13.6 Manage, coordinate and supervise the activity of allied dental health personnel.</p> <p>13.7 Use information technology to optimize teaching, learning, research and patient care.</p> <p>13.8 Conduct practice related business activities and financial operations in accordance with sound business practices and jurisprudence (e.g., OSHA and HIPAA)</p> <p>13.9 Demonstrate knowledge of the basic principles of organization and finance for a variety of healthcare delivery systems</p>	<p><b>PAT</b></p> <p><b>PAT</b></p> <p><b>PAT</b></p> <p><b>PAT</b></p> <p><b>PAT</b></p> <p><b>PAT</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b></p>
<b>EPA 14:</b>	<p><b>Encourage a team culture of safety and improvement, and identify-system failures.</b></p> <p>14.1 Lead critical discussions of issues related to oral and general health with clinical teams.</p> <p>14.2 Use the principles of continuous process improvement to self-assess and continuously improve one's own clinical abilities in oral health care and in interprofessional practice.</p> <p>14.3 Demonstrate a commitment to life-long learning including developing reflective practices, recognizing personal limitations, and giving and responding to feedback to improve performance.</p>	<p><b>PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>PFO, PAT</b></p> <p><b>PFO, PAT</b></p> <p><b>PAT</b></p> <p><b>PFO, PAT</b></p>

	<p>14.4 Use the principles of continuous process improvement to assess and continuously improve clinical operations and procedures.</p> <p>14.5 Prioritize personal health and wellness practices and develop effective coping strategies to maintain physical and mental health, seeking assistance as needed.</p> <p>14.6 Recognize and respond to situations involving ethical and jurisprudence considerations</p> <p>14.7 Develop a catastrophe preparedness plan for the dental practice.</p> <p>14.8 Apply quality assurance, assessment and improvement concepts to improve outcomes.</p> <p>14.9 Identify, correct, and report common sources of medical errors and apply models for quality improvement.</p>	<p><b>OSCE, PFO, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>PFO, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, MCQ, PAT, SIM</b></p>
<b>EPA 15:</b>	<p><b>Work collaboratively to improve public health.</b></p> <p>15.1 Collaborate with dental team members and other health care professionals to improve health literacy, promote health, and manage disease in communities.</p> <p>15.2 Model service to patients and communities to enhance the well-being of others and to advocate for vulnerable groups and those with limited access to healthcare.</p> <p>15.3 Evaluate and implement systems of oral health care management and delivery that will address the needs of patient populations served.</p>	<p><b>PFO, PAT</b></p> <p><b>PFO, PAT</b></p> <p><b>OSCE, PFO, PAT, SIM</b></p>
<b>EPA 16:</b>	<p><b>Provide culturally competent and culturally safe health care</b></p> <p>16.1 Cooperate with patients, communities, and colleagues from diverse backgrounds</p> <p>16.2 Foster a clinical atmosphere that welcomes diversity</p>	<p><b>OSCE, PFO, PAT, SIM</b></p> <p><b>PFO, PAT</b></p> <p><b>PFO, PAT</b></p> <p><b>PFO, PAT</b></p>

	<p>16.3 Demonstrate an awareness of how personal beliefs, values, emotions and tolerance of ambiguity influence behaviors with others and responses to difficult situations</p> <p>16.4 Demonstrate effective adaptation of communication skills to the needs of the patient, the sensitivity of the information discussed, and the nature of the situation.</p> <p>16.5 Establish appropriate relationships with patients, respecting their values, privacy and dignity.</p> <p>16.6 Demonstrate patient advocacy with respect to sex and gender</p>	<p><b>PAT</b></p> <p><b>PFO, PAT</b></p>
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### **Pre-clinical Curricular Goals:**

1. Describe the normal structure and function of the human body
2. Describe in detail the normal structure and function of head and neck.
3. Draw the detailed anatomy of each deciduous and permanent tooth.
4. Explain the three-dimensional movements and interrelationships of the teeth, jaws, and TMJ during normal mastication and occlusion.
5. Explain the various causes of disease states, and describe the molecular, structural, and physiological alterations that underlie these states, with special attention to dental caries and periodontal disease.
6. Explain the molecular basis of cancer and the major events that occur from tumor initiation to metastasis.
7. Describe the changes that occur to organs and organ systems throughout development and aging.
8. Demonstrate knowledge of the principles underlying normal behavior and psychopathologic disorders.
9. Demonstrate knowledge of sex and gender specific health
10. Describe the mechanisms of action, side effects, and interactions of major therapeutic agents.
11. Describe the principles of prevention and the non- pharmacological approaches to disease and symptom management.
12. Describe population specific factors that affect disease prevention, incidence, treatment, and outcomes, and apply this information to patient care.

**C. If the proposed program is an AS-to-BS capstone, provide evidence that it adheres to the guidelines approved by the Articulation Coordinating Committee for such programs, as outlined in [State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.024](#). Additionally, please list the prerequisites, if any, and identify the specific AS degrees that may transfer into the proposed program.**

☒ **Not applicable to this program because it is not an AS-to-BS Capstone.**

**D. Describe the curricular framework for the proposed program, including the following information where applicable:**

- **total numbers of semester credit hours for the degree**
- **number of credit hours for each course**
- **required courses, restricted electives, and unrestricted electives**
- **a sequenced course of study for all majors, concentrations, tracks, or areas of emphasis**

The Integrated Patient-Focused Curriculum is based on the principle that oral healthcare skills and knowledge are acquired best in a setting that simulates their use in future practice as closely as possible. Therefore, this curriculum is founded in the context of patient care through patient case studies that bring theory to life, and the early introduction of clinical skills in authentic settings. We provide our students with a stimulating, supportive and collegial learning environment featuring:

- An early introduction to patient care
- Continuity relationships with patients and dental clinics
- Longitudinal integrated clerkship modules in the third year
- Entrustable Professional Activity (EPA) assessments to guide safe clinical progress and build student confidence
- Integrated competency assessments
- A small class size

The FAU College of Dentistry integrates the following threads throughout all years of the curriculum:

- Ethics, Professionalism and Professional Identity (EPP)
- Life-Long Learning and Discovery (LLD)
- Patients of All Ages and Abilities (PAAA)
- Communication, Compassion and Collaborative Care (CCC)
- Clinical Leadership and Safety (CLS)
- Skills For Health (SFH)

The foundational science curriculum integrates key disciplines like anatomy, physiology, pharmacology and pathology throughout the courses. Teaching methods include problem-based learning, with a balance of small group sessions and independent study, supplemented by labs, clinical correlations, simulations, and lectures focusing on core concepts rather than lists of facts.

The clinical curriculum in years 1 and 2, Foundations of Dental Medicine and Surgery, includes sessions that concentrate on professionalism skills as well as dental techniques. Aspects of professionalism include ethics, cultural competency, and communication skills. Head and neck anatomy, dental anatomy and occlusion are preparatory to beginning preclinical training. Patient history taking, interviewing, and examination are taught and practiced using standardized and simulated patients. Students begin to build their surgical skills in predental simulations using artificial teeth, simulation units, and virtual patients before beginning care of live patients.

In the second term of year 1, they start to learn about the specialized pathology of the hard and

soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region, and an evidence-based approach to choosing and performing specialized diagnostic procedures such as the head and neck exam, periodontal exam, oral cancer screening, and radiographs. They also learn to administer local anesthesia.

Starting in the summer semester in year 1, students develop doctor/patient relationships with patients under the supervision of their dentist preceptors in the dental school clinics that provide care to the under-served in Palm Beach County and our local region.

In year 3, students begin their intensive participation in longitudinally integrated clinical clerkships where they learn about and practice the major areas and specialties of dentistry under the close supervision of specialists. Small groups of students are assigned to work with selected specialists in interdisciplinary teams for an extended period, rather than completing short discipline-specific clerkships in random order, and then not practicing those clinical skills again in 3rd year. In this way they glean some of the most important benefits of regular clerkships - small group size, close interpersonal interactions between classmates and faculty, concentrated attention to a dental specialty, and first-hand experience of clinical teamwork.

Throughout year 3, students are provided with opportunities to participate in community health projects, research, and to take elective courses. They have the opportunity to begin preparing for two important national exams, the Integrated National Dental Board Examination and the Dental Licensure OSCE. This is also the period in which students begin applying for specialty programs, and they may choose to complete a limited number of externships in their chosen specialty.

At the end of year 3, students have completed core clerkships practicing clinical skills on assigned patients in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral Medicine, Periodontics, Endodontics, Prosthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, and Restorative Dentistry, and also practiced their clinical skills in dental informatics, dental emergencies, implant dentistry, Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology, Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology, oral diagnosis, treatment planning, geriatric dentistry, and care of patients with special needs

During year 4, students make a major transition. So far, they have worked on their patients under the supervision of dental specialists in the clinics of the College of Dentistry. Now they shift to working with general dentists and interprofessional health care teams in community health clinics in the region, which can involve travel and extended periods away from the main campus. These service-learning rotations form the bulk of their senior dental experience, giving them real-life experience in the authentic settings they are being prepared for. They spend time working closely with and assisting the MDs and nurses to learn limited primary care skills, and the rest of the time providing general dentistry care to their own roster of patients under the supervision of preceptor dentists at the site. Their patient experiences are monitored and if there is not a sufficient number of more sophisticated and demanding procedures at their site, they are brought back to the main campus site periodically to work with in the school clinics, where they are assigned more advanced cases to round out their clinical experiences.

By the time of graduation, students have a balance of specialist-driven and community-based clinical experiences, a broad range of dental skills, basic primary care skills, and extended experiences working with underserved communities. They will have demonstrated their competency in all required aspects of dentistry and graduate ready to serve diverse communities and people in under-served regions of Florida.

Note that in order to obtain a dental license and practice in Florida, one must graduate from a CODA accredited dental school and complete the licensure and licensure examination requirements of the Florida State Board of Dentistry (<https://floridasdentistry.gov/licensing/dentist/>). Completion of the CODA accreditation is

tantamount to completion of requirements for licensure in Florida, along with taking the various examinations (ethics and clinical ADEX exams). Coursework in FAU's DMD program will be planned meticulously with CODA accreditation and Florida licensure in mind.

**The total number of credits required in the program is 198. A sequenced course of study is provided in Appendix L.**

## **E. Provide a brief description for each course in the proposed curriculum.**

### **Year 1: Semester 1 – Fall**

#### **DEN5010 – Interdisciplinary Service Learning I (0)**

This course will provide student experience in an integrated service-learning framework. Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to: work with an interdisciplinary team, communicate effectively, understand social and cultural factors that influence patients, function as a health information resource and work effectively within community service organizations.

#### **DEN5013 – Foundations of Professionalism (2)**

This course provides an orientation to the new dental student and establishes the foundation for the development of an emotionally healthy and ethically competent general dentist. The new student is oriented to a variety of studying and coping skills to maintain emotional health and productive learning and also learns the rules and regulations governing academic and professional behavior. The student will also learn about the ethical principles impacting the dental profession and how to apply these principles to ethical dilemmas.

#### **DEN5100C – Gross Anatomy (4)**

Basic macroscopic anatomical structure and functions of the human body, with emphasis on the head and neck will be presented through lectures, laboratory dissections and discussion sessions. This information serves as the foundation for understanding normal functions of the head, neck and oral structures as well as disorders related to those structures.

#### **DEN5121 – Biochemistry, Molecular & Cellular Biology (4)**

Topics including structural biology, cellular organization and communication cell division, regulation of metabolic processes and gene structure and function will introduce students to aspects of advanced molecular and cellular biology and associated biochemical processes. These topics are designed to serve as foundation knowledge for course to follow in later semesters in tissue and organ structure and function, and general pathology.

#### **DEN5210 – Developmental Biology and Psychosocial Issues over the Lifespan (3)**

Developmental biological and psychosocial foundation knowledge across the life span will be presented in this course. Focus will be placed on the basic biology of normal growth and development of the head, neck and oral tissue as well as the relevant biological and psychosocial issues associated with normal changes over the life-span that are relevant to oral health and the



practice of dentistry. This course is a pre-requisite for DEN 5221C, Oral Health Management and Psychosocial Issues Over the Lifespan in semester two.

### **DEN5404C – Dental Anatomy and Stomatognathics (2)**

This course acquaints the student with morphologic components of the natural dentition including essential vocabulary and details of the anatomy of teeth and the relationship of anatomic structures to caries formation and tooth restoration.

### **DEN5505C – Introduction to Clinical Care (1)**

This course is designed to provide foundational information in clinical care for novice dental students. Areas of patient safety, risk management, infection prevention, standardized clinical practices, information security, and emergency preparedness are applied by students to prepare them for clinical person-centered care.

### **DEN6301C – Fundamentals of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology (2)**

The biology of radiation and radiation safety in dentistry along with radiologic techniques for procuring, exposing and developing dental films.

## **Year 1: Semester 2 – Spring**

### **DEN5010 – Interdisciplinary Service Learning I (1)**

This course will provide student experience in an integrated service-learning framework. Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to: work with an interdisciplinary team, communicate effectively, understand social and cultural factors that influence patients, function as a health information resource and work effectively within community service organizations.

### **DEN5120C – Physiology (5)**

This course provides foundation knowledge on the structure and normal function of the major body systems including the cardiovascular, pulmonary, renal, gastro-intestinal, endocrine and neurological systems. The relationship of structure to normal function is presented with emphasis on components important to a dentist as a dental patient's case manager and to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of oral diseases. In addition, this course will provide the fundamental knowledge to support the understanding and appreciation of the interrelationships of systemic and oral health.

### **DEN5126C – Histology (2)**

Basic microscopic anatomical structure and functions of the head, neck, teeth and various organ systems will be presented in lectures, microscope work, and discussion sessions. This information serves as the foundation for understanding normal structure and functions provided in physiology as well as disorders related to those structures provided in pathology.

### **DEN5127 – Infectious Diseases (4)**

Providing the foundation knowledge of etiologic agents responsible for infectious diseases important to the general practice of dentistry. Oral infectious diseases are emphasized. The course includes content on microbiology, virology, periodontology, and cariology, as well as systemic and oral diseases with both classical descriptive content and modern molecular biological aspects such as recombinant technology to create new vaccines.

#### **DEN5221 – Oral Health Management and Psychosocial Issues over the Lifespan (2)**

This course emphasizes the management of a patient's oral health focusing on behavioral and sociological issues across the lifespan. It builds on previous biological and psychosocial foundation knowledge that directly impacts the practice of dentistry and the achievement and maintenance of oral health in patients. The course includes an overview of the principles of gerontology including the biological, sociological, and psychological aspects of aging; the changing demographics in the U.S. society; and their implications for the dental profession.

#### **DEN5405C – Preclinical Operative Dentistry I/Biomaterials (4)**

This course introduces fundamental concepts related to dental caries, its prevention, diagnosis and appropriate management. Emphasis is also placed on the biomaterial science and clinical application of composite resin restorative materials. Minimally invasive dentistry will be stressed, and principles of ergonomics and infection control as it relates to clinical dentistry will be introduced. The course is based on lectures and laboratory exercises in order to support the development of motor skills, self-evaluation and clinical judgment using a rational scientific basis.

#### **DEN5502C – Cariology and Preventive Dentistry (2)**

This course introduces fundamental concepts related to dental caries, its prevention, diagnosis and appropriate management. Emphasis is also placed on the preventive aspects of other oral diseases as well as on dental public health and nutritional sciences.

#### **DEN6015 – Professionalism In Patient Care and Practice Management I (0)**

This course is the third in a series of courses designed to provide instruction, coach and mentor students in professionalism as they attain competency in patient care. This course spans semesters 2 – 5 and supports the student's progressive development in appropriate patient management skills, professionalism and integrity in the delivery of dental care, and critical thinking necessary for life-long learning.

### **Year 2: Semester 3 – Summer**

#### **DEN6001 – Introduction to Evidence-based Dental Practice (1)**

This course introduces the student to evidence-based dentistry (EBD), which is the process of integration of the best research evidence with clinical expertise and patient values.

#### **DEN6011 – Interdisciplinary Service Learning II (0)**

This course will provide student experience in an integrated service-learning framework. Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to: work with an

interdisciplinary team, communicate effectively, understand social and cultural factors that influence patients, recognize ethical dilemmas one faces as a dental health professional, and work effectively within community service organizations.

### **DEN6015 – Professionalism In Patient Care and Practice Management I (0)**

This course is the third in a series of courses designed to provide instruction, coach and mentor students in professionalism as they attain competency in patient care. This course spans semesters 2 – 5 and supports the student's progressive development in appropriate patient management skills, professionalism and integrity in the delivery of dental care, and critical thinking necessary for life-long learning.

### **DEN6128 – Host Defense (3)**

This course covers the structure and normal function of the major body systems with emphasis on components important to a dentist as a dental patient's case manager and to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of oral diseases. It also continues with the knowledge necessary to understand and appreciate the interrelationships of systemic and oral health.

### **DEN6213C – Fundamentals of Occlusion (3)**

This course covers topics related to the knowledge of dental materials used for impression making, cast making and basic concepts of dental occlusion. The student will develop an understanding of ideal occlusion form and function.

### **DEN6350 – General Pathology (4)**

General Pathology is a course that concerns the cause and the manifestations of diseases that affect the human body of relevance to dentistry.

### **DEN6407C – Preclinical Operative Dentistry II (3)**

This course will involve the use of silver amalgam to treat teeth injured by decay from simple, single surface lesions to extensive lesions.

### **DEN6705L – Public Health Rotation (0)**

This course utilizes experiential service learning in schools to expand students' understanding of the scientific and theoretical basis and practical application of clinical and population-based oral health surveillance, oral health promotion, and oral disease prevention.

## **Year 2: Semester 4 – Fall**

### **DEN6011 – Interdisciplinary Service Learning II (0)**

This course will provide student experience in an integrated service-learning framework. Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to: work with an interdisciplinary team, communicate effectively, understand social and cultural factors that influence patients, recognize ethical dilemmas one faces as a dental health professional, and work effectively within community service organizations.

### **DEN6015 – Professionalism In Patient Care and Practice Management I (0)**

This course is the third in a series of courses designed to provide instruction, coach and mentor students in professionalism as they attain competency in patient care. This course spans semesters 2 – 5 and supports the student's progressive development in appropriate patient management skills, professionalism and integrity in the delivery of dental care, and critical thinking necessary for life-long learning.

### **DEN6251 – Science and Clinical Management of Dental Pain (2)**

This course provides understanding of orofacial dental pain and integrates knowledge concerning the nature, mechanisms, and pharmacological treatment of pain.

### **DEN6351 – Oral Pathology (3)**

Fundamentals of basic disease processes affecting the head and neck regions; classification of disease of the oral and perioral regions according to clinical or radiographic appearance.

### **DEN6408C – Preclinical Operative Dentistry III (3)**

This course focuses primarily on esthetic materials and methods of tooth restoration, direct and indirect. This course also reviews the preparation and restoration of Class II amalgams.

### **DEN6412C – Preclinical Fixed Prosthodontics I (2)**

To lay the foundation for fixed prosthodontics by using the knowledge of dental materials, jaw motion, anatomy and physiology along with the correlation and coordination of knowledge and skills from every area of dentistry.

### **DEN6421C – Periodontic Treatment Planning and Disease Control (2)**

Review of the information on etiology and pathogenesis of periodontal disease. Students will be introduced to data gathering, diagnosis of periodontal diseases, establishing prognoses, treatment planning and the steps in the first phase of periodontal therapy. Skill development laboratory sessions will focus on oral hygiene skills and motivation of patients, root preparation procedures, and evaluation of phase 1 treatment.

### **DEN6430C – Principles of Endodontics (1)**

This course is designed to teach pulp and periapical pathology, endodontic diagnosis, the treatment of teeth with various levels of pulpal involvement and the principles of non-surgical endodontic therapy.

### **DEN6460C – Prosthodontic Treatment of the Edentulous Patient (2)**

Art and science of the treatment of edentulous patients. Knowledge and techniques required to treat patients with a minimum of complications both physiological and psychological. Knowledge and technical skills (clinical and laboratory) required in the diagnosis and treatment of edentulous patients.

### **DEN6705L – Public Health Rotation (0)**

This course utilizes experiential service learning in schools to expand students' understanding of the scientific and theoretical basis and practical application of clinical and population-based oral health surveillance, oral health promotion, and oral disease prevention.

### **Year 2: Semester 5 – Spring**

### **DEN6011 – Interdisciplinary Service Learning II (1)**

This course will provide student experience in an integrated service-learning framework. Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to: work with an interdisciplinary team, communicate effectively, understand social and cultural factors that influence patients, recognize ethical dilemmas one faces as a dental health professional, and work effectively within community service organizations.

### **DEN6015 – Professionalism In Patient Care and Practice Management I (1)**

This course is the third in a series of courses designed to provide instruction, coach and mentor students in professionalism as they attain competency in patient care. This course spans semesters 2 – 5 and supports the student's progressive development in appropriate patient management skills, professionalism and integrity in the delivery of dental care, and critical thinking necessary for life-long learning.

### **DEN6250C – Pain and Anxiety Control in Dental Patients (1)**

This course acquaints the undergraduate with the academic aspects of administration of local anesthetics, inhalation analgesia, and anxiety control.

### **DEN6260 – Oral Medicine and Pharmacotherapeutics (2)**

This course describes the diseases of the organ-systems that have an impact on dental therapy, the clinical pharmacology of physician prescribed drugs and drug interactions, and the clinical therapeutics for treatment of oral region disease processes.

### **DEN6262 – Principles of Pharmacology (2)**

This course describes the basic principles of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, with an emphasis on dental applications. Several clinical correlations are also included.

### **DEN6302C – Introduction to Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (3)**

This course prepares the student to conduct a thorough history and appropriate clinical examination of an adult dental patient, make diagnostic decisions based on collected data, formulate a problem list and properly sequence treatment modalities. The didactic and clinical components are designed to increase the integration of foundation knowledge, improve clinical thinking skills, and encourage decisions based on evidence-based principles.

### **DEN6415C – Preclinical Fixed Prosthodontics II (2)**

A laboratory and lecture course covering topics related to patient treatment with fixed ceramonmetal restorations.

### **DEN6432C – Basic Endodontic Therapy (2)**

This course is designed to teach basic non-surgical endodontic procedures (access, biomechanical preparation and obturation) on extracted human teeth.

### **DEN6440 – Introduction to Oral Surgery (Part I) (1)**

This course introduces the student to general principles and specific information which must be mastered in order to treat persons requiring dentoalveolar surgery.

### **DEN6705L – Public Health Rotation (1)**

This course utilizes experiential service learning in schools to expand students' understanding of the scientific and theoretical basis and practical application of clinical and population-based oral health surveillance, oral health promotion, and oral disease prevention.

### **Year 3: Semester 6 – Summer**

### **DEN6508C – Essentials of Clinical Care (1)**

This course is designed to review, reinforce and prepare students for entry into clinical patient care in the FAU-COD TEAMs Clinics. Essential foundational concepts and skills in dentistry will be reviewed. Clinic procedures and protocols including emergency preparedness, associate group dynamics, and patient assignment as they relate to patient management and care will also be emphasized in this course.

### **DEN7012 – Interdisciplinary Service Learning III (0)**

This course will provide student experience in an integrated service-learning framework. Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to: work with an interdisciplinary team, communicate effectively, understand social and cultural factors that influence patients, recognize ethical dilemmas one faces as a dental health professional, and work effectively within community service organizations.

### **DEN7016 – Professionalism In Patient Care and Practice Management II (0)**

The course introduces student dentists to basic concepts of clinical patient care. This includes didactic material, clinical rotations, and integration into the FAU-COD Philosophy of Patient Care and the mechanics of patient management. Successful completion is required before advancement to the patient care portion of the program. The goal of the course is to assist in the transition from the didactic and preclinical portion of the curriculum with the ultimate goal of developing competent dentists. Competent dentists demonstrate appropriate patient management skills, professionalism and integrity in the delivery of dental care, and critical thinking necessary for life-long learning.

### **DEN7413C – Removable Partial Prosthodontics: Principles & Techniques (2)**

Basic principles in treating the partially edentulous patient with removable restorations. Students will learn the physical and biomechanical characteristics of removable partial denture components, formulate designs of these restorations, materials involved in fabricating a RPD and the skills to fabricate.

#### **DEN7417C – Orofacial Pain (1)**

This course will provide the student with a review of functional anatomy related to the differential diagnosis of orofacial pain conditions. Clinical correlation and application will be achieved through lecture, laboratory, and clinical exposure regarding the diagnosis and management of temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain.

#### **DEN7450C – Orthodontics for the General Practitioner (1)**

This course is designed to teach the dental student how to identify orthodontic problems in children and adults, and how to appropriately manage these problems by referral, observation or treatment. The laboratory component of this course will prepare the student to fabricate and activate specific types of orthodontic appliances which are suitable for use in the general practice.

#### **DEN7452C – Fundamentals of Pediatric Dentistry (3)**

Treatment of the child patient as it relates to treatment planning, soft tissue evaluation, preventive dentistry, behavior management, treatment of the handicapped, child abuse, pulp treatment, trauma, oral surgery, and restorative techniques.

#### **DEN7744L – Clinical Operative Dentistry 1 (2)**

This course applies the foundation knowledge learned in the operative dentistry preclinical curriculum by introducing the beginning student to the prevention, management and restoration of dental caries on assigned patients.

#### **DEN7761L – Oral Diagnosis/Medicine & Treatment Planning I (0)**

This course provides the clinical opportunity for student dentists to develop interviewing, diagnosis and basic treatment planning skills on assigned patients.

#### **DEN7762L – Clinical Radiology 1: Radiographic Technique (0)**

The student will expose, mount, and critique radiographic surveys for assigned patients; develop appropriate judgment and reasoning to declare a radiograph clinically acceptable as outlined by “criteria of radiographic acceptability”; and demonstrate proper radiation hygiene, infection control techniques, and appropriate patient management.

#### **DEN7805L – Clinical Oral Surgery I (0)**

This course brings together the knowledge gained from previous oral surgery courses. The student will assume a participatory assistant role in clinical oral surgery procedures and will attain competence in specific peri-operative procedures.

### **DEN7834L – Comprehensive Periodontal Treatment 1 (2)**

This course applies the foundation knowledge learned in the periodontic preclinical curriculum by introducing the beginning student to diagnosis and treatment of gingival and periodontal diseases and the evaluation of initial therapy and continuing supportive periodontal therapy on assigned patients.

### **Year 3: Semester 7 – Fall**

### **DEN7012 – Interdisciplinary Service Learning III (0)**

This course will provide student experience in an integrated service-learning framework. Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to: work with an interdisciplinary team, communicate effectively, understand social and cultural factors that influence patients, recognize ethical dilemmas one faces as a dental health professional, and work effectively within community service organizations.

### **DEN7016 – Professionalism In Patient Care and Practice Management II (1)**

The course introduces student dentists to basic concepts of clinical patient care. This includes didactic material, clinical rotations, and integration into the FAU-COD Philosophy of Patient Care and the mechanics of patient management. Successful completion is required before advancement to the patient care portion of the program. The goal of the course is to assist in the transition from the didactic and preclinical portion of the curriculum with the ultimate goal of developing competent dentists. Competent dentists demonstrate appropriate patient management skills, professionalism and integrity in the delivery of dental care, and critical thinking necessary for life-long learning.

### **DEN7319 – Dental Care for the Geriatric Patient (1)**

This course will examine clinical topics in geriatric oral medicine, focusing on disease patterns in the elderly, and the interrelationship of multiple diseases in individual older patients. Comprehensive patient assessment, changes in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics with age will be discussed and how these factors impact your dental care for the geriatric patient.

### **DEN7411C – Overview of Implant Dentistry (2)**

Curriculum provides basic knowledge concerning biological and scientific basis for implant treatment, including patient evaluation, diagnosis, treatment planning, implant selection, implant surgery, post-surgical care, implant prosthodontic procedures and maintenance protocols. Course goals include development and understanding of the history and past status of implant dentistry, scientific basis of implant-host relations, and diagnosis, treatment planning, and treatment along with maintenance procedures.

### **DEN7422C – Periodontal Surgery for the General Practitioner (1)**

Objective of the course is to define the role of the contemporary general dentist in the treatment or referral or postoperative care of the periodontal patient who requires surgical therapy.



### **DEN7441 – Introduction to Oral Surgery (Part II) (1)**

This course introduces the student to assessment of surgery for impacted teeth, preprosthetic surgery, biopsies, and the diagnosis and treatment of odontogenic infections.

### **DEN7443L – Hospital Dentistry (1 for students on rotation)**

A four-day hospital rotation designed to orient the dental student to procedures and protocol related to hospital dentistry.

### **DEN7735L – Clinical Endodontics 1 (1)**

The endodontic clinical curriculum is designed to create a clinician skilled with the scientific knowledge and current, state-of-the-art, techniques to adequately perform endodontic therapy in the twenty-first century.

### **DEN7745L – Clinical Operative Dentistry 2 (3)**

This course applies the foundation knowledge learned in the operative dentistry preclinical curriculum by introducing the beginning student to the prevention, management and restoration of dental caries on assigned patients.

### **DEN7761L – Oral Diagnosis/Medicine & Treatment Planning I (1)**

This course provides the clinical opportunity for student dentists to develop interviewing, diagnosis and basic treatment planning skills on assigned patients.

### **DEN7762L – Clinical Radiology 1: Radiographic Technique (1)**

The student will expose, mount, and critique radiographic surveys for assigned patients; develop appropriate judgment and reasoning to declare a radiograph clinically acceptable as outlined by “criteria of radiographic acceptability”; and demonstrate proper radiation hygiene, infection control techniques, and appropriate patient management.

### **DEN7805L – Clinical Oral Surgery I (1)**

This course brings together the knowledge gained from previous oral surgery courses. The student will assume a participatory assistant role in clinical oral surgery procedures and will attain competence in specific peri-operative procedures.

### **DEN7819L – Clinical Orthodontics 3 (1)**

Evaluation of orthodontic needs and treatment planning strategies for the treatment of mixed and adult dentitions will be discussed in an interactive forum.

### **DEN7825L – Clinical Pediatric Dentistry 1 (1)**

Introductory comprehensive dental care of the pediatric dental patient.

### **DEN7835L – Comprehensive Periodontal Treatment 2 (3)**

This course applies the foundation knowledge learned in the periodontic preclinical curriculum by introducing the beginning student to diagnosis and treatment of gingival and periodontal diseases and the evaluation of initial therapy and continuing supportive periodontal therapy on assigned patients. DEN 7834 is a prerequisite course.

#### **DEN7845L – Clinical Prosthodontics 1 (3)**

This course applies the foundation knowledge learned in the prosthodontic preclinical curriculum by introducing the beginning student to the restoration and replacement of missing teeth by prosthodontic techniques. DEN 7845 is a prerequisite course.

#### **Year 3: Semester 8 – Spring**

#### **DEN6416C – Basic Sciences Review (2)**

This course provides a systematic approach to the review of the basic biomedical and anatomical sciences in preparation for entrance into the clinical education program.

#### **DEN7012 – Interdisciplinary Service Learning III (1)**

This course will provide student experience in an integrated service-learning framework. Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to: work with an interdisciplinary team, communicate effectively, understand social and cultural factors that influence patients, recognize ethical dilemmas one faces as a dental health professional, and work effectively within community service organizations.

#### **DEN7017 – Professionalism In Patient Care and Practice Management III (0)**

The course introduces student dentists to basic concepts of clinical patient care. This includes didactic material, clinical rotations, and integration into the FAU-COD Philosophy of Patient Care and the mechanics of patient management. Successful completion is required before advancement to the patient care portion of the program. The goal of the course is to assist in the transition from the didactic and preclinical portion of the curriculum with the ultimate goal of developing competent dentists. Competent dentists demonstrate appropriate patient management skills, professionalism and integrity in the delivery of dental care, and critical thinking necessary for life-long learning.

#### **DEN7433 – Evidence-based Endodontics (1)**

This course brings together the knowledge gained from previous endodontic courses. This will broaden the ability to analyze diagnostic data, identify and plan a broad scope of endodontic treatment and to relate this treatment to other disciplines utilizing an evidence-based approach utilizing critical thinking to facilitate clinical decision making.

#### **DEN7442 – Overview of Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (1)**

This course familiarizes the student with the procedures most commonly provided by oral and maxillofacial surgeons. Technique is not taught; the student is made aware of procedures available to patients through referral.

**DEN7443L – Hospital Dentistry (1 for those on rotation)**

A four-day hospital rotation designed to orient the dental student to procedures and protocol related to hospital dentistry.

**DEN7717C – Clinical Use of Dental Materials (1)**

This course focuses on the development of the relationships between properties and composition of six categories of dental materials which are most often used in dental practice. Each sub-objective will allow the student to describe the effect of variations in the manufacturer's recommended manipulation procedures for a given material system on potential clinical outcome, basing the decision on the fundamental physical, chemical and mechanical properties of each specific material.

**DEN7736L – Clinical Endodontics 2 (1)**

The endodontic clinical curriculum is designed to create a clinician skilled with the scientific knowledge and current, state-of-the-art, techniques to adequately perform endodontic therapy in the twenty-first century.

**DEN7746L – Clinical Operative Dentistry 3 (3)**

This course applies the foundation knowledge learned in the operative dentistry preclinical curriculum by introducing the beginning student to the prevention, management and restoration of dental caries on assigned patients.

**DEN7762L – Clinical Radiology 1: Radiographic Technique- Class of 2014 (1)**

The student will expose, mount, and critique radiographic surveys for assigned patients; develop appropriate judgment and reasoning to declare a radiograph clinically acceptable as outlined by "criteria of radiographic acceptability"; and demonstrate proper radiation hygiene, infection control techniques, and appropriate patient management.

**DEN7766L – Oral Diagnosis/Medicine & Treatment Planning 2 (0)**

This course provides the clinical opportunity for student dentists to develop interviewing, diagnosis and basic treatment planning skills on assigned patients.

**DEN7805L – Clinical Oral Surgery I (1)**

This course brings together the knowledge gained from previous oral surgery courses. The student will assume a participatory assistant role in clinical oral surgery procedures and will attain competence in specific peri-operative procedures.

**DEN7826L – Clinical Pediatric Dentistry Grad. (1 for students on rotation)**

Observation of and assistance in advanced pediatric dental care in unique clinical environments.

**DEN7836L – Comprehensive Periodontic Treatment (3)**

This course applies the foundational knowledge learned in the periodontics preclinical curriculum by introducing the beginning student to diagnosis and treatment of gingival and periodontal diseases and the evaluation of initial therapy and continuing supportive periodontal therapy on assigned patients. DEN 7835L is a prerequisite course.

#### **DEN7846L – Clinical Prosthodontics 2 (3)**

This course applies the foundation knowledge learned in the prosthodontic preclinical curriculum by introducing the beginning student to the restoration and replacement of missing teeth by prosthodontic techniques . DEN 7845 is a prerequisite course.

#### **DEN8263 – Advanced Oral Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology (1)**

This course is designed to enhance students' competency in assessment and management of medically complex patients. Using a case-based approach, student will independently assess the medical and dental aspects of selected patients, review medications, potential drug interactions and generate mock prescriptions. Competency assessment will include student presentations of case reviews to peers and faculty group leaders. This advanced course builds on foundation knowledge gained from courses DEN6262, Principles of Pharmacology, and DEN6260, Oral Medicine.

#### **DEN8303 – Advanced Radiologic Interpretation (1)**

The series of topics on radiographic diagnosis is designed to reinforce the concept that radiographic data assists in the assignment of patient abnormalities into general categories of conditions: developmental, trauma, inflammation, and neoplasia. This method should help you develop differential diagnostic impressions when conditions other than caries and periodontitis are present.

### **Year 4: Semester 9 – Summer**

#### **DEN7017 – Professionalism In Patient Care and Practice Management III (1)**

The course introduces student dentists to basic concepts of clinical patient care. This includes didactic material, clinical rotations, and integration into the FAU-COD Philosophy of Patient Care and the mechanics of patient management. Successful completion is required before advancement to the patient care portion of the program. The goal of the course is to assist in the transition from the didactic and preclinical portion of the curriculum with the ultimate goal of developing competent dentists. Competent dentists demonstrate appropriate patient management skills, professionalism and integrity in the delivery of dental care, and critical thinking necessary for life-long learning.

#### **DEN7443L – Hospital Dentistry (1 for students on rotation)**

A four-day hospital rotation designed to orient the dental student to procedures and protocol related to hospital dentistry.

#### **DEN7766L – Oral Diagnosis/Medicine & Treatment Planning 2 (1)**

This course provides the clinical opportunity for student dentists to develop interviewing,

diagnosis and basic treatment planning skills on assigned patients.

**DEN7826L – Clinical Pediatric Dentistry Grad. (1 for students on rotation)**

Observation of and assistance in advanced pediatric dental care in unique clinical environments.

**DEN8019 – Interdisciplinary Service Learning IV (0)**

This course will provide student experience in an integrated service-learning framework. Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to: work with an interdisciplinary team, communicate effectively, understand social and cultural factors that influence patients, recognize ethical dilemmas one faces as a dental health professional, and work effectively within community service organizations.

**DEN8352 – Advanced Differential Diagnosis (1)**

Comprehensive oral diagnostic science subject matter requiring problem-solving strategies; integration of oral medicine, oral pathology and oral radiology disciplines.

**DEN8423 – Periodontics in General Practice (1)**

Objective of the course is to provide the student with a comprehensive approach to the practice of periodontics as a general practitioner, stressing inter- and multidisciplinary treatment of complex cases.

**DEN8708L – Community Dentistry I (2)**

Application of principles of community dentistry, management, interpersonal relations, communications, prevention, professionalism, and decision making in the clinical care of patients at both the parent institutions and extramural sites. This clinical course emphasizes the integration of knowledge and skills necessary to practice dentistry effectively and efficiently.

**DEN8719C – Selection of Clinical Dental Materials (1)**

This course entails small group discussions with a faculty member on biomaterial science concepts. Faculty-student interactions are designed to answer clinical-relevant questions regarding product selection and use. The seminars provide opportunities for students to review current evidence and to raise questions on product use, efficacy and sustainability.

**DEN8737L – Clinical Endodontics 3 (1)**

The endodontic clinical curriculum is designed to create a clinician skilled with the scientific knowledge and current, state-of-the-art, techniques to adequately perform endodontic therapy in the twenty-first century.

**DEN8747L – Clinical Operative Dentistry 4 (3)**

This course builds upon the application of foundation knowledge in operative dentistry to a more advanced student and enhances performance skills in the continuing development and demonstration of competency in this discipline.

### **DEN8765L – Clinical Radiology 2: Radiographic Interpretation (0)**

The student will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of radiologic normal anatomy; complete a radiologic interpretation/consult on all baseline radiologic surveys including a description of any observed abnormality(s) of the dentition, supporting structures, the temporomandibular joints, and the paranasal sinuses concluding with a differential diagnosis/impression when appropriate.

### **DEN8767L – Clinical Oncology and Oral Pathology (1 for students on rotation)**

The student will become familiar with specialized oral care for cancer patients, attend head and neck tumor conferences and demonstrate recognition and management of oral pathologic diseases.

### **DEN8809L – Advanced Oral Surgery (0)**

This course applies the knowledge gained from previous clinical and didactic courses. The student will learn to perform oral surgery within the scope of general dental practice, obtain hospital orientation, and manage dental emergencies.

### **DEN8827L – Clinical Pediatric Dentistry 2 (1)**

Intermediate comprehensive dental care of the pediatric dental patient.

### **DEN8837L – Comprehensive Periodontal Treatment 4 (3)**

This course builds upon the application of foundation knowledge in periodontics to a more advanced student and enhances performance skills in the continuing development and demonstration of competency in this discipline.

### **DEN8857L – Clinical Prosthodontics 3 (3)**

This course applies the foundation knowledge learned in the prosthodontic preclinical curriculum by introducing the beginning student to the restoration and replacement of missing teeth by prosthodontic techniques . DEN 7845 is a prerequisite course.

### **Year 4: Semester 10 – Fall**

### **DEN7826L – Clinical Pediatric Dentistry 2 (1 for students on rotation)**

Observation of and assistance in advanced pediatric dental care in unique clinical environments.

### **DEN8018 – Professionalism In Patient Care and Practice Management IV (0)**

The course introduces student dentists to basic concepts of clinical patient care. This includes didactic material, clinical rotations, and integration into the FAU-COD Philosophy of Patient Care and the mechanics of patient management. Successful completion is required before advancement to the patient care portion of the program. The goal of the course is to assist in the transition from the didactic and preclinical portion of the curriculum with the ultimate goal of developing competent dentists. Competent dentists demonstrate appropriate patient management skills, professionalism and integrity in the delivery of dental care, and critical thinking necessary

for life-long learning.

### **DEN8019 – Interdisciplinary Service Learning IV (0)**

This course will provide student experience in an integrated service-learning framework. Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to: work with an interdisciplinary team, communicate effectively, understand social and cultural factors that influence patients, recognize ethical dilemmas one faces as a dental health professional, and work effectively within community service organizations.

### **DEN8321 – Dental Practice Management (2)**

Changes in economic factors, the delivery system, payment processes and the demand for dental care within different segments of the population require future dentists to develop effective management and business skills. This course focuses on six fundamental areas of management necessary for successful dental practice.

### **DEN8709L – Community Dentistry II (2)**

Application of principles of community dentistry, management, interpersonal relations, communications, prevention, professionalism, and decision making in the clinical care of patients at both the parent institutions and extramural sites. This clinical course emphasizes the integration of knowledge and skills necessary to practice dentistry effectively and efficiently.

### **DEN8738L – Clinical Endodontics 4 (1)**

The endodontic clinical curriculum is designed to create a clinician skilled with the scientific knowledge and current, state-of-the-art, techniques to adequately perform endodontic therapy in the twenty-first century.

### **DEN8748L – Clinical Operative Dentistry 5 (3)**

This course builds upon the application of foundation knowledge in operative dentistry to a more advanced student and enhances performance skills in the continuing development and demonstration of competency in this discipline.

### **DEN8765L – Clinical Radiology 2: Radiographic Interpretation (1)**

The student will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of radiologic normal anatomy; complete a radiologic interpretation/consult on all baseline radiologic surveys including a description of any observed abnormality(s) of the dentition, supporting structures, the temporomandibular joints, and the paranasal sinuses concluding with a differential diagnosis/impression when appropriate.

### **DEN8767L – Clinical Oncology and Oral Pathology (1 for students on rotation)**

The student will become familiar with specialized oral care for cancer patients, attend head and neck tumor conferences and demonstrate recognition and management of oral pathologic diseases.

### **DEN8768L – Oral Diagnosis/Medicine & Treatment Planning 3 (0)**

This course provides the clinical opportunity for student dentists to develop interviewing, diagnosis and basic treatment planning skills on assigned patients.

#### **DEN8809L – Advanced Oral Surgery (1)**

This course applies the knowledge gained from previous clinical and didactic courses. The student will learn to perform oral surgery within the scope of general dental practice, obtain hospital orientation, and manage dental emergencies.

#### **DEN8828L – Clinical Pediatric Dentistry 3 (1)**

Advanced comprehensive dental care of the pediatric dental patient.

#### **DEN8838L – Comprehensive Periodontial Treatment 5 (3)**

This course builds upon the application of foundation knowledge in periodontics to a more advanced student and enhances performance skills in the continuing development and demonstration of competency in this discipline. DEN 8837 is a prerequisite course.

#### **DEN8858L – Clinical Prosthodontics 4 (4)**

This course applies the foundation knowledge learned in the prosthodontic preclinical curriculum by introducing the beginning student to the restoration and replacement of missing teeth by prosthodontic techniques . DEN 7845 is a prerequisite course.

#### **DEN8960L – Clinical Examination 2 (0)**

This examination is a 2.5-day written, laboratory and clinical examination involving laboratory and patient examinations and a written examination of the Florida State dental laws and rules.

#### **Year 4: Semester 11 – Spring**

#### **DEN8018 – Professionalism In Patient Care and Practice Management IV (1)**

The course introduces student dentists to basic concepts of clinical patient care. This includes didactic material, clinical rotations, and integration into the FAU-COD Philosophy of Patient Care and the mechanics of patient management. Successful completion is required before advancement to the patient care portion of the program. The goal of the course is to assist in the transition from the didactic and preclinical portion of the curriculum with the ultimate goal of developing competent dentists. Competent dentists demonstrate appropriate patient management skills, professionalism and integrity in the delivery of dental care, and critical thinking necessary for life-long learning.

#### **DEN8019 – Interdisciplinary Service Learning IV (1)**

This course will provide student experience in an integrated service-learning framework. Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to: work with an interdisciplinary team, communicate effectively, understand social and cultural factors that influence patients, recognize ethical dilemmas one faces as a dental health professional, and work effectively within community service organizations.



### **DEN8462 – Advanced Topics in Prosthodontics (1)**

Advanced information and treatment modalities for complete and partially edentulous patients with special problems. Concepts and theories such as resilient liners, implants, cast gold occlusal surfaces, cast metal base dentures; also an introduction to maxillofacial prosthetics and management of patients with palatal anomalies.

### **DEN8710L – Community Dentistry III (2)**

Application of principles of community dentistry, management, interpersonal relations, communications, prevention, professionalism, and decision making in the clinical care of patients at both the parent institutions and extramural sites. This clinical course emphasizes the integration of knowledge and skills necessary to practice dentistry effectively and efficiently.

### **DEN8739L – Clinical Endodontics 5 (1)**

The endodontic clinical curriculum is designed to create a clinician skilled with the scientific knowledge and current, state-of-the-art, techniques to adequately perform endodontic therapy in the twenty-first century.

### **DEN8749L – Clinical Operative Dentistry 6 (2)**

This course builds upon the application of foundation knowledge in operative dentistry to a more advanced student and enhances performance skills in the continuing development and demonstration of competency in this discipline.

### **DEN8767L – Clinical Oncology and Oral Pathology (1 for students on rotation)**

The student will become familiar with specialized oral care for cancer patients, attend head and neck tumor conferences and demonstrate recognition and management of oral pathologic diseases.

### **DEN8768L – Oral Diagnosis/Medicine & Treatment Planning 3 (1)**

This course provides the clinical opportunity for student dentists to develop interviewing, diagnosis and basic treatment planning skills on assigned patients.

### **DEN8809L – Advanced Oral Surgery (1)**

This course applies the knowledge gained from previous clinical and didactic courses. The student will learn to perform oral surgery within the scope of general dental practice, obtain hospital orientation, and manage dental emergencies.

### **DEN8839L – Comprehensive Periodontal Treatment 6 (2)**

This course builds upon the application of foundation knowledge in periodontics to a more advanced student and enhances performance skills in the continuing development and demonstration of competency in this discipline. DEN 8838 is a prerequisite course. Upon completion of this course, all required clinical competencies will be successfully completed in periodontics.

## DEN8859L – Clinical Prosthodontics 5 (3)

This course applies the foundation knowledge learned in the prosthodontic preclinical curriculum by introducing the beginning student to the restoration and replacement of missing teeth by prosthodontic techniques . DEN 7845 is a prerequisite course.

## DEN8960L – Clinical Examination 2 (1)

This examination is a 2.5-day written, laboratory and clinical examination involving laboratory and patient examinations and a written examination of the Florida State dental laws and rules.

## Electives

*Electives are courses designed to allow dental students the opportunity to vary their curriculum according to individual interests. Electives are intended to supplement, not to replace any part of, the core curriculum.*

## Requirements

*Each student is required to complete a minimum of 60 clock hours (6 credit hours) of approved elective courses.*

AVAILABLE TO COHORT	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	SCHEDULE, ROTATION, INDEPENDENT STUDY
2DN, 3DN and 4DN	Using Tech to Support Teaching	1-3 (variable)	Independent Study
2DN, 3DN and 4DN	Oral Surgery Interest Group	1	Scheduled
2DN, 3DN and 4DN	Evidence Based Dentistry	1	Scheduled
2DN, 3DN and 4DN	Mentored Research in Community Dentistry	1	Independent Study
2DN, 3DN and 4DN	Mentored Research in Oral Biology	1	Independent Study
3DN and 4DN	Mentored Research in Orthodontics	1	Independent Study
3DN and 4DN	Mentored Research in Operative Dentistry	1	Independent Study
3DN and 4DN	Mentored Research in Oral Medicine	1	Independent Study
3DN and 4DN	Mentored Research in Periodontics	1	Independent Study
3DN and 4DN	Mentored Research in Prosthodontics	1	Independent Study
3DN and 4DN	Spanish in Dentistry	1	Scheduled
3DN and 4DN	Topics in General Dentistry	1	Scheduled
3DN and 4DN	Dental Extramural Elective	1	Independent Study
3DN and 4DN	Private Practice Experience	1	Independent Study
4DN	Dental Emergency Management	1	Rotation
4DN	Oral Medicine/ Pathology Clinic Observation	1	Independent Study
4DN	Digital Dentures	1	Independent Study
4DN	Clinical Orthodontics	3	Scheduled
4DN	Integrating Digital workflow in Implant Dentistry	1	Rotation
4DN	Advanced Digital Dental Photography	1	Scheduled

**F. For degree programs in medicine, nursing, and/or allied health sciences, please identify the courses that contain the competencies necessary to meet the requirements identified in [Section 1004.08, Florida Statutes](#). For teacher preparation programs, identify the courses that contain the competencies necessary to meet the requirements outlined in [Section 1004.04, Florida Statutes](#).**

☐ **Not applicable to this program because the program is not a medicine, nursing, allied health sciences, or teacher preparation program.**

**1004.08 Patient safety instructional requirements.** Each public school, college, and university that offers degrees in medicine, nursing, or allied health shall include in the curricula applicable to such degrees material on patient safety, including patient safety improvement. Materials shall include, but need not be limited to, effective communication and teamwork; epidemiology of patient injuries and medical errors; medical injuries; vigilance, attention, and fatigue; checklists and inspections; automation, technological, and computer support; psychological factors in human error; and reporting systems.

Although woven throughout FAU's proposed curriculum, patient safety is an overt component of the student's education right from the start. Beginning with the Interdisciplinary Service Learning where students expected to demonstrate the ability to work with an interdisciplinary team. They learn how to communicate effectively in a clinical environment while developing an understanding of social and cultural factors that influence patients. They also learn how to function as a health information resource and work effectively within community service organizations—affecting public safety, not just individual.

Moving into Foundations of Professionalism, provides an orientation to the new dental student and establishes the foundation for the development of an emotionally healthy and ethically competent general dentist. Learning the rules and regulations governing academic and professional behavior are essential for patient safety. The new student is oriented to a variety of studying and coping skills to maintain emotional health and productive learning promoting an awareness of vigilance, attention and fatigue. The student will also learn about the ethical principles impacting the dental profession and how to apply these principles to ethical dilemmas. Again, ensuring the wellness of the patient, their and their team's safety.

In curriculum such as Introduction to Clinical Care students are provided foundational instruction in clinical care focused in the areas of patient safety, risk management, infection prevention, standardized clinical practices, information security, and emergency preparedness are applied by students to prepare them for clinical person-centered care. This early introduction to checklists, automation, technological challenges and reporting system is repeated each year throughout the learner's dental school experience, building and expanding the knowledge. These pillar items are recurring through the student's four years of school as cumulative coursework. Additionally, as each clinical subtopic is taught, a construct occurs regarding effective communication and teamwork, patient care technology, standardization of care to minimize patient errors, and maximizing the care delivery to the patient. Furthermore, in meeting CODA guidelines we will exceed the state expectations set forth in Section 1004.08 of the Florida Statutes.

**G. Describe any potential impact on related academic programs or departments,**

**such as an increased need for general education or common prerequisite courses or increased need for required or elective courses outside of the proposed academic program. If the proposed program is a collaborative effort between multiple academic departments, colleges, or schools within the institution, provide letters of support or MOUs from each department, college, or school in Appendix D.**

Much of the coursework in the program will be newly developed. Utilizing the FAU medicine faculty for common course work between COD and COM students, however, will be essential for years one and two. Specifically, faculty in the college of medicine are well equipped and able to provide instruction in the following:

Foundations of Professionalism Gross Anatomy Biochemistry, Molecular and Cellular Biology  
Developmental Biology and Psychosocial Issues Physiology Histology Infectious Diseases

The addition to the faculty course assignments will require expanding the faculty full time equivalent (FTE) with appropriate remuneration or adding incremental personnel. FAU will monitor enrollment to ensure sufficient section offerings are available. **A letter of support from the Dean of the College of Medicine at FAU is included in Appendix D.**

**H. Identify any established or planned educational sites where the program will be offered or administered. If the proposed program will only be offered or administered at a site(s) other than the main campus, provide a rationale.**

The degree program will be offered on the Boca Raton campus only other than clinical rotation sites which are discussed in section K below.

**I. Describe the anticipated mode of delivery for the proposed program (e.g., face-to-face, distance learning, hybrid). If the mode(s) of delivery will require specialized services or additional financial support, please describe the projected costs below and discuss how they are reflected in Appendix A – Table 3A or 3B.**

The degree program will be offered almost exclusively by face-to-face instruction. Hybrid instruction may be necessary in the 4<sup>th</sup> year for students spending clinical time in distant or rural parts of the state.

**J. Provide a narrative addressing the feasibility of delivering the proposed program through collaboration with other institutions, both public and private. Cite any specific queries made of other institutions with respect to shared courses, distance/distributed learning technologies, and joint-use facilities for research or internships.**

Over the past 6 months FAU Health leadership has met with over 350 institutions, spanning healthcare entities and community partners in the area for the purpose of integration and collaboration. The College of Dentistry has been a foundational component of these plans. Specifically, the following institutions already have an existing collaboration that will be expanded to include the College of Dentistry.

- Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Broward College
- Palm Beach State College

Additionally, FAU recognizes that Nova Southeastern University in Broward County was formed over 25 years ago. Although a private institution, FAU has reached out to their leadership and would seek opportunities to provide joint educational ventures as appropriate. These would include grand rounds, journal club, invited speakers and other non-classroom learning. A potential collaboration with research is also being explored. This would lean toward a basic science focus in the first 5 years, but evolve to a translation scope as well. An initial positive response has been received (Appendix D).

Due to geography, such collaborations with UF will be evaluated, but due to the distance will necessitate strategic partnerships in niche areas to ensure that it is sustainable and useful for both parties. As part of the SUS of Florida, FAU would seek more of a mentoring institution relationship with UF, as their college of dentistry is highly regarded due to its longstanding and preeminent dental sciences programs. Furthermore, UF is ranked number 5 nationally for research. The nature of research from an operational, financial and organizational perspective offers the most likely opportunities to work in both parallel and tandem, making research an obvious area for an integrated collaboration. FAU has a diverse catchment area, providing opportunity to expand the patient demographic and enrollment opportunities for new and existing UF studies.

Initial discussions have begun with other SUS intuitions regarding a pipeline program for their students. As part of the CAVP ACG pre-proposal discussion on September 7, 2022, UWF and FAMU (See Appendix D for formal letters of support) as well as UCF (verbal for student pipeline) all expressed interest in a partnership with the FAU COD. A pipeline program would include pre-dentistry student workshops, research opportunities, mentoring relationships and the opportunity to do a visiting internship. This would enhance the offerings for students within the SUS, provide an opportunity for students to have meaningful exposure to a diversified portfolio of health career opportunities, and position them well to be a highly desired candidate for dental school in what is a very competitive.

Lastly, in partnership with Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI), FAU would develop a combined FAU/HBOI program for oral health cancer research. This work would specifically function in collaboration with Esther Guzmán, PhD, Research Professor for Cancer Cell Biology at HBOI. This alignment of common interests allows the two programs to exponentially amplify their work and efforts toward addressing a need of the community. Additionally, at HBOI, Amy Wright, PhD, Research Professor for Natural Products Chemistry, leads nationally recognized and extramurally funded novel research utilizing natural oceanic products for a variety of healthcare conditions. Working together, we would expand the program through aligning resources to provide strategic dental science research. Building on the tremendous success of HBOI, the College of Dentistry would significantly shorten their path to providing a meaningful research experience for their students.

**K. Describe any currently available sites for internship and/or practicum experiences. Describe any plans to seek additional sites in Years 1 through 5.**

☐ **Not applicable to this program because the program does not require internships or practicums.**

Leveraging the FAU existing Undergraduate and Graduate Medical Education consortium partners as it relates to clinical rotations for the College of Medicine, the College of Dentistry will be well equipped to provide substantial practicum experiences. By tacking on to these agreements, the college of dentistry could provide rotations for:

- Caridad Center
- Cleveland Clinic Florida
- Jupiter Medical Center
- Tenet Healthcare
- West Palm Beach Veterans Affairs Healthcare System
- Memorial Healthcare System
- Health Care District of Palm Beach County
- Broward Health
- Baptist Health South Florida (including Bethesda Hospital and Boca Raton Regional Hospital)

Notably, the Caridad Center, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County and the West Palm Beach Veterans Affairs Healthcare System provide substantial ambulatory oral health care for both routine and complex dentistry. These rotations would well sustain the program in the initial two years of implementation as FAU completes its clinical build out. As mentioned earlier in this proposal, FAU will work to expand clinical rotation sites into rural and underserved communities statewide to address the regional disparity of accessibility to dentists in the state. By year three of the program, the college of dentistry could also provide rotations within its own clinical structure—but continuing to maintain the affiliations as stated before. Other targeted rotations (pediatric, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, etc.) could be supplemented through strategic relationships with community providers. This will allow FAU to rapidly expand to the full complement of dental students and quickly build clinical volume to ensure a meaningful educational opportunity.

To meet the broader goal of solving the problem of geographic disparity of dentists in the state, FAU is working to expand clinical rotation sites to rural and other underserved areas of Florida. A letter of support from UWF (Appendix D) indicates a willingness to facilitate

*“...clinical placements in the region by leveraging our alumni network to connect dental students in ways that may increase the likelihood that they practice in the local area. Additionally, partnerships with organizations offering dental care for the uninsured or underserved would be possible.”*

We have also had very positive conversations with the Heartland Rural Health Network ([www.hrhnh.org](http://www.hrhnh.org)) which works to serve the health needs of Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Polk and Charlotte counties in Florida (see letter of support in Appendix D). The Executive Director, Melissa Thibodeau, states that

*“HRHN is committed to increasing access to care to our communities. We also are pushing for more opportunities for our residents to be able to continue their educational goals where they live, being able to see opportunities, live them out, and continue to serve their community as they have seen their community serve them.”*

We will expand these clinical rotation site conversations with FQHCs as we move throughout the timeline to implementation. As a reminder, our analysis has shown the importance of starting

the clinical relationship through partnerships with several FQHCs (<https://www.fqhc.org/what-is-an-fqhc>). in order to train dental students in underserved areas lowering the start-up time and start-up costs of developing such rotations.

There are 310 FQHCs in Florida. 31.2 % of FQHC providers offer dental services (including satellite and mobile units). This provides a large number of potential sites where FAU COD could engage in “service-learning rotations”, as have been successfully created with the intent of increasing the number of dentists working in underserved areas. There is good data to show success in these efforts over many years (<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/rural-monitor/uw-ride-dental-education/>).

These rotations will provide a month or longer experience wherein FAU COD students could temporarily relocate and undertake a significant portion of their clinical experience/training. During the next 2 years after approval of the degree program, FAU will engage in conversations with 8-10 or more FQHC that are currently active in providing dental services. We will seek arrangements whereby FAU students treat patients under the supervision of the FQHC attending doctors, who must be credentialed as outside faculty of FAU using CODA standards. Because the incremental encounters made by the FAU students are billable, the FQHCs would have, a small but significant incremental revenue in their clinic operations. This revenue will be used to cover the costs of students rotating into those faculties including their transportation and temporary housing costs. There would be no clinical/equipment or facilities costs with these rotations, as we would only partner with existing dental clinic operations initially.

## **V. Program Quality Indicators - Reviews and Accreditation**

**A. List all accreditation agencies and learned societies that would be concerned with the proposed program. If the institution intends to seek specialized accreditation for the proposed program, as described in [Board of Governors Regulation 3.006](#), provide a timeline for seeking specialized accreditation. If specialized accreditation will not be sought, please provide an explanation.**

Dental schools operating within the United States utilize CODA as their regulating agency for accreditation. CODA has two application processes, one for programs that are fully operational with enrollment and the other for programs that are developing and do not currently have enrolled students. Fully operational programs seeking CODA accreditation are generally schools that were previously accredited and have lost their accreditation. With an overwhelming prevalence dental schools seek initial accreditation prior to enrolling their first student. Likewise, FAU would seek accreditation before enrollment as a program without enrolled students.

This accreditation classification provides evidence to educational institutions, licensing bodies, government or other granting agencies that, at the time of initial evaluation(s), the developing education program has the potential for meeting the standards set forth in the requirements for an accredited educational program for the specific occupational area. The classification "initial accreditation" is granted based upon one or more site evaluation visit(s).

The accreditation process for FAU would require notification of our intent to seek accreditation.



Prior to that notification, we would need to set up an ADEA AADSAS account (at least one year before, but not more than 3 years before applying for accreditation). In parallel, we would provide notification to SACSCOC for a Substantive Change. SACSCOC accreditation maintenance is essential to FAU.

Once FAU has established the ADEA account, we would then request and complete the CODA application and gather essential documents for Initial Accreditation. As stated above, Initial Accreditation Awarded (or follow up visit scheduled) must occur before inaugural class commences in order for graduates to matriculate from an accredited program. Otherwise, graduates would be required to apply for an advanced standing dental education program at an accredited school before being license eligible by all states except Minnesota, Maine, Ohio and South Dakota as indicated via the ADA's detailed [licensure requirements by state](#).

The application for initial accreditation of a dental or dental-related program is considered complete when the program has demonstrated the potential to meet the Accreditation Standards and when the required criteria, as applicable, have been adequately addressed and documented in the application.

FAU would be required to appoint a dean/program director/program administrator, as applicable, who meets the requirements of the discipline-specific standards, by the time the application is submitted and at least six (6) months prior to a projected accreditation site visit. Should the dean/program director/program administrator change during the application review, FAU must notify the Commission immediately and a delay of six (6) months for a projected site visit (should one have been directed) will be applied.

FAU must demonstrate an ability at the time of application to comply with the discipline-specific accreditation standards related to institutional accreditation. A strategic plan and outcomes assessment process, which will regularly evaluate the degree to which the program's stated goals and objectives are being met, must be developed and documented, including the program's expected measures for student/resident/fellow achievement and schedule for ongoing program review.

Long and short-term financial commitment of FAU to the program must be documented and is sufficient to support the program's stated goals and objectives during development and long-term. Letter of support from FAU must be included with application for accreditation. For any support from entities or affiliates outside of FAU, contractual agreements should be drafted and signed providing assurance that a program dependent upon the resources of a variety of institutions and/or extramural clinics and/or other entities has adequate support. FAU must document that support from outside entities does not compromise its authority as the sponsor of the program and submit with accreditation application.

Policies related to student/resident/fellow admission process and due process procedures are developed and documented prior to initial accreditation visit. Application must also include FAU's explanation of how the curriculum was developed including who developed the curriculum and the philosophy underlying the curriculum. The curriculum must be mapped for all years of the program, including documentation of all competencies that will be required in each course. Curriculum materials for each course in all years of the program must be presented and include general and specific course and instructional objectives, learning activities, evaluation instruments (including, as applicable, sample tests, quizzes, and grading criteria). All evaluation instruments for laboratory, pre-clinical, clinical, and clinical enrichment experiences are developed and included.



In addition, CODA will require FAU to provide a projection of the number, qualifications, assignments. Appointment dates of faculty must be developed and demonstrate sufficiency to support the program during both the development and long-term. The program must provide evidence of availability of adequate faculty and a hiring plan.

FAU's initial accreditation application must also include a class schedule(s) for all years noting how each class will utilize the facility are developed and provided, including a mapping of facility utilization when the program is in full operation must be completed before accreditation. If the capacity of the facility does not allow all students/residents/fellows to be in laboratory, pre-clinical laboratory and/or clinic at the same time, a plan documenting how students/residents/fellows will spend laboratory, pre-clinical and/or clinical education sessions has been developed and must be shared prior to initial accreditation visit.

As applicable, formal diagrams or blueprints of the didactic, laboratory, pre-clinical laboratory and clinical facilities, and equipment needs are to be developed in support the anticipated enrollment date and provided by FAU along with its application for accreditation. An equipment procurement timeline and/or construction timeline must be developed and documented to support the anticipated enrollment date prior to initial accreditation visit.

Upon completion of this comprehensive process, FAU will submit initial application to CODA. This will trigger a site visit. Following completion of the visit FAU will be notified in writing regarding the outcome. Failure to meet accreditation status before enrolling the first student is important, but not essential. CODA will revisit the program in 6-12 months, depending on the findings and can then issue initial accreditation. This does impact the ability to recruit the most competitive students should accreditation not be achieved—however, does not preclude FAU from beginning its college of dentistry and obtaining full accreditation status. **Appendix P, page 31 shows the timeline that was compiled for the Texas Tech dental program accreditation. FAU has studied the timeline carefully to plan our path to accreditation.**

**B. Identify all internal or external academic program reviews and/or accreditation visits for any degree programs related to the proposed program at the institution, including but not limited to programs within academic unit(s) associated with the proposed degree program. List all recommendations emanating from the reviews and summarize the institution's progress in implementing those recommendations.**

The FAU Schmidt College of Medicine would be the most closely (and only) related academic program to the proposed College of Dentistry. Accordingly, we anticipate similar successes due to this alignment. Of course, we also expect similar challenges; however, having a collaborating partner unit to work with in addressing these items is a significant benefit.

Below is a screenshot of the actual LCME determination of compliance with accreditation standards based on the February 16-19, 2020 site visit (full report also attached as Appendix K). As demonstrated by the below, FAU Schmidt College of Medicine was in compliance with all standards with the exception of Standard 10 (item 5 is in compliance, with monitoring).

# **I. LCME DETERMINATIONS OF COMPLIANCE WITH ACCREDITATION STANDARDS**

<b>Standard</b>	<b>LCME Determination</b>
Standard 1: Mission, Planning, Organization, and Integrity	C
Standard 2: Leadership and Administration	C
Standard 3: Academic and Learning Environments	C
Standard 4: Faculty Preparation, Productivity, Participation, and Policies	C
Standard 5: Educational Resources and Infrastructure	CM
Standard 6: Competencies, Curricular Objectives, and Curricular Design	C
Standard 7: Curricular Content	C
Standard 8: Curricular Management, Evaluation, and Enhancement	C
Standard 9: Teaching, Supervision, Assessment, and Student and Patient Safety	C
Standard 10: Medical Student Selection, Assignment, and Progress	NC
Standard 11: Medical Student Academic Support, Career Advising, and Educational Records	C
Standard 12: Medical Student Health Services, Personal Counseling, and Financial Aid Services	C

C = Compliance, CM = Compliance with a Need for Monitoring, NC = Noncompliance

Below indicates the only unsatisfactory elements driving the Noncompliance rating. Specifically to the NC rated elements, the initial screening process for applicant review and the failure of the college of medicine to specify the tuition policy as it pertains to refunds of payment for health or disability insurance were the items cited.

## **III. ACCREDITATION ELEMENTS IN WHICH THE PROGRAM'S PERFORMANCE IS UNSATISFACTORY**

<b>Element</b>	<b>LCME Finding</b>
Element 10.2 (final authority of admission committee)	The initial screening of applicants is performed by a single staff member in the Office of Admissions without faculty involvement. This screening is reported to be holistic but is performed without clear criteria, charge, and oversight from the Admissions Committee.
Element 12.2 (tuition refund policy)	The tuition refund policy does not include information about refunds of payments for health or disability insurance.

These items have been fully addressed as to the LCME's satisfaction and no longer require monitoring. Both the remediation and the LCME's response are represented below (fully documents are also attached).

On October 12-14, 2021 the LCME reviewed the status report of FAU's Schmidt College of Medicine (response attached) and determined compliance with all 12 standards.

Standard	LCME Determination
Standard 1: Mission, Planning, Organization, and Integrity	C
Standard 2: Leadership and Administration	C
Standard 3: Academic and Learning Environments	C
Standard 4: Faculty Preparation, Productivity, Participation, and Policies	C
Standard 5: Educational Resources and Infrastructure	C
Standard 6: Competencies, Curricular Objectives, and Curricular Design	C
Standard 7: Curricular Content	C
Standard 8: Curricular Management, Evaluation, and Enhancement	C
Standard 9: Teaching, Supervision, Assessment, and Student and Patient Safety	C
Standard 10: Medical Student Selection, Assignment, and Progress	C
Standard 11: Medical Student Academic Support, Career Advising, and Educational Records	C
Standard 12: Medical Student Health Services, Personal Counseling, and Financial Aid Services	C

C = Compliance, CM = Compliance with a Need for Monitoring, NC = Noncompliance

Standards all received rating of Compliance. LCME and FAU are continuing to monitor Element 3.3, which relates to diversity/pipeline programs and partnerships. Also attached is the most recent status report detailing the current and ongoing actions of FAU as related to Element 3.3 demonstrating progress towards Compliance status.

**C. For all degree programs, discuss how employer-driven or industry-driven competencies were identified and incorporated into the curriculum. Additionally, indicate whether an industry or employer advisory council exists to provide input for curriculum development, student assessment, and academic-force alignment. If an advisory council is not already in place, describe any plans to develop one or other plans to ensure academic-workforce alignment.**

To date, the proposal has largely been driven by directives from the accrediting body CODA. An Advisory Board (AB) will be formed immediately after degree program approval to guide the FAU leadership in the short run (in the formative phases of the COD), and the COD leadership once they are put in place, in perpetuity.

The AB will serve to advise on various State of Florida constituent interests in the FAU COD. Composition on the Board will include:

- **Leadership of Organized Dentistry (Florida Dental Association, Local Dental Society, etc.)**
- **Florida Dental Business Executive**
- **Underrepresented Minority Pre-Dentistry Study from FAU (TBD)**
- **Practicing Dentist in Florida**
- **Leadership of an FQHC in Florida**
- **A Florida resident dental patient who resides locally and may benefit from the FAU COD**
- **A current Dental Student from FAU COD, once the program begins**

The AB will advisory FAU leadership on many aspects of the COD program that will improve quality, including, but not limited to:

- **Curriculum**
- **Admissions process and standards**
- **Recruitment of URM**
- **Community engagement and service**
- **Clinical management and Faculty practice**
- **Development and Alumni Affairs**

The FAU leadership initially will convene the AB and hold meetings as needed, but not less than once per year. Once a Founding Dean is named for the FAU COD, the AB should convene at the request of the Dean and should meet no less than twice annually.

## **VI. Faculty Participation**

**A. Use Appendix A – Table 2 to identify existing and anticipated full-time faculty who will participate in the proposed program through Year 5, excluding visiting or adjunct faculty. Include the following information for each faculty member or position in Appendix A – Table 2:**

- **the faculty code associated with the source of funding for the position**
- **faculty member's name**
- **highest degree held**
- **academic discipline or specialization**
- **anticipated participation start date in the proposed program**
- **contract status (e.g., tenure, tenure-earning, or multi-year annual [MYA])**
- **contract length in months**
- **percent of annual effort that will support the proposed program (e.g., instruction, advising, supervising)**

**This information should be summarized below in narrative form. Additionally, please provide the curriculum vitae (CV) for each identified faculty member in Appendix E.**

As we plan to admit 45 students in year 1, FAU is projecting a staggered increase to 90 students over 4 years with a total enrollment of 350 students once fully enrolled (assuming attrition). Accordingly, it will be essential for us to recruit and hire faculty. We anticipate needing 30 additional faculty in year 1, with the expectation of expanding to 40 full time equivalent faculty by year 5.

The number of proposed faculty positions was determined by using both benchmarked data from peer institutions (see section 2D of this proposal for full details) as well as encompassing the criteria set forth by CODA. The proposed faculty will allow us to achieve the criteria set forth by CODA for full-time, qualified “core faculty” as described by the accreditation standards, as well as leadership to develop and deliver a high quality DMD curriculum in accordance with CODA specifications. Using the CODA definition of an FTE, the prescribed student-faculty ratio for instruction preclinically and clinically in the predoctoral program—subtracting out administrators, biomedical scientists, and those who have other teaching responsibilities such as shared responsibilities with the college of medicine (e.g. anatomy), is not to exceed 10:1 and

should accommodate the requirements of clinical instruction (70 percent or more by core faculty).

Utilizing 30 full time faculty and 10 (FTE) for adjunct faculty, the college of dentistry as proposed exceeds the CODA requirement of 10:1 student to faculty ratio (360 students when class size reaches full capacity, with 40 teaching faculty for a ratio of 9:1). Additionally, the anticipated core faculty exceed the requirement of a minimum of 70 percent of the total teaching faculty. As stated, core faculty make up 75% of the teaching faculty represented.

In similar fashion as the proposed program at FAU, University of Detroit Mercy's School of Dentistry combined with their colleagues at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine have launched an interprofessional program to leverage potentially redundant resources of the college of medicine and college of dentistry (two separate organizations). Accordingly, this allows for a higher dental school faculty to student ratio, without compromising educational quality. According to Juliette Daniels, Ed.D at Mercy, via telephone conversation on November 30, 2022 with FAU, the school meets the minimum threshold of 10:1 faculty and maintains high student satisfaction scores and comparable national board pass rates.

Although not studied exclusively, we see similar trends at dental schools that have corresponding medical schools. Universities with both colleges (or schools) of medicine and dentistry tend to have a slightly higher student to faculty ratio. The logical inference is certain roles are fulfilled with a single individual, but utilized by both schools of medicine and dentistry (e.g. anatomy instruction, public/population health and other research faculty). Dolf Dawson, DMD at the University of Kentucky (UK) and Chair of Oral Health Practice noted that biology, anatomy, physiology and pharmacology are certainly areas where UK utilizes faculty across both professional schools to avoid higher costs of cross-disciplinary faculty. FAU, with an established medical school, would align in this capacity.

Lastly, newer schools utilize technology to amplify the impact of direct faculty interactions with students. According to a study conducted at the University of Colorado, this use of technology is not only accepted by students, but expected and allows for multimodal learning. "...students added the following responses to characterize how technology enhances their learning. 'Technology is just part of the world we live in and how we access information and learning. It makes some processes more efficient.'" <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1277091.pdf> The use of technology provides an excellent, consistent delivery mechanism for educational content both efficiently and remotely, which will be essential for our community facing programs. Accordingly, this permits faculty to focus their time on the most meaningful interpersonal activities for maximum benefit. The technology costs have been incorporated in the LBR start up and ongoing costs.

Noted by the outside reviewer as an area for consideration (student to faculty ratio), it may be relevant that the perspective of this individual may be influenced by their experience at a dental school without a corresponding medical school.

Based on other colleges of dentistry and the local market we expect that in total approximately 50% of the new faculty will be assistant professors, 30% will be associate professors and 20% will be full professors. We assume that several of the assistant professors may have outstanding clinical practice experience, but may be new to academics. Accordingly, their academic rank may not be fully reflective of the considerable value they will bring to our students. Associate professor level and above will be more aligned with the traditional pathway for an academic

educator. All will have obtained the minimum credential of DMD or DDS, possess a Florida dental license without restrictions, and meet the requirements of participation set forth by the Department of Health and Human services as it relates to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Of the distribution offered by rank, we anticipate 20% of the total faculty (10) will have administrative responsibilities. Included in the breakdown are the Dean of the College of Dentistry in the calculation, as well as, Associate Dean for Research, Director of Student Engagement, Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Analytics and Department Chairs. This would also encompass effort assigned to other clinical leaders for the purpose of administrative roles such as Clerkship Directors, Site Directors and the like. Not requiring a full-time equivalent (FTE) for many of these positions, individuals may also incorporate teaching, research and/or clinical care as part of their distribution.

Utilizing FTE data from [MGMA Data Dive](#), the average dental faculty member has roughly 15% of their effort designated for research activities. Accordingly, we anticipate the same over time. However in speaking with emerging colleges of dentistry, the first 3-4 years tends to focus less on research and more on setting up the clinical and academic programs for a recommended research protected time of 5-10% per FTE. Understanding that most likely the research FTE is not distributed evenly across all faculty. Some individuals may have more or less protected time for this part of the tripartite mission. However, it will be substituted for either clinical, education or administration for the composite FTE.

Lastly, as clinical service and educational activities are so intertwined, it is important to note that these are not binary activities, and often occur in tandem. As based on the industry's tradition of reporting educational service in the act of clinical work as clinical time, it may to the outsider appear that educational support is under represented. However, there are didactic lectures that will occur outside of the clinical environment that are reported as education. This would amount on average to no more than 20% of a faculty members FTE. Again, this may not be evenly distributed across faculty. The majority of faculty effort will be calculated as part of their clinical FTE, with an overall estimation exceeding slightly more than 50% of their overall FTE.

Budgetary considerations for these positions are based on market analysis by a blending of MGMA salary data obtained from the [MGMA Data Dive](#) database, [Dental Economics Survey](#), and the [ADEA Faculty Salary Data](#). We worked with finance leaders at 8 different colleges of dentistry across the country to reason check and validate our compilation to determine the most realistic benchmark given recent economic changes (see discussion of benchmarking exercise in section 2D of this proposal). We assumed that all faculty would be a 1.0 FTE. If individuals are employed with less than a full time equivalent, the equivalent should equal the proposed.

In addition to the recruited faculty, we anticipate collaboration with the college of medicine to support common elements between the programs, including instruction and research. These faculty members will provide both a functional role as well as mentoring to the new college's faculty and leadership. By establishing a partnership relationship from the beginning sets the expectation for the two colleges to work in tandem, sharing space and other resources. This allows the college of dentistry and medicine a unique opportunity to provide a comprehensive education for all learners.

As the college of dentistry begins, we anticipate it will take more effort from existing faculty within the college of medicine. (Support letter in Appendix D) Although much of the material, programs and infrastructure exist, modifications will be essential for a dental medicine



focus. Accordingly, we anticipate utilizing 50% FTE of the college of medicine faculty proposed in year 1, with the expectation this will reduce slightly by year 5 to roughly 40%. This work will require both hands-on faculty interaction, as well as the development of asynchronous instructional material, again allowing for a reduced load over time.

The proposed faculty complement will allow us to achieve the criteria set forth by CODA for full-time, qualified “core faculty” as described by the accreditation standards, as well as leadership to develop and deliver a high quality DMD curriculum in accordance with CODA specifications. Using the CODA definition of an FTE, the prescribed student-faculty ratio for instruction preclinically and clinically in the predoctoral program—subtracting out administrators, biomedical scientists, and those who have other teaching responsibilities such as shared responsibilities with the college of medicine (e.g. anatomy), is not to exceed 10:1 and should accommodate the requirements of clinical instruction (70 percent or more by core faculty).

We are also proposing a staggered start of faculty; however, we have “front-loaded” the hiring due to the enormous work it will take to set up the program. Accordingly, the increase in faculty is not linear. It is also important to note that year 5 (the last in the data associated with the proposal) is the first year full enrollment capacity would be recognized. As the program progresses, it will be important to reevaluate the student to faculty ratio, respective of their roles, to ensure adherence to CODA requirements. As proposed, it would meet the standard, but if roles shift, this may require additional consideration.

All faculty will be appointed for 12 months, following the segment requirements of the program. Their effort, other than for crossdisciplinarity purposes will be singularly focused on the programs within the college of dentistry. As previously indicated, an inaugural dean will be hired first as part of the administrative leadership. Other faculty leadership roles will be in addition to their academic and clinical assignments and are included in Table 2 Faculty Participation. Their rank may vary based on the market; however, they are accounted for in the overall number of faculty and salary expense with the methodology described herein.

**B. Provide specific evidence demonstrating that the academic unit(s) associated with the proposed program have been productive in teaching, research, and service. Such evidence may include trends over time for average course load, FTE productivity, student HC in major or service courses, degrees granted, external funding attracted, and other qualitative indicators of excellence (e.g., thesis, dissertation, or research supervision).**

Most similar to and will be closely linked to the College of Dentistry, the COM clearly demonstrates the productive academic environment facilitated at FAU. We would envision the college of medicine’s faculty and operational structure to mimic and be intertwined with the college of dentistry through various means including an advisory role as it is formed, a collaborator for interdisciplinary research and academics, as well as a permanent partner for health sciences learning far beyond that benefits both medical and dental school students. Accordingly, to provide evidence demonstrating that this unit has indeed been productive in teaching, research and service we first outline the structure set forth in the COM to provide a scholarly environment for faculty. At the department level, the Chairs commit effort for each faculty member to engage in research/scholarship as designated in his/her effort allocation, setting the expectation at the onset of employment.

The biomedical science (BMS) department, which represents the COM's largest research division, has formal mentoring programs to support faculty development in research. The Mentoring Program is mandatory and is designed to align faculty development with the Promotion and Tenure policy. The Advisory Program is optional and is designed to sustain faculty performance to meet the ever-evolving nature of science. The BMS department provides opportunities for faculty to obtain bridge and pilot funding during a gap in funding or to collect preliminary data to enhance extramural grant applications. At the college level, the COM hosts a Medical Education Scholarship Workgroup monthly, which focuses on developing our faculty as medical education scholars and researchers, along with offering collaborative mentorship opportunities from study design through publication.

At the university level, FAU supports all colleges with the Division of Research (DOR). This group has sponsored workshops from the AAMC MERC Program for all interested faculty. Collectively, these efforts are increasing the pool of highly qualified faculty mentors while garnering a 2.85 fold increase in extramural research funding awarded in the last three years. The COM provides a supportive environment for research and scholarly work for students that has been steadily improving since the College's inception. In response to student feedback and AAMC GQ data, the COM established a Research and Scholarship Committee that represents the driving force behind the growth of student research activities using three modalities (i.e., workshops, summer research platforms, and online courses).

The Office of Research recruits highly qualified faculty members to serve as mentors and solicits involvement from our affiliate faculty members and local community of physicians. A series of 3 workshops is offered to introduce Year 1 students to research and to prepare them for summer research experiences. In addition, three research platforms were established to organize and facilitate student participation in research activities. The "Fast Track" platform allows students to join an existing research project that has regulatory approval already in place. The "Specialty Track" platform offers students an opportunity to develop their own project in collaboration with a qualified faculty mentor. The "External Track" platform permits students to participate in research activities at other institutions. The

Office of Research and OSA work collaboratively to collect and distribute information regarding both internal and external research opportunities and information regarding available funding sources. As a result of these efforts, COM students reported an increase in research participation on the AAMC GQ that is approaching the national average: 2016 (66.7% vs. 74.1%), 2017 (64.2% vs. 77.3%), 2018 (71.0% vs. 78.8%) and 2019 (75.9% vs. 80.9%). Additionally, the ISA revealed satisfaction for students in Years 1-3 who have experienced the increased research opportunities (97%, 85%, 92%), versus Year 4 students (72%). Further evidence of growing student participation in research include: 1) a 40.5% increase in the number of research abstract submissions for the Annual FAU Medical Student Research and Scholarship Day between AY2015-16 and 2018-19, and 2) 95% of Year 1 students participated in summer research in AY2019-20.

Scholarly productivity among faculty in the COM continues to increase in quality and quantity. All faculty above 0.5 FTE have the expectation to participate in research or scholarly activities, with dedicated time and goals outlined in their annual assignment. These activities are tracked and considered as part of the annual evaluation process. Faculty who struggle to achieve this expectation receive a formative performance improvement plan, with additional mentoring from their Department Chair and the OFA. The COM offers all faculty participation in a Medical



Education Scholarship Workgroup, mentoring programs, and faculty development specific to research and scholarship to help faculty meet, and often exceed set expectations. Collaborative efforts among faculty continue to provide opportunities for junior faculty to develop research and scholarship skills. Faculty have increased the number of peer-reviewed publications achieved by the COM each year, while growing its presence and reputation at national meetings. The most significant research advances have been among faculty in the BMS Department, where there has been a 2.85-fold increase in extramural research funding to support their efforts, and increasing output of peer-reviewed manuscripts and presentations.

The COMCC is the central curriculum committee charged with the responsibility for the curricular CQI process including reviewing, evaluating, and making policy recommendations for the medical education program as a whole, including curricular design and development, methods of pedagogy, methods of student assessment, and setting standards for student academic and professional achievement, based on the medical education mission of the COM. We would design a similar structure for the college of dentistry.

The COMCC works in coordination with (2) subcommittees, the CIPEC and LRC who report to the COMCC to meet its charge. The CIPEC facilitates the review of the curriculum as a whole, including 1) monitoring curriculum content to identify gaps, redundancies, and appropriate sequencing, 2) ensuring integration of content within periods of study (horizontal integration) and across years (vertical integration), 3) monitoring student learning outcomes and approaches to student assessment, and 4) monitoring program evaluation data.

The LRC provides input and feedback on library collections, technology services, and policies that facilitate utilization of technology in teaching, learning, and scholarship. COMCC and CIPEC meet monthly and are comprised of ex-officio, appointed (based on role), and elected faculty members. The LRC meets quarterly and is comprised of ex-officio, appointed (based on role) and, faculty/staff members as codified in the COM bylaws. The COMCC votes and approves all changes to the curriculum based on the ongoing, pre-scheduled, comprehensive review of curriculum, data, and outcome reports in order to continually and effectively manage and enhance the curriculum. Multiple examples in the committee minutes provide evidence that the final authority of the COMCC is being appropriately and successfully exercised including the development and launch of small group Diagnosis and Reasoning Rounds during Year 3 Academic Half Day and revision of the biostatistics component of our curriculum. AAMC GQ is at or above the national average for overall student satisfaction with the quality of their medical education: 2016 (93.3% vs. 90.1%), 2017 (90.9% vs. 89.9%), 2018 (88.9% vs. 89.3%) and 2019 (96.1% vs. 89.2%).

The COM educational program objectives have been linked to course and clerkship learning objectives and are used to guide curriculum planning, select and apportion curriculum content, review and revise the curriculum, evaluate curricular outcomes and guide program evaluation. The COM purchased an AAMC compatible LMS/mapping software (DaVinci Education/LEO) for its enhanced ability to serve as both a scheduling and mapping system for our curriculum and to ensure every teaching session would be captured. The COM developed a systematic, ongoing CQI process for the curriculum which includes an annual review of the education program objectives, mapping every session, course/clerkship, and program objective in our curricular map and reviewing all student outcomes and evaluation data for every course, clerkship, year, and phase. This annual review and revision process is designed to ensure alignment, vertical and horizontal integration and identify gaps and redundancies in the curriculum. Program, course and

clerkship evaluations are also reviewed and revised annually. Again, this methodology for evaluation, focusing on a CQI process would be well aligned with the structure and requirement for accreditation, student success and dental education overall.

The faculty directors of courses, clerkships, and threads with content expertise develop course, clerkship, and thread objectives and individual session objectives and assessments which must be reviewed and approved by the COMCC. The COMCC, in coordination with its subcommittee CIPEC, reviews units and phases of the curriculum, the curriculum as a whole and identified interrelated LCME elements according to a predetermined schedule. For the college of dentistry, similar processes could occur with CODA as the foundation for determining the essential elements.

The curriculum review process includes an annual review of the medical education program objectives and outcomes, and annual reports of each required course, clerkship and thread. Beginning in January 2020, a revised LCME element and triennial phase review process will begin for the pre-clerkship (Years 1 and 2), clerkship (Year 3), and post-clerkship (Year 4) phases of the curriculum. This scheduled curricular review process allows for a comprehensive review of the entire curriculum as a whole to be performed continuously over a 3-year cycle. In addition, the COMCC and CIPEC may assign an Ad Hoc workgroup to work on topics/issues/concerns/innovations. The workgroup will then conduct their research and analysis, develop proposals and report back to the COMCC for discussion and approval of any proposed curricular changes.

Curriculum committees and workgroups have use of the full four-year curriculum map. They review the education program objectives, outcomes and student evaluation data as part of the annual review and revision process to ensure alignment, vertical and horizontal integration and to identify gaps and redundancies in courses/clerkships and in years/phases of the curriculum. The results are used by the COMCC and course/clerkship leadership to inform needed change. The OPEA provides data, tools and resources to support the reviews. The Education Technology office provides reports and assistance to query our curriculum map/inventory. Best practices, as well as opportunities for improvement and better alignment, are shared in the curriculum committees where faculty, staff, and students from all phases of the curriculum meet monthly. Examples of results from past reviews that have resulted in innovative curriculum changes are: integrating anatomy education with clinical skills and bedside ultrasound; transforming pathology lab lectures into small group, case-based, interactive sessions; enhancing pharmacology integration throughout the curriculum; and reorganizing our Science of Clinical Practice curriculum to better incorporate cultural competency, end-of-life, and enhanced communication skills training through arts/humanities and reflection sessions. As a new medical school with a focus on innovation and humanistic person-centered care, the COM prides itself on being very responsive to outcomes data, student and faculty feedback, national/international trends in medical education and ongoing continuous quality improvement of our educational program. We would adhere to similar standards and expectations for the college of dentistry.

The COM uses a comprehensive and integrated system of program evaluation to judge whether educational program objectives are being met and desired program outcomes are being achieved. Depending on the course, clerkship, thread, or phase of the curriculum, in-house assessment data is collected through summative quizzes, examinations, narrative facilitator observations, small group and peer observation feedback, preceptor and clerkship evaluations, institutional competency assessments (ICAs), and OSCEs. In our foundational science courses we utilize customized integrated in-house

examinations for the first semester, and for the rest of the pre-clinical phase we use NBME exams. Further, validated external assessment measures such as NBME subject examinations, AAMC Y2Q/GQ, USMLE Step 1, USMLE Step 2 CK/CS, and USMLE Step 3 data are reviewed. For the college of dentistry, the NBDE and INDBE would be used in similar regard.

Additionally, the students complete evaluations on the quality of teaching, course administration, and educational program experience following a thoughtful and comprehensive schedule throughout all phases of the curriculum. In addition, surveys are sent to graduates and residency program directors to gauge perceptions of educational experience and preparation around EPAs. The OPEA manages the evaluation data for all but the in-house quizzes and examinations (delivered on Examsoft platform to be compatible with student iPads) and provides data/reports for each course to the course, clerkship, and year/phase directors. Data for each course, clerkship, and thread is presented annually to CIPEC and COMCC. Student performance on nationally normed assessments that are not tied to specific courses or clerkships are presented annually to CIPEC, COMCC, and at the annual curriculum retreat. Beginning in AY2020-21, an updated triennial phase review process will begin for the pre-clerkship (Years 1 and 2), clerkship (Year 3), and post-clerkship (Year 4) phases.

MyEvaluations, the COM electronic evaluation management system, is adequate to collect student feedback on courses, clerkships, faculty, residents, and others who teach, supervise, and assess medical students. In all years, anonymous evaluations allow students to provide valid and reliable quantitative and qualitative feedback online via their iPads or other devices. Participating in the evaluative process is required and considered a professionalism attribute so the response rate is 100%. In addition to standardized questions, course, clerkship, and curriculum directors are given the opportunity annually to add specific questions to assess any newly implemented curriculum content or unique educational objectives. Evaluations are reviewed annually.

Changes proposed by course/clerkship directors to evaluation instruments must be approved by the Director of OPEA, SADME, and Year/Phase Director. Further, student input is provided on the evaluation process via student curriculum representatives on the COMCC. Evaluation data is managed by a full-time faculty director of OPEA, two full-time program evaluation coordinators, and a three full-time associated curriculum coordinators dedicated to Years 3 and 4. Due to our small class size, evaluations of students by faculty, residents, and others who teach, supervise, and assess medical students and evaluations by students of faculty, residents, and others who teach, supervise, and assess them are embargoed until all evaluations have been submitted and all grades have been assigned. Individual faculty receive “batched” personal evaluation data to protect the anonymity of the students. Evaluations of core and affiliate faculty members’ teaching are reviewed by course directors and their respective department chair during core faculty’s annual review.

Program evaluation data is reviewed annually via course and thread reports, which collectively drive proposed changes to curriculum, pedagogy and assessment in response to student performance and feedback. ISA respondents show an increase in satisfaction of medical school responsiveness to student feedback on courses/clerkships in Years 1-3 as compared to Year 4 (99%, 100%, 92% and 84%) Beginning in AY2020-21, with our updated pre-clerkship, clerkship, and post-clerkship phase review process, a review of the efficacy and timing of all evaluations will be incorporated into the review process to ensure they are collecting the necessary information to improve upon student experiences and performance in each course and clerkship. Any proposed changes to evaluations resulting from the phase reviews will be presented for approval to the COMCC.

Processes for monitoring clinical encounters are adequate throughout the curriculum. Students use our LMS to complete patient encounter tracking (PET) logs during their required clinical experiences for all clerkships, as well during their preceptor experiences in Years 1 and 2. The Surgery Clerkship additionally requires and monitors the completion of surgical case logs for use during the clerkship's required oral examination. Students are expected to keep their PET logs up to date on a weekly basis; compliance is monitored by the Year 3 Coordinator on a monthly basis and reports are sent to Clerkship Directors, students, and each student's assigned Year 3 Feedback Facilitator to ensure that requirements are being fulfilled. Feedback facilitators are core clerkship faculty who review the PET logs during their 1:1 mid-clerkship feedback meetings with students every two months during the 6-month LIC in order to review performance, identify gaps in skills/experiences and empower/guide students to remedy the gaps.

The above process allows feedback facilitators and clerkship directors to identify early-on any students in their respective clerkship who may not be on track to meet the clinical experience requirements during the 6-month LIC. Because each discipline is integrated across 6 months or a full year, the ability for students to remedy gaps via patient experiences is greater (100% in AY2018-19) than it would be in shorter, discipline-specific clerkships. The use of identified alternatives to complete required clinical experiences is rare, but we have online Aquifer cases available should remediation need to be assigned. Clerkship PET completion data collected is monitored centrally by the Year 3 Coordinator and reviewed annually by the Director of Year 3, the Clerkship Director Workgroup, and the COMCC.

There are effective processes in place to monitor and ensure comparability and identify any inconsistencies in education/assessment across all locations for all clerkships. This is essential for the college of medicine, and likewise will be necessary for the college of dentistry specifically as it relates to the various affiliate rotations. Student feedback is obtained through end-of-rotation/end-of-LIC evaluations which are disseminated to the clerkship directors and reviewed with the Director of Year 3 and at the monthly Clerkship Director Workgroup. At the end of every 6-month LIC, data from student evaluations, patient encounter tracking, grade distributions, NBME subject exam performance, and performance on discipline specific assignments are compiled on written Clerkship Report Forms, in order to assess any trends over time and demonstrate the comparability across sites, by each clerkship and cross-discipline director.

The clerkship and cross-discipline directors present the highlights of their individual reports every 6 months at the Clerkship Director Workgroup meetings, where comparability across instructional sites is reviewed for each clerkship, and any proposals for changes/improvements to the clerkships are developed. Clerkship directors are required to distribute batched, anonymized student feedback to their clinical site directors and clerkship faculty via face-to-face faculty development meetings and/or via email. At biannual hospital leadership meetings student clerkship feedback reports are printed and distributed to each hospital's CMO for review of all clerkships and rotations held at their hospital site. In addition, student clerkship feedback is distributed to Residency Program Directors so they have the opportunity to provide feedback to their faculty and residents. The year-end performance and evaluation data of all LIC experiences are compiled into a multi-year comparative End-of-Year 3 Report, separated by North/South students, and presented by the Director of Year 3 to the COMCC/CIPEC for review and approval of any changes, if required, to the Year 3 curriculum for the next academic year.

There are effective systems in place to ensure dissemination, access and review of course and

clerkship objectives, required patient encounters, and preparation for teaching and formative assessment roles. Residents do not currently provide summative evaluations for students. All FAU and non-FAU incoming residents are required to attend a mandatory orientation that includes a presentation by the Director of Year 3 and/or the ADME that reviews the Year 3 and 4 FAU clerkship-specific objectives, provides the list of required patient encounters (PET), and prepares them for their role as clinical educators including feedback/assessment. In addition, FAU and non-FAU residents participate in a mix of live and online Resident as Teachers modules/programming. FAU-related educational materials (e.g., presentation slides, Curriculum Guides, Student Handbook, Policies, PET, etc.) are provided to all GME programs for upload to their LMS (e.g., MedHub) for easy access and reference. Clerkship and Year 4 Directors further review and reinforce expectations and the role of residents in education during site visits. There is variability in the documentation of receipt, dissemination and participation (e.g., electronic or paper sign-in sheet confirmation) at both FAU and non-FAU GME programs but these activities do occur and are monitored centrally by the Year 3 Coordinator and reported to the Director of Year 3.

There is an effective system in place to ensure that medical student learning experiences are provided by faculty members under appropriate supervision. The COM provides faculty appointments to all community-based physicians who serve as clinical supervisors. Course/Clerkship Directors verify that all physicians who are engaged in medical student teaching hold current appointments. The COM Committee on Appointments and Promotion (CAP) oversees appointments for affiliate faculty in clinical roles; appointments are recommended after review by the CAP, based on the recommendation and support of a Course/Clerkship Director who has a specific role designated for them within the curriculum. Specific appointment and promotions criteria exists for affiliate faculty. Affiliate faculty appointments are for a 3-year term, at which point a reassessment of the faculty member's role, contributions and performance determines renewal. The IMS, BMS and Surgery Departments each maintain a database with the names and appointment status of all affiliate faculty.

The Medical Student Roles and Supervision Policy is in effect and outlines the roles and responsibilities related to appropriate supervision of medical students during clinical experiences to ensure student and patient safety. This policy outlines the degree of involvement/participation of students when providing patient care, the different levels of supervision (Direct, Indirect Supervision with Direct Supervision Immediately Available, and Oversight), and the roles of a medical student at each level of training. This policy is provided and reviewed with students during orientation week at the beginning of each academic year and is in the Medical Student Handbook. Faculty, including Site Directors at each hospital, receive the policy as part of the education materials provided by the COM prior to the start of every academic year. The Clerkship Directors are responsible for promulgating and ensuring the policy is being followed by faculty, residents and students. ISA data shows Year 3 and 4 student satisfaction with supervision in Year 3 clerkships (86% and 89%).

Students are rigorously assessed as they progress through the curriculum on knowledge, cognitive and clinical skills, attitudes, and behaviors specified in the educational program objectives. Establishing benchmarked performance criteria for the college of dentistry can be modeled similar to what has been achieved within the COM using relevant disciplinary assessments and tools. Demonstrating success with utilizing such data within the COM is evident of the successful program management and ability to trend over time for effective academic rigor.

Knowledge/cognitive skills are assessed in Years 1-4 through multiple MCQ and oral exams, quizzes, lab/practical exams as well as on national medical licensing examinations. Students are provided adequate formative feedback and narrative assessment on performance. Attainment of knowledge/cognitive skills is validated by FAU student performance on USMLE Step 1 scores above the national average: 2016 (232 vs. 228), 2017 (233 vs. 229) and 2018 (234 vs. 230). NBME shelf examinations are administered at the end of each LIC and attainment of knowledge/cognitive skills is further validated by FAU student performance on USMLE Step 2 CK scores above the national average: 2016 (246 vs. 242), 2017 (249 vs. 243) and 2018 (249 vs. 243).

Clinical skills, attitudes and behaviors are assessed in Years 1-4 through OSCEs, faculty ratings, narrative assessment and students are provided adequate formative feedback on performance. Attainment of clinical skills, attitudes and behaviors are validated by FAU student performance on USMLE Step 2 CS pass rates above the national average: 2015 (100% vs. 96%), 2016 (97% vs. 96%) and 2017 (96% vs. 95%). In addition, AAMC GQ data shows a 3-year trend that students agree/strongly agree that they have acquired the clinical skills required to begin a residency program above the national average: 2017 (92.5% vs. 90.1%), 2018 (93.6% vs. 90.7%) and 2019 (92.6% vs. 90.6%).

Essential H&P skills are assessed with direct observation via multiple formative and summative OSCEs as well as on preceptor evaluations and Direct Observation of Clinical Skills (DOCS) cards during clinical rotations in Year 3. The 2019 AAMC GQ data shows that observation of history taking was above the national average for all six core clerkships but psychiatry (87% vs. 93.8%) and for physical examination for all but internal medicine (94.4% vs. 95.0%) and psychiatry (83.3% vs. 92.6%). In order to address these few outliers, in AY 2019-20 students are required to submit (1) history and (1) physical examination DOCS cards from each of the six core clerkships (psychiatry alternatively requires 2 history/mental status cards) as an additional way to ensure direct observation of H&Ps. DOCS cards had been used previously; however, the expectation was not per clerkship but overall during the year which allowed students to complete them all in one specialty. Limitations to the ability to ensure that clinical skills are appropriately assessed have not been identified.

There are effective processes and systems to ensure that students receive useful, comprehensive and timely formative and summative assessment throughout the curriculum. The COM uses a competency-based grading system in Years 1-4 and formative, summative and narrative feedback is included in every phase. In the first three foundational science courses in Year 1, students receive a mid-point formative narrative assessment and an end-point summative narrative assessment. In a fourth course in Year 2, students receive an end-point summative narrative assessments due to its short length.

Other formative feedback in the foundational science courses include oral feedback at the end of each PBL session and formative weekly quizzes on medical knowledge. Summative assessments in the foundational science courses include in-house and NBME customized exams and quizzes, anatomy practical exams, and a variety of projects, case write-ups, and other assessments. Respondents to the ISA for Year 1-4 reported satisfaction with the amount (100%, 100%, 97% and 98%) and quality of the formative feedback (100%, 98%, 95% and 93%), in the pre-clinical years.

In the required LICs, students are provided mid-clerkship feedback through regularly scheduled

meetings with their feedback facilitators. These meetings are scheduled every two months during the 6-month LIC to review the student's feedback/evaluations, PET logs, clerkship assignments, and student EPA-based self-evaluation forms. Students and faculty sign-off on a mid-clerkship feedback form after their meetings so the Year 3 Coordinator/OME can confirm that 100% of students receive mid-clerkship feedback. The 2019 AAMC GQ mid-clerkship feedback data ranges from (94.4% -100%) across clerkships and ISA respondents for Year 3-4 reported satisfaction with the amount (93% and 92%) and quality of the formative feedback (89% and 86%), in the clinical years.

To further align student perception of amount and quality of feedback, all Year 3 students are required to complete six DOCS (Direct Observation of Clinical Skills) cards per LIC which are due every two months for formative assessment and to ensure direct observation and formative feedback of H&Ps. Clerkship summative grades consist of a Patient Care and a Medical Knowledge grade for each clerkship, as well as an overall LIC grade. The Director of OME tracks grade submission and for AY2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 compliance with grade release was 100% and between 2.5–3.0 weeks from the end of the LIC. ISA satisfaction for Year 3/4 students with the fairness of the grading in clerkships was (89% and 81%). To help improve student perception of fairness, the COM implemented a more robust orientation that transparently describes the process of how grades are determined by grading committees that include members across all sites and that use standardized rubrics/processes to assign clerkship grades. All required clerkships incorporate narrative feedback in final summative assessments.

Standards of achievement for courses and clerkships are set by faculty directors selected for their roles because of their knowledge and expertise in a discipline. Those standards are approved by the COMCC. Course/Clerkship Directors and teaching faculty are supported and encouraged to stay up to date through attendance at relevant seminars, grand rounds, regional and national education and specialty meetings. With current requirements for maintenance of certification, all clinical faculty remain up to date on content. Foundational science and clinical faculty members consult relevant journals, texts, and resources to continuously revise and update teaching materials. Course and Clerkship Directors are expected to consult with and have knowledge of national recommendations regarding curriculum content in their respective area of expertise, and are funded to go to their national clerkship education meetings annually. The criteria for passing all examinations receives final approval from the COMCC.

The rigorous efforts to establish, develop and hone the COM's effectiveness in teaching, research and service, as well as devise qualitative indicators for excellence, provide a beginning roadmap for the college of dentistry. The COM's success in this matter also reflect the FAU collective expectation and support of such evaluation. The college of dentistry will have adequate resources provided as well as an expectation for building a program geared to academic enrichment for both faculty and learner.

## VII. Budget

**A. Use Appendix A – Table 3A or 3B to provide projected costs and associated funding sources for Year 1 and Year 5 of program operation. In narrative form, describe all projected costs and funding sources for the proposed program(s). Data for Year 1 and Year 5 should reflect snapshots in time rather than cumulative costs.**

Budget for the College of Dentistry was derived in the following format:

1. Once a determination regarding the number and types of positions (faculty and staff) were needed (see VI A) , the appropriate benchmarks and reference data was utilized to determine market rate.
  - a. Faculty – Budgetary considerations for these positions are based on market analysis by a blending of MGMA salary data obtained from the MGMA Data Dive database, Dental Economics Survey, and the ADEA Faculty Salary Data.
  - b. We also worked with finance leaders at 8 different colleges of dentistry across the country to reason check and validate our compilation to determine the most realistic benchmark given recent economic changes (See section 2D of this proposal for details).
  - c. We assumed that all faculty would be a 1.0 FTE. If individuals are employed with less than a full time equivalent, the equivalent should equal the proposed.
  - d. We utilized a blended model to account for specialty (general dentistry, perio, ortho, endo, OMFS).
  - e. Leadership – Association of Dental Education data for dean and assistant/associate deans (again blended with specialty data).
  - f. Staff – utilizing market data available for peer institutions based on current position postings for various roles
    - i. Cross-referenced with the US Bureau of Labor Statistics for specialty positions (dental hygienists, dental assistant)
    - ii. Institutional benchmarks for similar positions or roles within the college of medicine and nursing.

The number of proposed faculty positions was determined by using both benchmarked data from peer institutions (See section 2D of this proposal for discussion), but also encompassing the criteria set forth by CODA for the number of full-time, qualified “core faculty” as described by the accreditation standards, as well as their required leadership to develop and deliver a high quality DMD curriculum in accordance with CODA specifications. This is depicted in much greater detail in section 6. *Faculty Participation*, A. Faculty costs to initiate the program in Year 1 total \$10, 665,000, reaching \$14,850,000 by Year 5. Please note that the 4 College of Medicine faculty that are already at FAU, will be paid as an additional assignment out of the LBR money that will fund the program. As these faculty already have full loads, and the LCME (College of Medicine accrediting body) has restrictions about mixing medicine students with



others such as dental students, these 4 faculty will be paid for overload instruction to properly compensate them for offering additional sections that will support the dental program. Therefore, no dollars will be reallocated from existing E&G funding to support the DMD.

Staffing levels were determined based on a combination of factors to calculate appropriate number and roles. Relative to patient care, the college will employ a variety of dental care support team members. Included in our calculation is dental hygienists, dental assistants and nursing personnel. This complement of staff accounts for 40% of the personnel costs and is the bulk of the OPS positions. The remaining 60% are a blend of administrative, finance, and education support. This includes an Assistant Dean of Finance (or Director), Registrar, Patient Advocate, Operations Manager, Administrative Assistants, and various Education Specialists roles. Outside of the daily operations and administration of the college, we will also employ staff that provide direct support and function as advisors to the DMD pipeline program. These roles will be similar to those in the existing pipeline program within the COM and accordingly we have budgeted the roles in a comparable manner as based on program size.

Again, using peer benchmarked data (see section 2D for discussion of benchmarking activity) to align staff support in number to the faculty and adjusting to ensure that CODA standards are met, we are confident that the budget for staff has been right-sized for the number of students we are projecting. Similar to the faculty, we did front load the (administrative) staff to allow sufficient resources as we stand up the program. Clinical staff are more evenly titrated in their increase due to the more direct relational aspect of their work to student volume. Small front-end weighting is recognized to ensure procedures and flow are optimized, but again, not to the degree of administrative staff or faculty.

For budgetary purposes, we inferred that the College of Dentistry will utilize library services similarly to the College of Medicine. Accordingly, we are estimating salaries and benefits for two library positions, one of which will be completely funded in the DMD program budget and one of which will only be partially funded in the budget as recommended by FAU's central library services. Both allocations have been included in the Professional Staff Salaries and Benefits category.

Professional staff salary and benefits combined with OPS salary costs for Year 1 are \$4,677,750 rising to \$6,237,000 by year 5.

2. Utilized data from an informal consortium of leaders from colleges of dentistry from across the country to incorporate both the startup (non-reoccurring) and the ongoing needs.
  - a. Group included deans, associate deans or finance directors from University of Pittsburg Medical Group, University of North Carolina, University of Texas (both San Antonio and Houston), University of Tennessee, University of Kentucky, University of California, San Francisco and the University of Utah.
  - b. Validated data with ECG Management Consultants as part of contracted engagement with FAU.
  - c. Projected annual expenses are derived (for variable expenses) based on number of students. Fixed is a component of square footage for the building.

Annual CODA/other fees/permits	\$1,000,000	Most variability between organizations -- ranged \$1M-1.8M
General expenses	\$8,200,000	Blended approach to incorporate size of bld and projected class
Fees, license, malpractice, professional dev, other...	\$400,000	Based on # of faculty; but would also cover staff
Variable expenses 15K/student per year @ 360 total students	\$5,400,000	Lower estimate (lowest was \$14K, but larger school/highest was \$21K

Startup equipment; 60K sq feet @200sqft	\$12,000,000	<i>(most schools were more than 60K sq feet so this number may be understated due to size... e.g. dx equipment most costly, but a minimum requirement essential for functionality); larger than 60K sqft schools \$/sq ft was lower than smaller.</i>
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For non-reoccurring start-up, consultants (mentioned in section 2D) provided a benchmark of two times annual reoccurring expenses, salaries and benefits. This aligned with the informal consortium recommendation.

*Section VII. D.* details much of the start-up equipment that is incorporated within the budgets above. This was calculated first by determining the core needs for equipment, essential regardless of school size. We then adjusted to student size and associated patient volumes to ensure that the program could accommodate what was essential for a student's educational experience. The equipment ranges from radiologic imaging systems, to individual operatories (and the multitude of items within). We worked with 8 different institutions (listed above) to validate the needs and ensure we had not omitted essential items and their associated costs. As the budget currently stands, we are confident that the program has all the key foundational items accounted for, but not excessively resourced.

Additionally, we provided additional detail to demonstrate the annual variable expenses (instrumentation, cassettes, personalized software) that encompass a variety of student facing, non-capital needs to collectively account for the \$15K per student, per year expense associated with the budget. Again, utilizing peer institution benchmarks (discussed in section 2D), we believe this number to be appropriate for the scale and size of the proposed program. We also included other variable, but required expenses related to providing patient care such as malpractice coverage, dental license, DEA license and other associated costs.

Significant in the non-salary expense category are library resources essential to support the educational curriculum. Accordingly, the library will need to purchase 100 E-Books and/or other periodicals per year as detailed in *Appendix J*. This annually reoccurring amount was included in both the startup as well as reoccurring budgets.

There are also other fixed costs associated with operating a college of dentistry. Achieving and maintaining accreditation is essential. Likewise with building and equipment management. As the mechanism of delivering outstanding dental education now relies heavily on technology, and technology is constantly evolving, there is no longer a 10-20 year shelf life on equipment as may have been true in the past. These additional expenses will continue to occur on a reoccurring basis and have been appropriately incorporated within the proposed budget. Again, more detail

regarding these items is within *Section VII. D*. The total of general programmatic expenses in Year 1 are \$101, 214, 000 dropping to \$16, 500, 000 due to the largest percentage of the expenses in this category being non-recurring items needed to start the program.

**B. Use Appendix A – Table 4 to show how existing Education & General (E&G) funds will be reallocated to support the proposed program in Year 1. Describe each funding source identified in Appendix A – Table 4, and provide a justification below for the reallocation of resources. Describe the impact the reallocation of financial resources will have on existing programs, including any possible financial impact of a shift in faculty effort, reallocation of instructional resources, greater use of adjunct faculty and teaching assistants, and explain what steps will be taken to mitigate such impacts.**

No funding to support the program will be reallocated from existing E&G accounts.

**C. If the institution intends to operate the program through continuing education, seek approval for market tuition rate, or establish a differentiated graduate-level tuition, as described in [Board of Governors Regulation 8.002](#), provide a rationale and a timeline for seeking Board of Governors' approval.**

☒ **Not applicable to this program because the program will not operate through continuing education, seek approval for market tuition rate, or establish a differentiated graduate-level tuition**

**D. Provide the expected resident and non-resident tuition rate for the proposed program for both resident and non-resident students. The tuition rates should be reported on a per credit hour basis, unless the institution has received approval for a different tuition structure. If the proposed program will operate as a continuing education program per [Board of Governors Regulation 8.002](#), please describe how the tuition amount was calculated and how it is reflected in Appendix A – Table 3B.**

The College of Dentistry will follow a similar tuition and fees model as applied to our approved structure for the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

In-state tuition will be \$37, 566 per year for the 4 years of the program with annual student fees of \$4154. Out-of-state students will pay an additional \$26, 480 per year.

There is no "per credit hour" tuition charge for professional medical colleges. It is a flat annual fee that is divided by semesters. The students take classes as cohorts and could be taking a different number of credit hours each term depending on clinicals, etc. as dictated by their accrediting body, yet pay the same tuition rate per term. This is consistent with FAU's College of Medicine and is consistent with UF's College of Medicine and College of Dentistry.

**E. Describe external resources, both financial and in-kind support, that are available to support the proposed program, and explain how this amount is reflected in Appendix A – Table 3A or 3B.**

As we have outlined in the comprehensive Legislative Budget Request (LBR) we submitted to the Board of Governors and given here as Appendix M, Florida Atlantic intends to seek legislative support and state appropriations to establish the College of Dentistry. The university will seek both operational and capital funding to hire the faculty and staff (110 FTE) necessary to run the college (360 total enrollment target goal once the program ramps up) and house them in a new state-of-the-art dental education facility (93,750 GSF). In the event that we do not receive the full amount of appropriations requested, we plan on continuing to petition the state in subsequent years until we have reached the full level of funding we articulated in our LBR. In addition to seeking state support, Florida Atlantic also is committed to seeking support from the philanthropic community. The local community's desire to assist the state is already reflected in an incredibly generous philanthropic commitment that would seed this college and seek to name it. Regardless of the level of state funding that is received, the university remains committed to pursuing philanthropic and local community support to ensure that the College of Dentistry is able to provide high quality education to the full complement of students enrolled. **The LBR draft was approved by the FAU Board of Trustees on September 19, 2022.**

As gleaned from their annual report, 2020-2021, similar to the University of Florida (UF), a sustainable funding model for the Florida Atlantic University College of Dentistry will require a commitment of recurring state funds as proposed in the Legislative Budget Request. Given the planned size of program and anticipated ramp up period to develop margin producing, revenue generating clinical programs, we anticipate the funding model proposed will be appropriate for the next 10 years.

Beyond the 10-year mark (assuming the first class enters 2026, and the first-class graduates in 2030), there will be planned incremental revenue sources to allow growth of institutional functionality, additional faculty recruiting, additional health services and programs as part of the greater FAU community.

Correlating data publicly available for UF, incremental revenue (beyond startup funds, recurring funds, and tuition) will be utilized to sustain the organization, adjust for increased market costs, and provide funding for strategic program investments. UF continues to receive annual reoccurring state general revenue as nearly a third of their budget. UF generates nearly \$20M in revenue support GME and faculty practice. Although this increases the budgetary total to an all funds of approximately \$75M, it does not factor in the limited margin (or deficit) these programs create. Additionally, the state periodically provides substantial appropriations to UF to allow for program adequacy and contributed directly to the growth of the research and clinical programs—allowing them to achieve great success.

Accordingly, even a well-developed, well-established program such as UF continues to require ongoing support. The proposal submitted by FAU related to sustainability is on par with the only other state college of dentistry. As a community facing dental program, the appropriated funding necessary over time should be considerably less per student than at our peer institution. Both organizations will fulfill an incredible need for the state in a way that is appropriate for the geographic areas and purposes they meet.

#### **Clinic Revenue (students)**

When fully realized after 5-7 years of operation and based on comparable institutions, it is anticipated that the student clinic revenues will reside in the \$1-2.5M range. However, the growing costs of clinic operations as well as additional staff support essential for support will offset this revenue. The total operational budget will increase, but do not anticipate that student

clinic revenue will provide notable margin for the college.

### **Faculty/Resident Practice**

Comparable institutions have developed large revenue producing faculty practices, typically connected to residency programs, using the “medical model” of teaching while training residents in the course of faculty practicing. This is particularly lucrative in specific disciplines where much of the care is provided under the auspices of hospitals and their outpatient clinics. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Pediatric Dentistry as well as General Practice residencies are the most connected with hospitals. There is adequate GME revenue available to create such programs, yet this will take at least 6-8 years to establish. Similar to student clinic revenue, the funds generated should adequately support the expansion of these programs.

It is anticipated that when a faculty practice (developed in one of various forms) is fully operational, it can provide an additional \$5-7M of revenue, which can support the growth of recruiting and retention of the best faculty. The value of the faculty practice is not the enhancement of margin, but instead a mechanism to attract high-quality educators who also want to maintain a clinical practice—essential for educators to maintain best-practice and adept with advancing clinical treatments or technology.

### **Gifts/Endowments**

Beyond the lead gift identified as a core component of the facility costs, it is assumed that additional core gifts will be sought in the early stages of the planning and development, in the years 2022-2026. It is reasonable that there will be an initial slow growth of endowments to support chairs and research activities will take time and will begin to traction in 2025 and beyond. It is reasonable to expect that several endowed chairs/professors can be in hand by 2028. The endowments will provide additional revenue sources and will significantly aid in getting the top leaders and faculty in the most important areas of activity. This cost savings can also support necessary scholarships.

### **Research revenue**

The average medical school (correlating to dental medicine) investment applied to externally supported research projects was **an additional \$0.53 for each dollar of sponsored research received**. This amounted to an average investment of \$111 million with a 95% confidence interval between \$90 million and \$132 million per medical school.” Source: AAMC *Academic Medicine Investment in Medical Research*.

Even when achieved most research awards are at best cost neutral. As a result, for the first several years the FAU COD will not deliberately attempt to build a faculty research infrastructure in isolation at the FAU COD. Rather, we will build a teaching faculty infrastructure, and allow faculty of the FAU COD to engage in their research interests by building partnerships across campus, particularly at the COM. This model of creating these partnerships will deliver the focus on COD faculty seeing their primary roles as teaching, while offering the opportunity to build their careers, as well as the reputation of the institution as a player in the dental research community.

### **Tuition Revenue**

Similar to medical school programs, a component of tuition revenue will be utilized to fund scholarship and other student incentives, especially as the FAU program seeks to establish itself in the dental medicine community. It is anticipated as the cost of providing materials and supplies increases with inflation, any incremental tuition excess will be utilized to absorb these costs since no inflationary factors have been included in the state funds budget.

## **VIII. Non-Faculty Resources**

**A. Describe library resources currently available to implement and/or sustain the proposed program through Year 5 below, including but not limited to the following:**

- **the total number of volumes and serials available in the discipline and related disciplines**
- **all major journals that are available to the university's students**

**The Library Director must sign the additional signatures page to indicate that they have review Sections VIII.A. and VIII.B.**

The total number of volumes and serials available in this discipline and related fields is 16,332 monograph volumes and 399 journal titles.

A list major journals that are available to the university's students is as follows:

Journal of Dental Research  
International Endodontic Journal  
Journal of Endodontics  
Dental materials  
Clinical Implant Dentistry and Related Research  
Journal of Prosthodontic Research  
Journal of Dentistry (Elsevier)  
Caries Research  
Molecular Oral Microbiology  
Journal of Oral Rehabilitation  
Clinical Oral Investigations  
Journal of Prosthodontics  
International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry  
Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology  
Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry  
DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology  
Oral Diseases  
Dental Clinics of North America  
Gerodontology

**Full detailed List of Library Resources found in Appendix J.**

**B. Discuss any additional library resources that are needed to implement and/or sustain the program through Year 5. Describe how those costs are reflected in Appendix A – Table 3A or 3B.**

☐ **Not applicable to this program because no additional library resources are needed to implement or sustain the proposed program.**

Additional Library resources needed to implement and/or sustain the program on an ongoing basis (Appendix J)

**Databases**

BoardVitals database

DOSS – Dentistry and Oral Sciences Source database

LexiComp Dentistry database

STAT!Ref database - Core Resources Collection for Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

**E-Books for Opening Day Collection**

E-Book Collection in GOBI (Spotlight Titles in Dentistry from GOBI (17 e-book titles)

Dentistry and Oral Sciences Collection 2022 from EBSCO (50 e-book titles)

Doody's Core Titles Essential Purchases 2022 from EBSCO (85 e-book titles)

Wiley-Blackwell Dentistry / oral & maxillofacial medicine 2022 (10 e-book titles)

Library Will Need Funding for Annual Purchasing of approximately 100 E-Books per year

**Estimated Annual Funds Needed to Acquire Library Resources listed above for the DMD:**

**(Databases: \$100,000; E-Books: \$75,000; E-Journals: \$40,000) Average estimate \$215,000.**

We expect that the College of Dentistry will not need the same amount of professional library services. We are estimating salaries and benefits for two library positions, one of which will be completely funded in the DMD budget and one of which will be partially funded in the COM budget, have included in the Professional Staff Salaries and Benefits category.

	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Senior Medical Librarian for College of Dentistry</b>	\$51,736.48	\$15,520.94	\$57,257.24
<b>Library Processing/Resource Licensing</b>	\$16,058.24	\$4,817.46	\$20,875.7

**More information about Library Resources is found in Appendix J.**

**C. Describe any specialized equipment and space currently available to implement and/or sustain the proposed program through Year 5.**

Short term space will be identified for program year 1 and 2 with facilities (see implementation timeline). As it relates to college of medicine faculty interaction, space accommodations as part of that unit are planned within existing footprint. Didactic space for years 1 and 2 can be absorbed within existing un/underutilized space currently on campus.

Additionally, cadaver lab and simulation space (general) can be shared. Unique simulation needs will necessitate other designated space. Current considerations on campus (tech runway) will also accommodate other facility needs if necessary.

Building plans will begin if/when all approvals for the college of dentistry are achieved. This will alleviate any additional space issues and provide a long-term solution. We anticipate this space to be available for occupancy prior to the first class matriculating to their third year. Equipment not currently available at FAU includes the items stated below, high level, but not exhaustive. However, a comprehensive calculation of all equipment and facility needs have been incorporated with the budget.

Specialized equipment needs:

**Simulation units**

45 units in year 1 and 90 units in year 4

**Student Instructional Clinics**

100 clinic operatories in year 4 (beginning year 3, full scale year 4)

Specialized equipment for general use:

- Sterilization
- Handpieces
- Instruments
- Instrument management systems

**Imaging Equipment for clinics**

- Cone Beam CT devices
- Panoramic/Cephalometric Radiograph Devices
- Periapical/Intraoral Radiograph Machines Fixed Mounted
- Periapical/Intraoral Radiographic Devices Handheld
- Intraoral Sensors for radiography

**D. Describe any additional specialized equipment or space that will be needed to implement and/or sustain the proposed program through Year 5. Include any projected Instruction and Research (I&R) costs of additional space in Appendix A – Table 3A or 3B. Costs for new construction should be provided in response to Section X.E. below.**

☐ **Not applicable to this program because no new I&R costs are needed to implement or sustain the program through Year 5**

Dental School Facility is 60,000 sq ft, in addition to shared space within existing medical school facilities

- **12,000 sq ft for simulation lab**
- **20,000 sq ft for clinics**
- **10,000 sq ft for admin and infrastructure space**
- **10,000 sq ft for faculty and staff offices**
- **8,000 sq ft for support services**

Specialized equipment needs:

**Simulation units**

45 units in year 1 and 90 units in year 4

35,000/unit = \$1,600,000 year 1 plus \$1,600,000 in year 4



## **Clinics**

100 clinic operatories in year 4 (year 3)  
\$50,000 per operatory = \$5,000,000

\$3,000,000 of specialized equipment for general use:

- **Sterilization**
- **Handpieces**
- **Instruments**
- **Instrument management systems**

## **Imaging Equipment for clinics**

### **Cone Beam CT devices**

3 @ \$100,000 = \$300,000

### **Panoramic/Cephalometric Radiograph Devices**

6 @ \$50,000 = \$300,000

### **Periapical/Intraoral Radiograph Machines Fixed Mounted**

20 @ \$4,000 = \$80,000

### **Periapical/Intraoral Radiographic Devices Handheld**

6 @ \$8,000 = \$48,000

### **Intraoral Sensors for radiography**

40 @ \$10,000 = \$400,000

## **Total Imaging Equipment:**

\$1,200,000

- **Total Specialized Equipment specified = \$10,800,000**
- **Miscellaneous Special equipment = \$1,200,000**
- **Total Specialized equipment = \$12,000,000**

**E. If a new capital expenditure for instructional or research space is required,**

**indicate where this item appears on the university's fixed capital outlay priority list. Appendix A – Table 3A or 3B includes only I&R costs. If non-I&R costs, such as indirect costs affecting libraries and student services, are expected to increase as a result of the program, describe and estimate those expenses in narrative form below. It is expected that high enrollment programs, in particular, would necessitate increased costs in non-I&R activities.**

☐ **Not applicable to this program because no new capital expenditures are needed to implement or sustain the program through Year 5.**

On September 19, 2022, the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees revised the 2023-24 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan - Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request to include the new College of Dentistry project as a Back of Bill (BOB) Project (Appendix N). Accordingly, the BOT approved the addition of the College of Dentistry on the CIP2C in order for the Board of Governors to seek legislative approval for FAU to construct the new dental facility.

Per the LBR PECO selection group documentation as provided by the BOG (Appendix Q), the UF project consists of a 163,900 net assignable square footage (NASF) building (estimated GSF around 256,000) with a total project cost of \$235 M. This equates to around \$904/sq. ft. Comparatively, FAU has submitted a request for a 60,000 NASF bldg.. (93,750 GSF) at a total project cost of \$84,695,700 - \$903/sq. ft. Thus, FAU's initial calculations for our CIP2C was very much in line with projections from UF. Construction cost per square foot is consistent between the two projects; the major difference is the building size.

In determining the square footage for the FAU College of Dentistry, we evaluated several programs. With a focus toward newer schools for parity, the University of Utah stood out. The University of Utah's School of Dentistry was founded in 2012. It is currently home to more than 250 dental students and an 85,000 GSF building (constructed in 2015) that houses a 62-chair main clinic, an ADA-approved dental residency program, offices, and more. The building accommodates their current practices with sufficient room for growth, partially as a result of their community facing integrated programs. This is similar to the vision and mission of FAU's program, providing a great roadmap. Likewise, the University of Utah prides itself on setting up programs locally facing, specifically rural communities, where the patient need is greatest. With the FAU College of Dentistry's mission to provide care to the underserved in Florida, this certainly resonates.

Correspondingly, the University of Tennessee retains similar square footage for their new addition that houses the majority of their dental education programs. In a building with a NASF of 68,000 square feet, accommodating 320 students per year, UT manages a large educational program in a space efficient manner. The College of Dentistry does have an additional facility on campus for shared usage program, but these functions are far beyond the primary dental school focus and include a substantial dental hygiene program, plus a faculty practice with greater than 100K patients per year. Again, as a community facing school with significant outposts within the rural underserved communities of Tennessee, the footprint on campus is sufficient.

Conversely, the University of Florida dental program is primarily centralized in Gainesville and is a flagship program for the campus and local community. UF touts long-developed, comprehensive graduate medical programs, research programs that have developed over

decades (earning substantial lab space needs), and a robust faculty practice accounting for the additional square footage required. Although FAU aspires to have comprehensive dental, graduate medical and research programs, the desire of FAU is to provide the clinical care in the local area decreases the need for a mega-facility. Having adequately accommodated the programmatic needs for the next 10-20 years in our plans, FAU is confident in the facility estimation for the program being developed. Likewise, the highly-qualified external reviewer had no concerns with the facility size proposed.

FAU has already begun discussions for setting up clinical sites for care deliver in these underserved communities. We anticipate setting these local-facing practices in collaboration with FQHCs (Federally Qualified Health Center) and other rural programs. Not only does this model limit the space requirements on the primary campus and provide care in the communities that need it most, community facing programs that provide “rural exposure during medical education (and assuming similar for dental) increased the likelihood of later rural practice by more than four times (4.2) on average.” This space management strategy actually is a twofold-plan for success. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7503328/>

- F. Describe any additional special categories of resources needed to operate the proposed program through Year 5, such as access to proprietary research facilities, specialized services, or extended travel, and explain how those projected costs of special resources are reflected in Appendix A – Table 3A or 3B.**

☒ **Not applicable to this program because no additional special categories of resources are needed to implement or sustain the program through Year 5.**

- G. Describe fellowships, scholarships, and graduate assistantships to be allocated to the proposed program through Year 5, and explain how those are reflected in Appendix A – Table 3A or 3B.**

☒ **Not applicable to this program because no fellowships, scholarships and/or graduate assistantships will be allocated to the proposed program through Year 5.**

## IX. Required Appendices

The appendices listed in tables 1 & 2 below are required for all proposed degree programs except where specifically noted. Institutions should check the appropriate box to indicate if a particular appendix is included to ensure all program-specific requirements are met. Institutions may provide additional appendices to supplement the information provided in the proposal and list them in Table 4 below.

**Table 1. Required Appendices by Degree Level**

Appendix	Appendix Title	Supplemental Instructions	Included? Yes/No	Required for Degree Program Level		
				Bachelors	Masters/ Specialist	Doctoral/ Professional
A	Tables 1-4			X	X	X
B	Consultant's Report and Institutional Response					X
C	Academic Learning Compacts	Include a copy of the approved or proposed Academic Learning Compacts for the program		X		
D	Letters of Support or MOU from Other Academic Units	Required only for programs offered in collaboration with multiple academic units within the institution		X	X	X
E	Faculty Curriculum Vitae			X	X	X
F	Common Prerequisite Request Form	This form should also be emailed directly to the BOG Director of Articulation prior to submitting the program proposal to the Board office for review.		X		
G	Request for Exemption to the 120 Credit Hour Requirement	Required only for baccalaureate degree programs seeking approval to exceed the 120 credit hour requirement		X		
H	Request for Limited Access Status	Required only for baccalaureate degree programs seeking approval for limited access status		X		

**APPENDIX A**  
**TABLE 1-B**  
**PROJECTED HEADCOUNT FROM POTENTIAL SOURCES**  
**(Graduate Degree Program)**

Source of Students (Non-duplicated headcount in any given year)*	Year 1 HC	Year 1 FTE	Year 2 HC	Year 2 FTE	Year 3 HC	Year 3 FTE	Year 4 HC	Year 4 FTE	Year 5 HC	Year 5 FTE
Individuals drawn from agencies/industries in your service area (e.g., older returning students)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students who transfer from other graduate programs within the university**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Individuals who have recently graduated from preceding degree programs at this university	7	7	7	14	11	25	14	39	14	46
Individuals who graduated from preceding degree programs at other Florida public universities	23	23	23	45	34	79	45	124	45	146
Individuals who graduated from preceding degree programs at non-public Florida institutions	3	3	3	5	4	9	5	14	5	16
Additional in-state residents***	3	3	3	6	5	11	6	17	6	20
Additional out-of-state residents***	10	10	10	20	15	35	20	55	20	65
Additional foreign residents***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (Explain)***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>293</b>

\* List projected annual headcount of students enrolled in the degree program. List projected yearly cumulative ENROLLMENTS instead of admissions.

\*\* If numbers appear in this category, they should go DOWN in later years.

\*\*\* Do not include individuals counted in any PRIOR category in a given COLUMN.

## APPENDIX A

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**APPENDIX A**  
**Table 2**  
**Anticipated Faculty Participation**

C	New Hire Assistant Professor	Asst. Prof.	Non-Tenure	Fall 2026	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Assistant Professor	Asst. Prof.	Non-Tenure	Fall 2026	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Assistant Professor	Asst. Prof.	Non-Tenure	Fall 2026	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Director of Student Engagement	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Director of Assessment	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Associate Professor	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Associate Professor	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Associate Professor	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
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C	New Hire Associate Professor	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
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C	New Hire Associate Professor	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
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C	New Hire Associate Professor	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Associate Professor	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Associate Professor	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Associate Professor	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Associate Professor	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Associate Professor	Associate Prof.	Tenure	Fall 2026	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Chair	Chair (Professor)	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Dean	Professor	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Professor	Professor	Tenure	Fall 2026	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Professor	Professor	Tenure	Fall 2026	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	New Hire Professor	Professor	Tenure	Fall 2026	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	12	1.00	1.00	1.00

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**Table 2**  
**Anticipated Faculty Participation**

	Total Person-Years (PY)						32.00	32.00				42.60
Faculty Code	Code Description	Source of Funding	PY Workload by Budget Classification									
			Year 1				Year 5					
A	Existing faculty on a regular line	Current Education & General Revenue	2.00				1.60					
B	New faculty to be hired on a vacant line	Current Education & General Revenue	30.00				40.00					
C	New faculty to be hired on a new line	New Education & General Revenue	0.00				0.00					
D	Existing faculty hired on contracts/grants	Contracts/Grants	0.00				0.00					
E	New faculty to be hired on contracts/grants	Contracts/Grants	0.00				0.00					
F	Existing faculty on endowed lines	Philanthropy & Endowments	0.00				0.00					
G	New faculty on endowed lines	Philanthropy & Endowments	0.00				0.00					
H	regular/tenure-track line course load	Enterprise Auxiliary Funds	0.00				0.00					
Overall Totals for								32.00			42.60	



**APPENDIX A**  
**TABLE 3A**  
**ENROLLMENT AND GROWTH**  
**PROJECTED COSTS AND FUNDING SOURCES**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	Institutions should not edit the categories or budget lines in the table below. This table is specific to state-funded (E&G) programs, and institutions are expected to explain all costs and funding sources in Section VII.A. of the proposal. Detailed definitions for each funding category are located at the bottom of the table.															
2	Budget Line Item	Reallocated Base* (E&G) Year 1	Enrollment Growth (E&G) Year 1	New Recurring (E&G) Year 1	New Non-Recurring (E&G) Year 1	Contracts & Grants (C&G) Year 1	Philanthropy/ Endowments Year 1	Other Funding Year 1 - Please Explain in Section VII.A. of the Proposal	Subtotal Year 1	Continuing Base** (E&G) Year 5	New Enrollment Growth (E&G) Year 5	Other*** (E&G) Year 5	Contracts & Grants (C&G) Year 5	Philanthropy/ Endowments Year 5	Other Funding Year 5 - Please Explain in Section VII.A. of the Proposal	Subtotal Year 5
3	Salaries and Benefits (Faculty)	0	0	10,665,000	0	0	0	0	\$10,665,000	0	14,850,000	0	0	0	0	\$14,850,000
4	Salaries and Benefits (A&P and USPS)	0	0	3,118,500	0	0	0	0	\$3,118,500	0	3,742,200	0	0	0	0	\$3,742,200
5	OPS (including assistantships & fellowships)	0	0	1,559,250	0	0	0	0	\$1,559,250	0	2,494,800	0	0	0	0	\$2,494,800
6	Programmatic Expenses****	0	0	16,500,000	84,714,000	0	0	0	\$101,214,000	0	16,500,000	0	0	0	0	\$16,500,000
7	Total Costs	\$0	\$0	\$31,842,750	\$84,714,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$116,556,750	\$0	\$37,587,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,587,000
8	*Identify reallocation sources in Table 4.															
9	**Includes recurring E&G funded costs ("reallocated base," "enrollment growth," and "new recurring") from Years 1-4 that continue into Year 5.															
10	***Identify if non-recurring.															
11	****include library costs, expenses, OCO, special categories, etc.															
12	Faculty and Staff Summary															
13	Total Positions	Year 1	Year 5													
14	Faculty (person-years)	32.00	42.60													
15	FTE (A&P and USPS)	52	70													
16																
17																
18	Table 3 Column Explanations															
19	Reallocated Base* (E&G)	1	E&G funds that are already available in the university's budget and will be reallocated to support the new program. Please include these funds in the Table 4 – Anticipated reallocation of E&G funds and indicate their source.													
20	Enrollment Growth (E&G)	2	Additional E&G funds allocated from the "Student and Other fees Trust Fund" contingent on enrollment increases.													
21	New Recurring (E&G)	3	Recurring funds appropriated by the Legislature to support implementation of the program.													
22	New Non-Recurring (E&G)	4	Non-recurring funds appropriated by the Legislature to support implementation of the program. Please provide an explanation of the source of these funds in the budget section (section VII.A.) of the proposal. These funds can include initial investments, such as infrastructure.													
23	Contracts & Grants (C&G)	5	Contracts and grants funding available for the program.													
24	Philanthropy Endowments	6	Funds provided through the foundation or other Direct Support Organizations (DSO) to support the program.													
25	Continuing Base** (E&G)	7	Includes the sum of columns 1, 2, and 3 over time.													
26	New Enrollment Growth (E&G)	8	See explanation provided for column 2.													
27	Other*** (E&G)	9	These are specific funds provided by the Legislature to support implementation of the program.													
28	Contracts & Grants (C&G)	10	See explanation provided for column 5.													
29	Philanthropy Endowments	11	See explanation provided for column 6.													
30	Other Funding	12	Any funding sources not already covered in any other column of the table. Please provide an explanation for any funds listed in these columns in the narrative for Section VII.A. of the proposal.													

Calculated Cost per Student FTE		
	Year 1	Year 5
Total E&G Funding	\$116,556,750	\$37,587,000
Annual Student FTE	45	293
E&G Cost per FTE	\$ 2,590,150.00	\$ 128,283.28

Calculated Cost per Student FTE

	Year 1	Year 5
Total E&G Funding	\$116,556,750	\$37,587,000
Annual Student FTE	45	293
E&G Cost per FTE	\$ 2,590,150.00	\$ 128,283.28

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TABLE 3B  
CONTINUING EDUCATION, SELF-SUPPORTING  
AND MARKET RATE PROGRAM BUDGET

Institutions may edit the table below as applicable to their specific program and circumstances. The general headings (in bold) should serve as a guide, but institutions may edit the information below the headings as needed or desired. Detailed definitions are located at the bottom of the table. The Description or Explanation column is optional and should not replace the narratives required in the new degree program proposal.

Category	Year 1	Year 5	Description or Explanation - If Needed
<b>Tuition</b>			
Program Tuition (Full Cost to the Student)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Program Tuition (Per Credit Hour)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Headcount	-	-	
<b>Total Tuition Revenue</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Faculty Salaries and Benefits</b>			
Faculty Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Program Director/Department Chair	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Faculty Salaries</b>	-	-	
<b>Staff and Administrative Support</b>			
USPS Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00	
A&P Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00	
OPS Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Assistantships and Fellowships	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Staff and Administrative Support Costs</b>	-	-	
<b>Programmatic Expenses</b>			
Equipment - Purchase and Servicing	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Materials and Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Programmatic Expenses - Please Explain	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Programmatic Expenses</b>	-	-	
<b>Overhead Costs</b>			
<i>See definitions below</i>			
<b>Total Overhead Costs</b>	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Program Costs</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

Definitions	
<b>Faculty Salaries and Benefits</b>	The total amount of faculty salaries and benefits that will be attributed to this program. Because the program is funded through an auxiliary budget source. A separate line was added to reflect the portion of the Program Director/Department Chair's salary and benefits that are funded through this program. Institutions may further edit the expenses as needed to reflect the unique nature of their program.
<b>Staff and Administrative Support Costs</b>	Includes all non-faculty personnel costs, including benefits, that will be directly and indirectly attributed to this program. Not all categories may be applicable to every program.
<b>Programmatic Expenses</b>	Includes all non-personnel costs that will be directly and indirectly attributed to this program. Institutions may edit the categories in the template to best reflect the programmatic expenses for each program.
<b>Overhead Costs</b>	Any institutional overhead costs associated with the program should be reflected in the table. This can include startup costs, program administration fees, or other fees not represented elsewhere in the table that are attributed to the program from other units within the institution.

**APPENDIX A**  
**TABLE 4**  
**ANTICIPATED REALLOCATION OF EDUCATION GENERAL FUNDS\***

Program and/or E&G account from which current funds will be reallocated during Year 1	Base before reallocation	Amount to be reallocated	Base after reallocation
No reallocation from current E&G funds will be used.	0	0	\$0
	0	0	\$0
	0	0	\$0
	0	0	\$0
	0	0	\$0
	0	0	\$0
	0	0	\$0
	0	0	\$0
	0	0	\$0
<b>Totals</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0

\* If not reallocating E&G funds, please submit a zeroed Table 4



## **Appendix B – Doctoral Program Proposal Consultant’s Report and Response**

**Instructions:** Pursuant to Board of Governors Regulation 8.011, all institutions requesting Board of Governor’s approval for a new doctoral-level program are required to submit a formal written review of the proposal by a qualified external academic consultant or, for newly emergent fields where there are limited qualified experts, a cross-section of visiting experts. Institutions must submit a copy of the written review and a summary document describing how feedback was incorporated into the proposal or why feedback was not addressed. The format for the consultant’s report and institutional response shall be determined by the individual institution submitting the proposal; however, both the review and the institutional response must be present and clearly identified.

<b>Name of Consultant:</b>	Dr. Bruce Rotter
<b>Affiliation:</b>	Retired
<b>Qualification/Area of Expertise:</b>	Former Dean of Southern Illinois University College of Dental Medicine
<b>Date of Review:</b>	September 22, 2022

### **The Full External Consultant Report is given as Appendix O.**

**In the space provided below, please list the recommendations provided by the external consultant, and fully explain how those recommendations were or were not incorporated into the full proposal. For recommendations that were not incorporated, please provide an explanation.**

We greatly appreciated our interaction with Dr. Rotter and certainly learned a great deal both from his written report (Appendix O) and from an exit interview we conducted with him following the receipt of the report. Overall he was very supportive of the proposed degree program and FAU’s ability to be successful in initiating and sustaining it. Below I discuss 2 main areas of challenges that he observed and our response to those observations.

- 1) Dr. Rotter seemed most concerned about our timeline between the point of approval and admission of the inaugural class. First, he offered that the Dean needed to be hired much earlier than we had proposed because the Dean should be involved in curriculum,

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space and accreditation matters very early in the game. Also, he indicated that a big part of the success of the program will depend on strong and geographically varied community partnerships, and indicated that those take a great deal of time to develop properly and nurture. The Dean must be part of the development of those partnerships and therefore must be in the game early. We had originally set aside 1 year to develop these relationships and were told it would likely be 2+ years.

***RESPONSE: We worked with Dr. Rotter to develop a new, rearranged sequence of the necessary activities to implement the program. This timeline is shown in section 2E.***

Secondly, Dr. Rotter felt that our goal of admitting the first class for Fall 2025 was too aggressive, and recommended a more comfortable Fall 2027 opening. This comment was based on the time estimates he associated with curriculum development, CODA accreditation, the amount of time it takes to hire so many faculty in a highly competitive environment, etc.

***RESPONSE: We concede that our initial request for a Fall 2025 start is too aggressive. This decision was largely based on a re-examination of CODA accreditation processes and discussion with Texas Tech—the most recent public dental school start-up in the U.S.***

***Note that Texas Tech was successful with a 3-year CODA timeline, from initial application preparation and submission until CODA granting "Initial Accreditation". In discussing with others (CODA colleagues of Dr. Berg), a start date of Fall 2026 should allow reasonable time to earn the CODA nod prior to the inaugural class enrollment. Our external reviewer stated a 5-year timeline for a Fall 2027 start, which we still believe is overly-conservative. Other developmental tasks, such as development of curriculum, faculty hiring and developing the relationships with clinical rotations at FQHCs, etc. can be done in parallel with the CODA work.***

- 2) Dr. Rotter's other major area of concern was our projected faculty size by year 5 (40) in relation to our enrollment goals. This comment was in his observation of the various faculty assignment categories that are important and may necessarily reduce teaching loads as well as required faculty/student ratios by CODA. When queried further in the exit interview, it was gleaned that different Deans may have different assignment priorities.



**RESPONSE:** The number of proposed faculty positions was determined by using both benchmarked data from peer institutions (see section 2D of this proposal for full details) as well as encompassing the criteria set forth by CODA. The proposed faculty will allow us to achieve the criteria set forth by CODA for full-time, qualified “core faculty” as described by the accreditation standards, as well as leadership to develop and deliver a high quality DMD curriculum in accordance with CODA specifications. Using the CODA definition of an FTE, the prescribed student-faculty ratio for instruction preclinically and clinically in the predoctoral program—subtracting out administrators, biomedical scientists, and those who have other teaching responsibilities such as shared responsibilities with the college of medicine (e.g. anatomy), is not to exceed 10:1 and should accommodate the requirements of clinical instruction (70 percent or more by core faculty).

Utilizing 30 full time faculty and 10 (FTE) for adjunct faculty, the college of dentistry as proposed exceeds the CODA requirement of 10:1 student to faculty ratio (360 students when class size reaches full capacity, with 40 teaching faculty for a ratio of 9:1). Additionally, the anticipated core faculty exceed the requirement of a minimum of 70 percent of the total teaching faculty. As stated, core faculty make up 75% of the teaching faculty represented.

In similar fashion as the proposed program at FAU, University of Detroit Mercy’s School of Dentistry combined with their colleagues at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine have launched an interprofessional program to leverage potentially redundant resources of the college of medicine and college of dentistry (two separate organizations). Accordingly, this allows for a higher dental school faculty to student ration, without compromising educational quality. According to Juliette Daniels, Ed.D at Mercy, via telephone conversation on November 30, 2022 with FAU, the school meets the minimum threshold of 10:1 faculty and maintains high student satisfaction scores and comparable national board pass rates.

Although not studied exclusively, we see similar trends at dental schools that have corresponding medical schools. Universities with both colleges (or schools) of medicine and dentistry tend to have a slightly higher student to faculty ratio. The logical inference is certain roles are fulfilled with a single individual, but utilized by both schools of medicine and dentistry (e.g. anatomy instruction, public/population health and other research faculty). Dolf Dawson, DMD at the University of Kentucky (UK) and Chair of Oral Health Practice noted that biology, anatomy, physiology and pharmacology are certainly areas where UK utilizes faculty across both professional schools to avoid higher costs of cross-disciplinary faculty. FAU, with an established medical school, would align in this capacity.

Lastly, newer schools utilize technology to amplify the impact of direct faculty interactions with students. According to a study conducted at the University of Colorado, this use of technology is not only accepted by students, but expected and

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***allows for multimodal learning. "...students added the following responses to characterize how technology enhances their learning. 'Technology is just part of the world we live in and how we access information and learning. It makes some processes more efficient.'" <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1277091.pdf> The use of technology provides an excellent, consistent delivery mechanism for educational content both efficiently and remotely, which will be essential for our community facing programs. Accordingly, this permits faculty to focus their time on the most meaningful interpersonal activities for maximum benefit. The technology costs have been incorporated in the LBR start up and ongoing costs.***

***Noted by the outside reviewer as an area for consideration (student to faculty ratio), it may be relevant that the perspective of this individual may be influenced by their experience at a dental school without a corresponding medical school.***





Oct 11, 2022

Dear Senior Associate Dean Napier,

Thank you for reaching out recently to discuss Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) plans to develop a College of Dentistry offering a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DDM) degree. At UWF, we are pleased to see this program emerge and recognize Florida's workforce need for dentists at the state, regional and local levels, as we rank 31st in the nation presently for the number of dentists per capita. While this fact alone suggests that additional capacity in Dental education is needed, the most significant shortages in Dentists per capita are noted in the rural areas, particularly those in the Florida Panhandle.

UWF is interested in continuing to explore potential collaborations between our two institutions in support of FAU's program. Given our location, the regional demographics and demonstrated need across the Florida panhandle, we believe it is well within our mission as an institution to support dentists who may be more likely to practice in the rural areas surrounding the University of West Florida, as this may reduce ER visits and costs and serve the need in this region. We would welcome the opportunity to work with FAU on potential pathways for students from UWF and this part of the state to prepare to meet the FAU program's prerequisites requirements. We would also welcome the opportunity to assist FAU with recruiting students from the Usha Kundu, MD College of Health at UWF.

Beyond student pipeline initiatives, we would welcome continuing discussions regarding an FAU College of Dentistry presence at the University of West Florida that could lead to increased research and community engagement. Opportunities for collaborative interdisciplinary research are certain, and we would welcome further discussion of joint faculty and paths where FAU pre-dentistry students begin coursework at UWF and then move seamlessly into FAU's dentistry program. We certainly see potential for clinical placements in the region by leveraging our alumni network to connect dental students in ways that may increase the likelihood that they practice in the local area. Additionally, partnerships with organizations offering dental care for the uninsured or underserved would be possible.

In summary, the University of West Florida supports FAU's new Doctor of Dental Medicine (DDM) degree and welcomes collaborative discussion to gauge if we can support the goal of providing opportunities for UWF students and producing dentists who will work in underserved and rural parts of the state upon degree completion.

Sincerely,

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November 6, 2022

Dr. Michele Hawkins  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
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Dear Dr. Hawkins:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the preliminary proposal for a dental school at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). We would like to note that Florida A&M University (FAMU) has pursued development of a second dental school within the State University System in the past. However, it is not currently within our 2022-2027 strategic plan. As such, FAMU recognizes the need for another dental school within the SUS, particularly as it relates to increasing the number of minority-trained dentist and graduates trained to serve rural areas as mentioned in your proposal. We support FAU's initiative to create a dental school and welcome the opportunity to collaborate on this initiative.

FAU's proposal is timely and does not present any concerns or potential negative impact for FAMU. Our faculty are very supportive of the proposed dental school and believe that the program is a welcomed addition to the offerings within the State University System (SUS).

Best wishes to your team as they move forward in developing a new dental school.

Sincerely,

Allyson L. Watson, Ph.D.  
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November 16, 2022

Rebecca Napier  
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Dear Ms. Napier:

As Executive Director of Heartland Rural Health Network, I am pleased to write this letter of support for Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) pursuit of the creation of a College of Dentistry.

Since the creation of Heartland Rural Health Network (HRHN) in 1993, we have been serving the needs of Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Polk and Charlotte Counties, FL. These counties, most of which are designated rural, often have challenges accessing basic health care services including dental. In fact, Hardee and DeSoto Counties are both designated High Needs Geographic Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) and Medically Underserved Communities/Populations (MUP). Through our current Hardee DeSoto Community Health Worker Program, we are very aware of the great need for access to affordable and accessible dental care. Our prior work within Highlands County and a partnership with Samaritan's Touch Care Center, the only free clinic in the Highlands, Hardee, and DeSoto area, also allows us to speak to their being an echo of this need there as well. Finally, our partnership with Central Florida Health Care, the FQHC that serves the majority of the population in Polk County that we serve; as well as We Care of Central Florida, a provider of free specialty care to low-income, uninsured residents of Polk County; we know that there is more need than resources in Polk as well for dental care that is accessible and affordable. These partners have committed to support the FAU College of Dentistry as well, as they see, as do we, the importance of this program.

HRHN is committed to increasing access to care to our communities. We also are pushing for more opportunities for our residents to be able to continue their educational goals where they live, being able to see opportunities, live them out, and continue to serve their community as they have seen their community serve them. HRHN believes that the program FAU is proposing will immediately fill a void in the availability of dental care in our neediest areas and, in the long-term, provide an opportunity for residents of these counties to attend a program that would allow them to serve members of their community while continuing their education.

It is for all these reasons that HRHN fully supports Florida Atlantic University's application for a College of Dentistry, and wish to assure you of HRHN's full commitment to assist you in your efforts.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa M. Thibodeau", written in a cursive style.

Melissa M. Thibodeau  
Executive Director  
Heartland Rural Health Network



To ✓ Russ Ivy × Bcc

Cc

Fw: We Care of Central Florida potential partner re: FAU College of Dentistry

**From:** Rebecca Napier <napierr@health.fau.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 4, 2022 11:49 AM  
**To:** Russ Ivy <IVY@fau.edu>  
**Subject:** FW: We Care of Central Florida potential partner re: FAU College of Dentistry

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**To:** Rebecca Napier <napierr@health.fau.edu>  
**Cc:** Heather Stephenson <heather@wecarecentralflorida.org>  
**Subject:** We Care of Central Florida potential partner re: FAU College of Dentistry

Hi, Rebecca –

I heard back from another of our partners this morning, Heather Stephenson at We Care of Central Florida. You can look into more about We Care by visiting this website: <https://wecarecentralflorida.org/>. Heather is very interested in hearing more about a potential partnership. I have shared only some of what we have talked about and she requested I give you her contact information so that you could reach out to her directly to set up a conversation. Her email is [heather@wecarecentralflorida.org](mailto:heather@wecarecentralflorida.org) and I have cc:ed her on this email. I know We Care serves a population that dentistry is a huge need, so I feel this would be an amazing partnership.

I have a couple more people I am following up with and will update you as I hear back. However, as promised, I will be working on our Letter of Commitment to be submitted prior to November 17<sup>th</sup>. If I can be of any other assistance, please let me know.

Best,  
Melissa

Melissa M Thibodeau  
Executive Director



**Russ Ivy**

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**From:** Glover, Joseph <jglover@aa.ufl.edu>  
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**To:** Russ Ivy  
**Cc:** Glover, Joseph  
**Subject:** DMD in Dentistry

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Dr. Russell L. Ivy  
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Dear Dr. Ivy:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the FAU pre-proposal to develop a DMD in Dentistry. UF has no objection to FAU and BOG exploring the viability of this new degree program.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Glover  
Provost  
UF

**From:** Steven Kaltman <skaltman@nova.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 24, 2022 10:51 AM  
**To:** Rebecca Napier <napierr@health.fau.edu>  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you...

Look forward to synergistically advancing Healthcare in South Florida! Pleasure speaking with you yesterday.

Regards

## Steven Kaltman DMD MD FACS

*Dean and Professor College of Dental Medicine*

Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

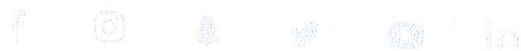
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**Subject:** Thank you...

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Hi Dr. Kaltman—

I really enjoyed meeting with you (virtually) yesterday. Your insights regarding building a dental medicine program were incredibly helpful. The work you've done at Nova is impressive! Additionally, I appreciate the collaborative environment you've created in the community and the warm welcome you offer us. I look forward to coming on to your campus and working together as we support south

Florida! As we discussed, the relationship between private and public institutions allows us to both amplify successes! I also appreciate your thoughts on the medical school and providing the duality with the dental school—thank you for the offer to connect us in that domain as well.

What a great start to a collaborative relationship!

Warmest Florida regards,  
Rebecca



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## Russ Ivy

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**From:** Rebecca Napier  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 8:49 PM  
**To:** Russ Ivy  
**Subject:** LECOM

Neither had email addresses available on line. We (Michael Turtz and I) called the number for the dean and vice dean (below) and left multiple messages for both w admin over a two week period from the middle to end of September. No return call. Same time period for Kaltman at Nova—received response, scheduled call and garnered support.

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September 8, 2022

Russell L. Ivy, Ph.D.  
Senior Associate Provost  
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Boca Raton, FL 33431

Dear Dr. Ivy:

On behalf of the Florida Atlantic University, Schmidt College of Medicine, I am pleased to offer my unequivocal support for university's development of a college of dentistry. This program will enhance the science-oriented career pathways for our graduates. In turn, this strengthens the university broadly, the health programs and curriculum offerings specifically.

We anticipate an outstanding partnership and collaboration between the colleges of medicine and dentistry, with obvious traditional crossovers in overlapping instruction and research. This will allow an accelerated setup for the new college and shorten time necessary to achieve program efficiency. Furthermore, FAU prides itself on a synergistic and holistic approach to both education and healthcare. We view this as an opportunity to have a novel and cross-supportive environment that stems beyond the traditional realm, allowing our students to have a truly comprehensive approach to delivering care to the community.

Looking forward, we are excited about the opportunity to jointly recruitment of faculty, share infrastructure to minimize the cost of overhead, as well as the opportunity to teach and learn in the collaborative facility space. These enhancements will allow both programs to flourish in an academic environment where resource scarcity often undercuts professional programs. With an established history of cross supportive programs, FAU is well equipped to maximize the value each brings, while enhancing the collective.

Again, without hesitation or reservation, I offer my full support for the college of dentistry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julie G. Pilitsis'.

Julie Pilitsis, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.  
Dean and Vice President for Medical  
Affairs Professor of Neurosurgery  
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## Russ Ivy

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**From:** Woodall, Wendy <Wendy.Woodall@ttuhsc.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2022 10:52 AM  
**To:** Russ Ivy  
**Subject:** RE: Faculty Recruitment Question  
**Attachments:** WLHSDM Timeline 11.1.2019.xlsx

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Russ,  
So sorry it has taken awhile to find the timeline you asked about. But I have attached it here. Of course, you can see that it was a fluid process, once COVID hit.

As to your newest question, I am sorry to say that there are more positions posted than faculty at this time. We initially had a problem due to interviewing, as you commented. So we modified our search process to utilize online interviews until the final one, where we wanted the candidate to see the area, the school, and give a presentation. We have been somewhat fortunate, in that some dentists were ready to move from private practice into academia as we opened. Others are wanting to return to El Paso, where they were raised, as they sell their practice. Finding faculty from other institution, unless they are new graduates from specialty programs, is harder. Some are looking for a change, but most are wanting to stay put, especially now with rising prices. However, Texas and Florida may benefit from the lower taxes and sometimes, depending on location, the lower overall cost of living. Finally, younger graduates move more frequently, for a variety of reasons—parents, children, spouses, additional money or prestige/promotion. We all need to find a way for people to move upward in their career without having to jump to another institution. My sense is that we have a pathway, but it is too slow for the newer generation.

Hope all of this helps,

Wendy

**From:** Russ Ivy <IVY@fau.edu>  
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**To:** Woodall, Wendy <Wendy.Woodall@ttuhsc.edu>  
**Subject:** Faculty Recruitment Question

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Good Morning, Wendy!

Hope you had a relaxing Thanksgiving. Our Board of Governors office is asking us to make sure that your program did not have difficulty hiring faculty. I know you mentioned it was a challenge during COVID, but I assumed you meant interviewing remotely, etc. I did not assume that you meant adequate supply of faculty candidates. Could you please give me your timeline for hiring of faculty and comment on the supply difficulty?

Thanks so much!

Russ

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	Faculty	Facilities	Funding	Practice	Recruiting	
<b>2019</b>						<b>2019</b>
September			State Funds (8 Million) Disburse September 2019			September
November			Paso Del Norte Grant Disbursement November 2019			November
<b>2020</b>						<b>2020</b>
January/February	Post Clinical Dean Position January 2020 Posting Medical Education Positions January/February 2020		★ Hunt Funding Begins January 2020 ★	Faculty Community Service Start 2020	Texas Southern Swing February 2020 TMDAS - Spring Meeting Dallas Swing April 2020	January/February
May	★ Hire Clinical Dean May 2020 ★	★ Dental Learning Center (DLC) Open May 1, 2020 ★ Oral Health Clinic (OHC) Construction Begins May 2020		WLHSDM Locomotives 2020	TMDAS - WLHSDM Student Applications Open May 1, 2020	May
June	Post Asst. Dean of Student Affairs & Asst. Dean of Research June 2020					June
July	Post Clinical Dentist Positions July					July
September	Hire Medical Education Positions September 2020	Dental Learning Center (DLC) Tours Begin August 2020	State Funds (10 Million) Disburse September 2020	Oral Surgeon Practicing 2020	★ WLHSDM - Student Interviews Begin August 2020 ★ TMDAS - Fall Meeting	September
November	★ Hire Asst. Dean of Student Affairs & Asst. Dean of Research November 2020 ★		Paso Del Norte Grant Disbursement November 2020	Approve Oral Health Clinic (OHC) Website November 2020	WLHSDM - Student Interviews End November 2020 Dental Student Acceptances Begin December 1, 2020	November
December						December
<b>2021</b>						<b>2021</b>
January	Hire Clinical Dentists January 2020			Launch Oral Health Clinic (OHC) Website January 2021		January
June		★ Oral Health Clinic (OHC) Opens to Public June 1, 2021 ★		★ Oral Health Clinic (OHC) Opens to Public June 1, 2021 ★		June
July		Oral Health Clinic (OHC) Open House July 2021			★ WLHSDM First Class Starts July 2021 ★	July
November			State Funds (10 Million) Disburse September 2020 Paso Del Norte Grant Final Disbursement November 2021 ★			November
<b>2022</b>						<b>2022</b>





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October 11, 2022

John W. Kelly, Ph.D.  
President  
Florida Atlantic University  
Administration Building, Room 339  
777 Glades Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Dear President Kelly:

It has come to the attention of the Florida Dental Association (FDA) that Florida Atlantic University (FAU) is proposing the creation of a new dental school and that the FAU Board of Trustees, during its September 19 meeting, approved a proposal to move forward with this initiative.

The FDA has built great working relationships with the current dental schools in Florida; the University of Florida College of Dentistry, Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine and LECOM College of Dental Medicine. Our role, for many years, has been to help prepare dental students for their next steps as they transition from student to licensed practitioner. Additionally, the FDA works closely with dental faculty as a valuable resource to help provide timely information for dental students as they prepare for licensure or other areas of their career.

To help the FDA understand the desired role of FAU and the pursuit of a dental school, we would like to invite you (or a designee) to share your dental school proposal with the FDA's Board of Trustees. Our next meeting is scheduled for December in Tallahassee. Please let us know if you (or a designee) could join us on Friday, December 2, at 4pm or on Saturday, December 3, sometime between 9am – 2pm. This would be a great opportunity for our Board to ask questions and get a better understanding of FAU's dental school proposal. The FDA did receive a request for information from FAU back in August and extended an opportunity to hear the purpose behind the request, but no additional information was provided (see attachment).

Please let Joe Anne Hart, FDA's Chief Legislative Officer, know if you (or a designee) will be available to meet in December. You can reach her at [jahart@floridadental.org](mailto:jahart@floridadental.org) or at 850.224.1089.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gerald W. Bird, DMD'.

Gerald W. Bird, DMD  
FDA President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Drew Eason'.

Drew Eason  
FDA Executive Director

cc: Dr. Julie Pilitsis, Dean, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, FAU  
Mr. Ryan Britton, Executive Director of Government Relations, FAU  
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FDA Governmental Action Committee  
Joe Anne Hart, FDA Chief Legislative Officer

## Russ Ivy

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**From:** Tookss, Sherin <tookss@ada.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2022 10:27 AM  
**To:** Russ Ivy  
**Cc:** Rebecca Napier; Stapleton, Kelly  
**Subject:** RE: ATTN: Sherin Tookss, CODA Director

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Hello Dr. Ivy,

Thank you for reaching out to the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Ms. Kelly Stapleton, manager, Predoctoral Dental Education, and I would be pleased to speak with you about the CODA application process.

By copy, I will ask Kelly to set up a Zoom call the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, Kelly and I are in CODA meetings this week.

In the meantime, you may review our application process through CODA's website at <https://coda.ada.org/accreditation/apply-for-accreditation>

Regards,

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**From:** Russ Ivy <IVY@fau.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2022 9:07 AM  
**To:** CODA <CODA@ada.org>  
**Cc:** Rebecca Napier <napierr@health.fau.edu>  
**Subject:** ATTN: Sherin Tookss, CODA Director

Dear Dr. Tookss,

Florida Atlantic University is proposing to our Board of Governors of the State University System to offer the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD). While the proposal will not officially go up for approval until sometime in 2023, we would like to start a conversation with CODA staff to make sure we understand the application process and timeline. Could we schedule a ZOOM meeting soon with someone in your shop?

Russ

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## Russ Ivy

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**From:** Geoffrey C. Klein <gklein@sacscoc.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 2:05 PM  
**To:** Russ Ivy  
**Subject:** RE: Question about timing of a sub change

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Good afternoon, Russ,

It is great to hear from you, and I greatly appreciate your warm wishes. I can't say I'm entirely adjusted yet, but I'm feeling much more comfortable in my new position and immensely enjoy the work. I hope the same for your loved ones and that the start of the fall semester has been smooth for you and Florida Atlantic University.

Based on your information, I don't see this substantive change (new doctoral program) impacting FAU's reaffirmation process from a logistical perspective. This type of program likely requires SACSCOC approval since more than 50% of the program content will be new for FAU. However, the prospectus will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Council of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. The key will be communicating to review committees where the institution is in the process of approval. In other words, the new program would not be included in your education program inventory until approved but might be a part of your documentation associated with substantive changes.

FAU will need to determine if it has the resources to navigate the reaffirmation process (e.g., produce CCR, Focused Report, QEP, and host On-Site Reaffirmation Visit) and the new program prospectus. Please see the due dates for any new program prospectus based on the desired implementation date:

Implementation Date	New Program Prospectus Due Date
Fall 2023 (July 1, 2023)	January 1, 2023
Spring 2024 (January 1, 2024)	July 1, 2023
Fall 2024 (July 1, 2024)	January 1, 2024
Spring 2025 (January 1, 2025)	July 1, 2024
Fall 2025 (July 1, 2025)	January 1, 2025

I never like to encourage an institution to stall or delay innovation because of its accreditation cycle, but I encourage institutions to consider available resources when making decisions regarding accreditation-related activities, such as implementing new programs.

I hope this helps, and if you'd like, I'm happy to jump on a call to discuss this further. I wish you all the best, and I look forward to continuing our work as FAU navigates its reaffirmation process. Best and healthy wishes,

Geoffrey



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Dear Dr. Ivy,

It is my understanding that Florida Atlantic University has approved a plan for the development of a College of Dental Medicine with an anticipated opening of 2025. I am quite interested in the prospects of this project.

My background in dentistry is quite comprehensive. Originally from New Jersey, I have extensive training and experience in the dental specialty of Prosthodontics and dental implant surgery. I practiced for 42 years in New Jersey, developing a multi-specialty 9 doctor, 30 operator practice from inception to one of the largest group practices in New Jersey.

After retiring from private practice, I moved to Florida and accepted a full-time faculty position at Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine. I am Director of Dental Implant Surgery and served as Interim Director of the Post-Graduate Prosthodontics Residency Program. As Director, I brought our Program through CODA accreditation, receiving full accreditation with no comments. I also am the Director of the Dental Implant Maxicourse, an education continuum at Nova Southeastern, and Director of the Maxicourse at Rutgers University School of Dental Medicine where I am also a clinical faculty member.

I have included my Curriculum Vitae for your review. As you continue your development of the new school of dentistry, I would be happy to meet and discuss your future plans. I believe I have much to offer.

Sincerely,  
  
Jack Piermatti, DMD, FACP





# ACADEMIC PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Doctor of Dental Medicine

Prepared for Florida Atlantic  
University

September 2022

In the following report, Hanover assesses demand for Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) programs, specifically highlighting demand trends within Florida. This report includes an examination of student and labor market demand.



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on an analysis of degree completions and labor market demand, Hanover recommends that Florida Atlantic University:



### CREATE A DOCTOR IN DENTAL MEDICINE PROGRAM

There are only two Florida-based Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) programs that reported degree completions in 2020: Nova Southeastern University and the University of Florida. Student market indicators show that degree conferrals are above average in the state and that the number of programs has held steady between 2016 and 2020. External agencies, industry experts, and Hanover's analysis suggest that the field will experience growth. Hence, FAU should create a DMD program, guided by market research and other best practices.



### SET THE NEW PROGRAM UP FOR SUCCESS BY GATHERING ADDITIONAL DATA AND ANALYSIS

FAU should proceed maximize the success of the new program by conducting further research into dentistry programs. To further understand the potential appeal of this degree, FAU should use in-depth interviews to learn more about the motivations, goals, and decision-making processes of students considering careers in dentistry. In-depth interviews of mature professionals and prospective employers would also be instructive for curriculum building. On the quantitative side, FAU should examine more granular demographic and employment details such as county-level income and health access data. Finally, surveys of prospective students and other stakeholders would help to tailor programming and messaging to the wants and needs of prospective students.



### PARTNER WITH NON-PROFITS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

There is a growing need for dentists, but this does not occur evenly across the state. Middle and high income communities in urban and suburban settings are at or near saturation point. There is a need for qualified dentists in dental health professional shortage areas (HSPAs) across Florida. These areas are often rural and lower-income. FAU should partner with non-profits in underserved communities to enable students to conduct their clinical rotations in those communities. Doing so will yield many benefits, allowing FAU to serve the community, practice clinical skills, potentially draw outside funding, and encourage students to practice in rural Florida, where demand will be highest.



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## KEY FINDINGS

**Degree conferral trends indicate above average demand for Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) programs in Florida.**

The number of relevant degree completions, in aggregate, increased at annualized rates of 1.7 percent, 2.1 percent and 2.4 percent in the state, region, and nation between 2016 and 2020. There are three institutions offering a DMD degree in Florida: Nova Southeastern University, the University of Florida, and the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, though Lake Erie reported no conferrals last year.

**Labor market demand indicators are positive, and analysis of demographic changes reinforce the likelihood of future growth.**

Statewide employment of dentists is projected to increase by 9.9 percent through 2031. (This rate is slightly below the average rate of growth for all occupations, but still significant). As Baby Boomers age out of the working population, industry reports indicate that the number of retiring dentists will exceed the number of dentists graduating from dental school.

Notably, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics identifies Florida as one of the top five states in terms of number of dentists. Additionally, Florida, with its large and growing population of retirees, can expect to see demand for the dental industry services increase, as retirees tend to need more serious and more frequent dental care than members of the general population.

## STATE BENCHMARK ANALYSIS

*Comparison of dental medicine completions and relevant labor market to all completions and all occupations in Florida*



## FAST FACTS



**60,000,000**

Number of Americans living in areas where dental care is difficult to access



**\$181.3 billion**

Five-year industry revenue projection



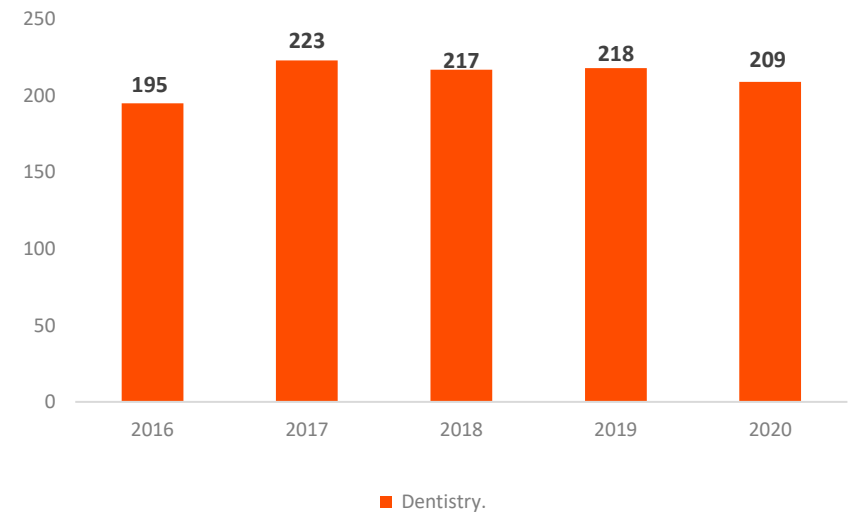
**963**

Number of dentist positions advertised in Florida over the past six months.

# STUDENT DEMAND ANALYSIS

## STATE DEGREE COMPLETIONS

Degree completions in Florida from 2016 to 2020



## TOTAL DEGREE COMPLETIONS

Aggregate degree completions by geographic level (2020)

	Florida	Southeast	National
Dentistry	209	1,178	6,591
Growth Rate, Observed Fields	1.7%	2.1%	2.4%
Growth Rate, All Fields	-0.2%	2.1%	1.5%

Source: [IPEDS](#)  
Note – The Southeast region includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

## ANALYSIS

General dentistry conferral trends reveal above-average growth rates at the state and national levels.

Between 2016 and 2020, dentistry conferrals grew at an annualized rate of 1.7 percent in Florida, compared to an average rate of decline across all academic fields of 0.2 percent. A larger national sample echoes that trend with conferrals growing at 2.4 percent during this period at institutions across the United States. Notably, conferrals in the Southeast region were average during the same time period.

Additionally, the number of institutions reporting dentistry conferrals remained constant from 2016 to 2020. There are three institutions offering a Doctor of Dental Medicine program in Florida: [Nova Southeastern University](#) has a dental program, located in Fort Lauderdale and [University of Florida](#) is based in Gainesville. Additionally, [Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine](#) also offers a program in Bradenton, but did not report conferrals in Florida.

There is a growing need for dental professionals in rural areas and inner cities.

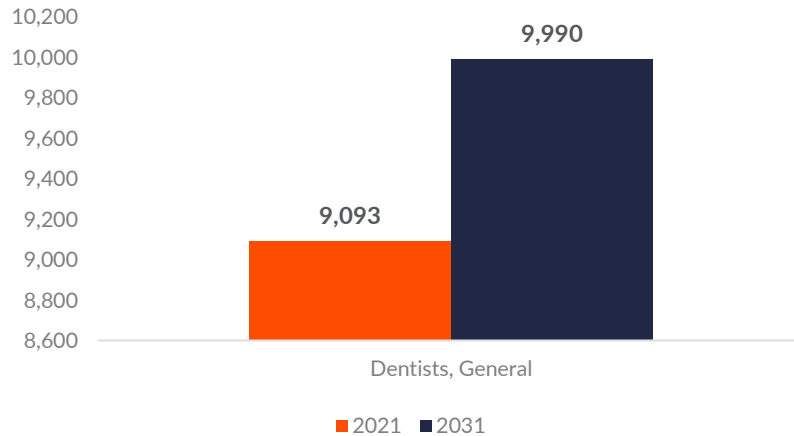
According to the [Academy of General Dentistry](#), approximately 1,470 dentists provide care to about 1.5 million Americans in dental health professional shortage areas (HSPAs), or parts of the nation where dental care is hard to access. The need is more significant in rural HSPAs than other areas of the country. Indeed, middle and high income communities in urban and suburban settings are at or near saturation point. Future industry growth will occur in rural areas, inner cities, and lower income areas.

The ADA conducted a [study](#) on access to dental care. [Results](#) show that there continues to be a need for additional dentists in rural areas. The maldistribution of the current dental workforce poses a [significant challenge for access to care](#) and reinforces the need for additional practitioners in both inner cities and rural areas.

# LABOR MARKET ANALYSIS

## STATE CURRENT AND PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT

Doctor of Dental Medicine positions as of 2021 and 2031 (projected)



## TOTAL LABOR MARKET

Aggregate projected employment growth by geographic level

	Florida	Southeast	National
Estimated Employment (2021)	9,093	31,475	129,871
Projected Employment (2031)	9,990	33,431	133,947
Total Annual Openings, Observed Occupations	384	1,197	4,481
Employment Growth, Observed Occupations	9.9%	6.2%	3.1%
Employment Growth, All Occupations	12.6%	7.0%	4.3%

Source: [JobsEQ](#)

## ANALYSIS

Graduates of a DMD program will encounter a competitive but promising labor market.

Growth in dentist positions is projected to increase by 9.9 percent in Florida, 6.2 percent in the Southeast, and 3.1 percent nationally through 2031. These rates are lightly less than the projected growth rates for all professions, but still significant. Florida in particular expected to need dentists: Demand in Florida is double demand in the region and triple demand in the nation.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and associated stay-at-home orders enacted across the country, most dental providers were forced to close temporarily.

Dental office closures due to the pandemic led to a [substantial loss of revenue](#) in 2020. However, as large portions of the populations have since been vaccinated, demand for dental care is slowly recovering and revenue is expected to increase 6.1 percent.

Nationally, the number of retiring dentists will exceed the number of dental school graduates.

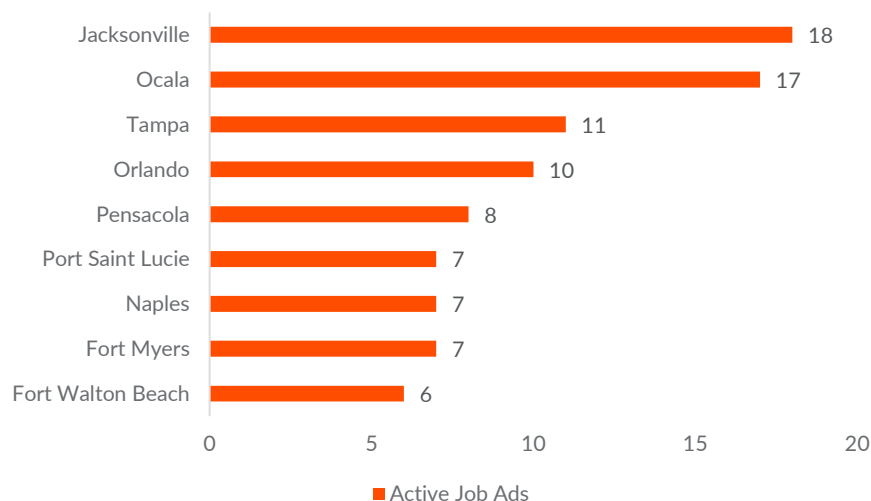
Industry reports [emphasize](#) that the impending wave of retirements will exacerbate the need for new dentists. Notably, Florida is among the [five states](#) with the highest employment of dentists. It is also one of the top states with the [highest concentration of jobs](#) for dentists.

In a recent [five-year projection](#), IBISWorld predicted that industry revenue will grow at an annualized rate of 2.3 percent to \$181.3 billion. Demand for industry services will come disproportionality from older adults, who tend to need more serious and more frequent dental care as they age. In addition, the expansion of dental care through Medicaid will enable low-income adults to access the care they need in greater numbers.



# REAL-TIME JOB POSTINGS ANALYSIS

## TOP JOB LOCATIONS IN FLORIDA



## TOP FLORIDA EMPLOYERS

- Pacific Dental Services
- Aspen Dental
- Dental Care Alliance
- State of Florida
- Coast Dental
- Great Expressions Dental Centers
- Smile Brands Inc
- Centurion
- Smile Design Dentistry

**Note:** For this analysis, Hanover retrieved job postings data for general dentistry-related positions in Florida from [JobsEQ](#), a proprietary database providing real-time job postings aggregated from thousands of websites. All data reflect the 180-day period ending September 2022.

## ANALYSIS

Local employers advertised a total of 963 relevant positions over the last six months.

Many of the postings highlight benefits that include paid malpractice coverage (or a contribution toward coverage), paid continuing education, mentorship by senior dentists, and future partner or ownership opportunities. Some employers also offer an additional sign-on bonus to attract prospective employees, a strong indication of labor demand.

Dentistry settings vary and include private practice, the State of Florida, and some providers who are contracted to provide dental services at specific facilities including the Florida Department of Corrections.

## EXEMPLARY FLORIDA JOB POSTINGS

Position	Employer	Location	Skills and Requirements
<a href="#">Dentist</a>	Aspen Dental	Jacksonville, FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DDS/DMD from an accredited school</li></ul>
<a href="#">Dentist</a>	State of Florida	Ocala, FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Florida dental license</li><li>DEA license</li><li>Two years of pediatric dentistry preferred</li><li>Bilingual candidates preferred</li></ul>
<a href="#">General Dentist</a>	Smile Design Dentistry	Clermont, FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Active Florida dental license</li><li>CPR certification</li><li>Prior experience working in a dental practice</li><li>Active DEA license</li></ul>

# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS



Nova Southeastern University offers a DMD program in the Fort Lauderdale area.

- Accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
- Clinical rotations challenge students to help underserved and highly vulnerable populations – both on campus and in nearby communities
- Offers dual-degree options – bachelor's + DMD, DMD + Master of Business Administration, DMD + Master of Public Health
- Training program includes a high-tech simulation laboratory

"Our diverse student body trains in a challenging learning environment with a dedicated and caring faculty. Innovation is ongoing at the College of Dental Medicine—the teaching of dentistry's unprecedented new technologies is at the core of our progressive curriculum. NSU provides one of the best academic settings in which to pursue a dental education."

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- Offers eight ADA-recognized specialty programs to students
- Offers external clinical rotations throughout Florida
- Encourages co-curricular involvement in outreach efforts and student organizations
- Provides exposure to innovative dental technology

### D.M.D. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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## Current Library Holdings Supporting DMD

### Monographs

Program Subjects	LC Ranges	Print Pub. 1842-2019	Ebook -2022
Dentistry (Library of Congress Range)	RK1-715 Dentistry	19	147
	RK280 Oral and dental anatomy and physiology	6	
	RK301-493 Oral and dental medicine. Pathology. Diseases	10	
	RK501-519 Operative dentistry. Restorative dentistry	2	
	RK520-528 Orthodontics	1	
	RK529-535 Oral surgery	0	
	RK58-59.3 Practice of dentistry. Dental economics	8	
	RK60.7-60.8 Preventive dentistry	0	
	RK641-667 Prosthetic dentistry. Prosthodontics	4	
<b>UF Courses:</b> <a href="https://dental.ufl.edu/education/dmd-program/curriculum-overview-2-0/curriculum-overview-1dn-year-1-semester-1/">https://dental.ufl.edu/education/dmd-program/curriculum-overview-2-0/curriculum-overview-1dn-year-1-semester-1/</a>			
DEN5505C – Introduction to Clinical Care (1) This course is designed to provide foundational information in clinical care for novice dental students. Areas of patient safety, risk management, infection prevention, <b>standardized clinical practices, information security</b> , and emergency preparedness are applied by students to prepare them for clinical person-centered care.	R728-733 Practice of medicine. Medical practice economics	87	
	R858-859.7 Computer applications to medicine. Medical informatics	43	
	R864 Medical records	15	
DEN5210 – <b>Developmental Biology</b> and <b>Psychosocial Issues</b> over the <b>Lifespan</b> (3) Developmental biological and psychosocial foundation knowledge across the life span will be presented in this course. Focus will be placed on the basic biology of normal growth and development of the head, neck and oral tissue as well as the	BF712-724.85 Developmental psychology Including infant	1157	



relevant biological and psychosocial issues associated with normal changes over the life-span that are relevant to oral health and the practice of dentistry. This course is a pre-requisite for DEN 5221C, Oral Health Management and Psychosocial Issues Over the Lifespan in semester two.			
DEN5121 – <b>Biochemistry, Molecular &amp; Cellular Biology</b> (4) Topics including structural biology, cellular organization and communication cell division, regulation of metabolic processes and gene structure and function will introduce students to aspects of advanced molecular and cellular biology and associated biochemical processes. These topics are designed to serve as foundation knowledge for course to follow in later semesters in tissue and organ structure and function, and general <b>pathology</b> .	QD241-441 Organic chemistry (includes QD415-436 Biochemistry)	2012	
	QH573-671 Cytology	916	
	QR1-502 Microbiology	1707	
	RB1-17 Pathology General works	2	
DEN5013 – Foundations Of <b>Professionalism</b> (2) This course provides an orientation to the new dental student and establishes the foundation for the development of an emotionally healthy and ethically competent general dentist. The new student is oriented to a variety of studying and coping skills to maintain emotional health and productive learning and also learns the rules and regulations governing academic and professional behavior. The student will also learn about the <b>ethical principles</b> impacting the dental profession and how to apply these principles to <b>ethical dilemmas</b> .	BJ1725 Ethics of social groups, classes, etc. Professional ethics	17	
	R690-697 Medicine as a profession. Physicians	83	
	R723-726 Medical philosophy. Medical ethics	403	
	R727-727.5 Medical personnel and the public. Physician and the public	55	
DEN5100C – <b>Gross Anatomy</b> (4) Basic macroscopic anatomical structure and functions of the human body, with emphasis on the head and neck will be presented thorough lectures, laboratory dissections and discussion sessions. This information serves as the foundation for understanding normal functions of the head, neck and oral structures as well as disorders related to those structures.	QM1-511 General Anatomy	285	
	QM531-549 Regional anatomy	29	
	QM550-577.8 Human and comparative histology	100	
DEN5120C – <b>Physiology</b> (5) This course provides foundation knowledge on the structure and normal function of the major body systems including the cardiovascular, pulmonary, renal, gastro-intestinal, endocrine and neurological systems. The	QP1-348 General Including influence of the environment	1970	
	QP351-495 Neurophysiology and neuropsychology	1334	

relationship of structure to normal function is presented with emphasis on components important to a dentist as a dental patient's case manager and to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of oral diseases. In addition, this course will provide the fundamental knowledge to support the understanding and appreciation of the interrelationships of systemic and oral health.	QP496-981 Physiology, Animal biochemistry, Experimental pharmacology	2036	
	RJ125-145 Physiology of children and adolescents	134	
DEN5126C – <b>Histology</b> (2) Basic microscopic anatomical structure and functions of the head, neck, teeth and various organ systems will be presented in lectures, microscope work, and discussion sessions. This information serves as the foundation for understanding normal structure and functions provided in physiology as well as disorders related to those structures provided in <b>pathology</b> .	RB24-33 Pathological anatomy and histology	13	
	RB37-56.5 Clinical pathology. Laboratory technique	130	
DEN5127 – <b>Infectious Diseases</b> (4) Providing the foundation knowledge of etiologic agents responsible for infectious diseases important to the general practice of dentistry. Oral infectious diseases are emphasized. The course includes content on microbiology, virology, periodontology, and cariology, as well as systemic and oral diseases with both classical descriptive content and modern molecular biological aspects such as recombinant technology to create new vaccines.	RA639-642 Transmission of disease	19	
	RA643-645 Disease (Communicable and noninfectious) and public health	409	
	RC109-216 Infectious and parasitic diseases	158	
DEN5221 – Oral Health Management and <b>Psychosocial Issues</b> over the <b>Lifespan</b> (2) This course emphasizes the management of a patient's oral health focusing on behavioral and sociological issues across the lifespan. It builds on previous biological and psychosocial foundation knowledge that directly impacts the practice of dentistry and the achievement and maintenance of oral health in patients. The course includes an overview of the principles of <b>gerontology</b> including the biological, sociological, and psychological aspects of aging; the changing demographics in the U.S. society; and their implications for the dental profession.	BF712-724.85 Developmental psychology Including infant psychology, child psychology, adolescence, adulthood COUNTED ABOVE	0	
	RC952-954.6 Geriatrics	86	

DEN5405C – Preclinical Operative Dentistry I/ <b>Biomaterials</b> (4) This course introduces fundamental concepts related to dental caries, its prevention, diagnosis and appropriate management. Emphasis is also placed on the biomaterial science and clinical application of composite resin restorative materials. Minimally invasive dentistry will be stressed, and principles of ergonomics and infection control as it relates to clinical dentistry will be introduced. The course is based on lectures and laboratory exercises in order to support the development of motor skills, self-evaluation and clinical judgment using a rational scientific basis.	R856-857 Biomedical engineering. Electronics. Instrumentation	134	
DEN6350 – <b>General Pathology</b> (4) General Pathology is a course that concerns the cause and the manifestations of diseases that affect the human body of relevance to dentistry.	RB37-56.5 Clinical pathology. Laboratory technique COUNTED ABOVE	0	
	RB127-150 Manifestations of disease	109	
	RB151-214 Theories of disease. Etiology. Pathogenesis	95	
DEN6421C – Periodontic Treatment Planning and <b>Disease Control</b> (2) Review of the information on <b>etiology and pathogenesis</b> of periodontal disease. Students will be introduced to data gathering, diagnosis of periodontal diseases, establishing prognoses, treatment planning and the steps in the first phase of periodontal therapy. Skill development laboratory sessions will focus on oral hygiene skills and motivation of patients, root preparation procedures, and evaluation of phase 1 treatment.	RB37-56.5 Clinical pathology. Laboratory technique COUNTED ABOVE	0	
	RB151-214 Theories of disease. Etiology. Pathogenesis COUNTED ABOVE	0	
DEN6250C – <b>Pain and Anxiety</b> Control in Dental Patients (1) This course acquaints the undergraduate with the academic aspects of administration of local anesthetics, inhalation analgesia, and anxiety control.	RK501-519 Operative dentistry. Restorative dentistry COUNTED ABOVE	0	
DEN6260 – Oral Medicine and <b>Pharmacotherapeutics</b> (2) This course describes the diseases of the organ-systems that have an impact on dental therapy, the clinical pharmacology of physician prescribed drugs and drug interactions, and the clinical therapeutics for treatment of oral region disease processes.	RM138 Drug prescribing	0	
	RM139 Prescription writing	1	
	RM146-146.7 Misuse of therapeutic drugs. Medication errors	5	
	RM147-180 Administration of drugs and other therapeutic agents	53	



DEN6262 – Principles of <b>Pharmacology</b> (2) This course describes the basic principles of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, with an emphasis on dental applications. Several clinical correlations are also included.	RM260-263 Chemotherapy	25	
	RM265-267 Antibiotic therapy. Antibiotics	14	
	RM270-282 Immunotherapy. Serotherapy	2	
	RM283-298 Endocrinotherapy. Organotherapy	11	
	RM300-666 Drugs and their actions	428	
	RM671-671.5 Nonprescription drugs. Patent medicines	3	
DEN6508C – Essentials of <b>Clinical Care</b> (1) This course is designed to review, reinforce and prepare students for entry into clinical patient care in the UFCD TEAMs Clinics. Essential foundational concepts and skills in dentistry will be reviewed. Clinic procedures and protocols including emergency preparedness, associate group dynamics, and patient assignment as they relate to patient management and care will also be emphasized in this course.	RA960-1000.5 Medical centers. Hospitals. Dispensaries. Clinics Including ambulance service, nursing homes, hospices	577	
DEN7762L – Clinical <b>Radiology</b> 1: Radiographic Technique (0) The student will expose, mount, and critique radiographic surveys for assigned patients; develop appropriate judgment and reasoning to declare a radiograph clinically acceptable as outlined by “criteria of radiographic acceptability”; and demonstrate proper radiation hygiene, infection control techniques, and appropriate patient management.	R895-920 Medical physics. Medical radiology. Nuclear medicine	22	
DEN6416C – Basic Sciences Review (2) This course provides a systematic approach to the review of the basic <b>biomedical and anatomical sciences</b> in preparation for entrance into the clinical education program.	QH426-470 Genetics	1011	
	QM1-511 General Anatomy COUNTED ABOVE	0	
	R856-857 Biomedical engineering COUNTED ABOVE	0	
DEN8767L – <b>Clinical Oncology</b> and Oral <b>Pathology</b> (1 for students on rotation) The student will become familiar with specialized oral care for cancer patients, attend head and neck tumor conferences and demonstrate recognition and management of oral pathologic diseases.	RB37-56.5 Clinical pathology. Laboratory technique COUNTED ABOVE	0	
	RC254-282 Neoplasms. Tumors. Oncology Including cancer and carcinogens	445	
	Total 16,332	16185	147

## Databases

AccessMedicine\*  
CINAHL Plus with Full Text  
Clinical Key\*  
Cochrane Library\*  
Dissertations and Theses Global  
Embase\*  
ERIC  
Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI)  
Journal Citation Reports  
LWW Health Library\*  
LW W High Impact Journal Collection\*  
Natural Medicines  
PsycArticles  
PsycINFO  
PubMed/Medline  
SciFinder  
Thieme MedOne Education\*  
UpToDate\*  
Web of Science  
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**Additional Library resources needed to implement and/or sustain the program on an ongoing basis  
Library will have to obtain a price quote**

**Databases**

BoardVitals database  
DOSS – Dentistry and Oral Sciences Source database  
LexiComp Dentistry database  
STAT!Ref database - Core Resources Collection for Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

**E-Books for Opening Day Collection**

E-Book Collection in GOBI (Spotlight Titles in Dentistry from GOBI (17 e-book titles)  
Dentistry and Oral Sciences Collection 2022 from EBSCO (50 e-book titles)  
Doody's Core Titles Essential Purchases 2022 from EBSCO (85 e-book titles)  
Wiley-Blackwell Dentistry / oral & maxillofacial medicine 2022 (10 e-book titles)

**Library Will Need Funding for Annual Purchasing of approximately 100 E-Books per year**

**Estimated Annual Funds Needed to Acquire Library Resources listed above for the DMD: Minimum \$200,000 - \$250,000 (Databases: \$100,000; E-Books: \$75,000; E-Journals: \$40,000)**

**Florida Atlantic University Schmidt College of Medicine Library Resources Funding**

The following table lists the Budgeted Expenditures for the FAU Schmidt College of Medicine's first five years of the MD degree program (2011-2016). This data was submitted to the LCME (Liaison Committee on Medical Education). We are expecting the College of Dentistry to be lower than the College of Medicine.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Budgeted	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16

<b>Expenditures</b>					
<b>Library Materials and Resources</b>	\$300,000	\$325,000	\$350,000	\$400,000	\$412,000

“Library Materials and Resources” includes funding to purchase additional hardcopy and electronic resources related to the FAU COM for the FAU Wimberly Library.

### **Florida Atlantic University Schmidt College of Medicine Library Faculty Personnel Funding**

Salaries and benefits for three library positions, two of which will be completely funded in the COM budget and one of which will be partially funded in the COM budget, are included in the Professional Staff Salaries and Benefits category.

	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Senior Medical Librarian for College of Medicine</b>	\$80,340	\$24,102	\$104,442
<b>Medical Liaison and Outreach Librarian</b>	\$51,736.48	\$15,520.94	\$57,257.24
<b>Library Processing/Resource Licensing</b>	\$32,116.44	\$9,634.93	\$41,751.37

We expect that the College of Dentistry will not need the same amount of professional library services. We are estimating salaries and benefits for two library positions, one of which will be completely funded in the DDM budget and one of which will be partially funded in the COM budget, have included in the Professional Staff Salaries and Benefits category.

	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Senior Medical Librarian for College of Dentistry</b>	\$51,736.48	\$15,520.94	\$57,257.24
<b>Library Processing/Resource Licensing</b>	\$16,058.24	\$4,817.46	\$20,875.7

### **Statement from Dean of Libraries**

**The total number of volumes and serials available in this discipline and related fields is 16,332 monograph volumes and 399 journal titles.**

**A list major journals that are available to the university's students is as follows:**

- Journal of Dental Research
- International Endodontic Journal
- Journal of Endodontics
- Dental materials
- Clinical Implant Dentistry and Related Research
- Journal of Prosthodontic Research
- Journal of Dentistry (Elsevier)
- Caries Research
- Molecular Oral Microbiology
- Journal of Oral Rehabilitation
- Clinical Oral Investigations
- Journal of Prosthodontics
- International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry
- Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology
- Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry
- DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology
- Oral Diseases
- Dental Clinics of North America
- Gerodontology

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RE: Survey visit for full accreditation on February 16-19, 2020

Dear President Kelly:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the decisions made by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) at its June 16-17, 2020 meeting regarding the accreditation status of the medical education program leading to the MD degree at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University. This letter also serves to transmit to you the determinations regarding compliance with accreditation standards and performance in accreditation elements on which those decisions were based.

After reviewing the survey report and survey team findings from the LCME survey team that conducted a survey visit for full accreditation on February 16-19, 2020, the LCME voted as follows:

<b>LCME Determination</b>	Continue full accreditation of the medical education program for an eight-year term
<b>Required Follow-Up for the School</b>	Status report due by August 2, 2021
<b>Next Full Survey Visit</b>	2027-28 academic year

The Medical School Directory on the LCME website, [lcme.org/directory](http://lcme.org/directory), will be updated to reflect this change in the next full survey date.

Section I of this letter summarizes the medical education program's compliance with each of the 12 LCME standards based on the program's performance in the elements that collectively constitute each standard. Sections II and III of this letter summarize the LCME's determinations for the medical education program's performance in accreditation elements requiring follow-up. Section IV of this letter summarizes the required follow-up. Section V of this letter contains additional information important for the medical education program. **Note especially information related to the LCME policy regarding timing for a program to achieve**

**satisfactory performance in accreditation elements and to achieve compliance with standards.**

## **I. LCME DETERMINATIONS OF COMPLIANCE WITH ACCREDITATION STANDARDS**

<b>Standard</b>	<b>LCME Determination</b>
Standard 1: Mission, Planning, Organization, and Integrity	C
Standard 2: Leadership and Administration	C
Standard 3: Academic and Learning Environments	C
Standard 4: Faculty Preparation, Productivity, Participation, and Policies	C
Standard 5: Educational Resources and Infrastructure	CM
Standard 6: Competencies, Curricular Objectives, and Curricular Design	C
Standard 7: Curricular Content	C
Standard 8: Curricular Management, Evaluation, and Enhancement	C
Standard 9: Teaching, Supervision, Assessment, and Student and Patient Safety	C
Standard 10: Medical Student Selection, Assignment, and Progress	NC
Standard 11: Medical Student Academic Support, Career Advising, and Educational Records	C
Standard 12: Medical Student Health Services, Personal Counseling, and Financial Aid Services	C

C = Compliance, CM = Compliance with a Need for Monitoring, NC = Noncompliance

## **II. ACCREDITATION ELEMENTS IN WHICH THE PROGRAM'S PERFORMANCE IS SATISFACTORY WITH A NEED FOR MONITORING**

<b>Element</b>	<b>LCME Finding</b>
Element 3.3 (diversity/pipeline programs and partnerships)	The college of medicine has implemented multiple approaches to promote diversity and inclusion and has recruited a diverse student body and has achieved diversity in senior leadership. The proportion of Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino employed/full-time faculty is low and recruitment efforts to increase faculty in these school-identified diversity categories have had limited success. A new diversity action plan currently is under development, but there are no data yet to determine the effectiveness of this plan.
Element 5.1 (adequacy of financial resources)	The medical school has adequate financial resources to support its current educational program operations. The school has a strategic plan to grow the research and clinical missions that is dependent upon increasing extramural research funding, increasing clinical revenue, and continued annual state appropriations. These dependencies have year-to-year variability that result in financial uncertainty over the long-term. The financial resources need monitoring.



### III. ACCREDITATION ELEMENTS IN WHICH THE PROGRAM'S PERFORMANCE IS UNSATISFACTORY

Element	LCME Finding
Element 10.2 (final authority of admission committee)	The initial screening of applicants is performed by a single staff member in the Office of Admissions without faculty involvement. This screening is reported to be holistic but is performed without clear criteria, charge, and oversight from the Admissions Committee.
Element 12.2 (tuition refund policy)	The tuition refund policy does not include information about refunds of payments for health or disability insurance.

### IV. REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP FOR THE SCHOOL

The LCME requests a status report by **August 2, 2021**, containing the information listed below. Include a dated and signed cover letter addressed to both LCME Co-Secretaries. Email the status report and cover letter to [lcmesubmissions@aamc.org](mailto:lcmesubmissions@aamc.org) as a single PDF file. Do not submit a scanned PDF file. Do not mail a paper copy of the status report nor include hyperlinks in the submitted document(s). If there is a need to reference a website, create an appendix with a table of contents and include (non-scanned) PDF files of the relevant webpages and/or screenshots; appendix documents should be placed at the end of a report, not embedded in each response. The dean should contact the LCME Co-Secretaries for clarification on a specific request. Email [lcmesubmissions@aamc.org](mailto:lcmesubmissions@aamc.org) for questions regarding the submission or formatting of materials.

*In the status report, specify the LCME's determination of the program's performance in each element (i.e., unsatisfactory or satisfactory with a need for monitoring) as listed in this letter.*

#### Element 3.3 (diversity/pipeline programs and partnerships) – Satisfactory with a Need for Monitoring

1. Provide a copy of the new diversity action plan, including timelines, that was under development at the time of the February 2020 full survey visit. Provide the date that the plan was formally approved and note by what individuals and groups the approvals were granted. Delineate those aspects of new plan that are specifically related to recruitment of faculty in each of the school's identified diversity categories.
2. Complete the following table:

Offers Made for Faculty Positions						
Provide the total number of offers of faculty positions made to individuals in the school's identified diversity categories. Add rows as needed for each diversity category.						
	AY 2019-20			AY 2020-21		
School-identified Diversity Category	# of Declined Offers	# of Faculty Hired	Total Offers	# of Declined Offers	# of Faculty Hired	Total Offers

3. Evaluate the effectiveness of the new diversity action plan in the context of the data presented in the "Offers Made for Faculty Positions" table above.

**Element 5.1 (adequacy of financial resources) – Satisfactory with a Need for Monitoring**

1. Provide a copy of the 2020 LCME Part I-A Annual Financial Questionnaire and the “Overview of Organization and Financial Characteristics Survey.”
2. Summarize trends in each of the funding sources available to the medical school, including their stability. Describe any substantive changes in the following areas during fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 (based on current projections).
  - a. Total revenues
  - b. Operating margin
  - c. Revenue mix
  - d. Market value of endowments
  - e. Medical school reserves
  - f. Debt service
  - g. Outstanding debt
  - h. Departmental reserves
3. Evaluate the results of the school’s strategic plan in the areas of increasing extramural research funding, increasing clinical revenue, and continued annual state appropriations. Discuss the effects of COVID-19-induced reductions/variability in revenue streams on ongoing support of the medical education program.

**Element 10.2 (final authority of admission committee) – Unsatisfactory**

1. Provide a copy of the approved Admissions Committee policy and/or procedure manual that documents the process for initial screening of applicants. Describe the role of the Admissions Committee in developing the screening criteria, training the screener(s), and exercising oversight of this step in this admissions process. Note the roles of others, if any, who participated in these roles.

**Element 12.2 (tuition refund policy) – Unsatisfactory**

1. Provide a copy of the approved tuition refund policy that includes information about refunds to medical students for health and, if applicable, disability insurance. Describe how and when students are made aware of this policy.

**V. IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**NOTIFICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF ACCREDITATION STATUS**

The LCME is required to notify the United States Department of Education of all of its final accreditation determinations, including determinations of “accredited,” “accredited, with warning,” and “accredited, on probation.” The LCME is also required by the U.S. Department of Education to make available to the public all final determinations of “accredited” and “accredited, on probation.”



### **TIMING FOR A PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN ELEMENTS AND COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS**

If the LCME determines a program to be in noncompliance with a standard at the same time that the program's performance in an associated element is found to be unsatisfactory, the total time for correction of the deficiencies in compliance and performance will be two years. If the LCME determines a program to be in compliance or compliance with a need for monitoring with a standard but if the performance in an element within that standard is unsatisfactory, the program must achieve a status of satisfactory or satisfactory with a need for monitoring in that element within a maximum of two years; if that does not occur, the LCME will find the program to be in noncompliance with the relevant standard. The LCME requires that the LCME document compliance with all LCME accreditation standards within two years of the LCME meeting at which the noncompliance determination was made. For more details, refer to the most recent version of the LCME *Rules of Procedure*, available on the LCME website, [lcme.org/publications](http://lcme.org/publications).

### **ALIGNING FOLLOW-UP WITH THE APPROPRIATE ACCREDITATION ELEMENTS**

Programs that have status reports due to the LCME are responsible for aligning the follow-up items in the reports with the *Functions and Structure of a Medical School* document whose effective academic year corresponds with the academic year in which each status report is due. To review the current list of LCME accreditation standards and elements, refer to the most recent version of the *Functions and Structure of a Medical School* document, available on the LCME website, [lcme.org/publications](http://lcme.org/publications).

### **CHANGES THAT REQUIRE NOTIFICATION TO THE LCME**

The LCME awards accreditation to a medical education program based on a judgment that there exists an appropriate balance between student enrollment and the total resources of the institution, including faculty, facilities, and operating budget. If there are plans to significantly modify the educational program, or if there is to be a substantial change in either student enrollment or in the resources of the institution such that the balance becomes distorted, the LCME requires advance notice of the proposed change. Substantial changes may lead the LCME to re-evaluate a program's accreditation status. All schools are responsible for keeping up to date on current LCME notification requirements detailed on the LCME website, [lcme.org/about/accreditation-process-overview/#maintaining-accreditation](http://lcme.org/about/accreditation-process-overview/#maintaining-accreditation).

The Secretariat staff will provide information via email for accessing the survey report and survey report appendix electronically. The survey report is for the use of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University and the university. Any public sharing of its contents is at the discretion of institutional officials.

Sincerely,



Barbara Barzansky, PhD, MHPE  
LCME Co-Secretary



Veronica M. Catanese, MD, MBA  
LCME Co-Secretary

CC: Phillip M. Boiselle, MD  
Dean, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University

Streams	Year 1		Year 2		
	Fall Semester 1	Spring Semester 2	Summer Semester 3	Fall Semester 4	Spring Semester 5
Stream 1 Structure and Function of Body Systems	5100C Gross Anatomy (4) 5121 Biochemical, Molecular and Cellular Biology (4)	5120C Physiology (5) 5127 Infectious Diseases(4) 5126C Histology (2)	6128 Host Defense (3)		
Stream 2 Developmental Biology, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences	5210 Developmental Biology and Psychosocial Issues, Part 1 (3)	5221 Oral Health Management and Psychosocial Issues Over the Lifespan	6350 General Pathology (4)	6251 Science and Clinical Management of Dental Pain (2) 6351 Oral Pathology (3)	6260 Oral Medicine and Pharmacotherapeutics (2) 6262 Principles of Pharmacology (2) 6440 Intro to OMFS, Part 1 (1)
Stream 3 Principles of Professionalism and Oral Health Management	5013 Foundations of Professionalism (2)	5502C Cariology	6015 PPCPM I 6001 Evidence-based Dental Practice (1)	6015 PPCPM I Continued	6015 PPCPM I Continued
Stream 4 Foundations of Psychomotor Skills	5404C Dental Anatomy and Stomatognathics (2)	5405C Preclinical Operative Dentistry I (4)	6407C Preclinical Operative Dentistry II (3) 6213C Fundamentals of Occlusion (3) 6301C Fundamentals of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (2)	6421C Perio Treatment Plan and Disease Control (2) 6412C Preclinical Fixed Pros 1 (2) 6430C Principles of Endo (1)	Treatment Planning (3) 6460C Pros for Edentulous Patients (2) 6415C Preclinical Fixed Pros 2 (2) 6432C Basic Endo Therapy (2)
Stream 5 Clinical Practice (Comprehensive Patient Care)	DEN5505C Introduction to clinical Care (1)				
Stream 6 Rotations (Block Patient Care)			6705L Public Health (0)	6705L Public Health (0)	6705L Public Health (1)
Electives	Elective Course Offerings (6)				

Streams	Year 3			Year 4				
	Summer Semester 6	Fall Semester 7	Spring Semester 8	Summer Semester 9	Fall Semester 10	Spring Semester 11		
Stream 1 Structure and Function of Body Systems	6416C Basic Sciences Review (2)							
Stream 2 Developmental Biology, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences	7417 Concepts in Orofacial Pain (1)	7441 Intro OMFS - Part II (1)	7319 Geriatric Dentistry (1) 7442 Overview Adv OMFS (1) 7433 Evidence-based Endo (1) 8263 Ad. OM continued (1) 8303 Ad Rad Interpretation (1)	8353 Ad Diff Diagnosis (1) 8423 Perio in GP (1) 8462 Ad Topics Pros (1)				
Stream 3 Principles of Professionalism and Oral Health Management	7012 ISL 3 (1) 7016 PPCPM II (0)	7012 ISL 3 cont (1) 7016 PPCPM II (1)	7012 ISL 3 cont (1) 7017 PPCPM II (1)	8019 ISL 4 cont (1) 7017 PPCPM III (1)	8019 ISL 4 cont (1) 8018 PPCPM IV (1) 8321 Practice Management (2)	8019 ISL 4 cont (1) 8018 PPCPM IV (1)		
Stream 4 Foundations of Psychomotor Skills	7450 Orthodontics (1) 7452C Ped Dentistry (3) 7413C Rem Part Pros (2)	7411C Overview Implant Dentistry (2) Perio Surgery (1)	7717 CI Use of Dental Materials (1)	9719 Selection of CI Dental Materials (1)				
Stream 5 Clinical Practice (Comprehensive Patient Care)	6508C Essentials of Clinical Care (1) 7761L Treatment Planning I (0) 7744L Operative Dentistry (2) 7834L Perio (2)	7761L Treatment Planning 1 (1) 7745L Operative Dentistry 2 (3) 7835L Perio (3) 7845L Prosth 1 (3) 7735L Endo 1 (1)	7761L Treatment Planning 2 (1) 7745L Operative Dentistry 3 (3) 7835L Perio 3 (3) 7845L Prosth 2 (3) 7735L Endo 2 (1)	7761L Treatment Planning 2 (1) 7745L Operative Dentistry 4 (3) 7835L Perio 4 (3) 7845L Prosth 3 (3) 7735L Endo 3 (1)	7761L Treatment Planning 3 (0) 7745L Operative Dentistry 5 (3) 7835L Perio 5 (3) 7845L Prosth 4 (4) 7735L Endo 4 (1)	7761L Treatment Planning 3 (1) 7745L Operative Dentistry 6 (2) 7835L Perio 6 (2) 7845L Prosth 5 (3) 7735L Endo 5 (1)		
Stream 6 Rotations (Block Patient Care)	7805L OMFS 1 (0) 7762L Radiology 1 (0)	7805L OMFS 1 (0) 7762L Radiology 1 (0) 7825L Ped Dentistry 1 (1) 7819L CI Ortho (1)	7805L OMFS 1 (0) 7762L Radiology 0 (1)	7805L OMFS 2 (0) 7762L Radiology 1 (1) 7825L Ped Dentistry 2 (1) 7819L Com Dentistry 1 (1)	7805L OMFS 2 (1) 7762L Radiology 2 (1) 7819L Com Dentistry 2 (2)	7805L OMFS 2 (1) 7762L Radiology 2 (1) 7819L Com Dentistry 2 (2)		
			7826L Ped Dental Grad (1)					
			7443L Hospital Dentistry (1)			Oncology/Oral Path (1)		
						8960L CI Exam 2 (1)		8960L CI Exam 2 continued (1)
			Elective Course Offerings (6)					
Dental Board Examinations	NBDE Part 1				NBDE Part II			
				INBDE				

**State University System  
Education and General  
2023-2024 Legislative Budget Request  
Form I**

<b>University(s):</b>	<b>Florida Atlantic University</b>
<b>Request Title:</b>	<b>Enhancing and Expanding Florida's Dental Services</b>
<b>Date Request Approved by University Board of Trustees:</b>	<b>September 19, 2022 (pending)</b>
<b>Recurring Funds Requested:</b>	<b>\$37,857,000</b>
<b>Non-Recurring Funds Requested:</b>	<b>\$85,464,000</b>
<b>Total Funds Requested:</b>	<b>\$123,321,000</b>
<b>Please check the request type below:</b>	
<b>Shared Services/System-Wide Request</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Unique Request</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**I. Purpose**

**In order to increase overall dental student enrollment and graduates that can best serve the needs of our growing population in Florida,** Florida Atlantic University is proposing the formation of the state's second public dental school.

Florida Atlantic University aims to create a new College of Dentistry and to offer the Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) program starting in 2025. The College of Dentistry is aligned with the development of FAU Health Network. We plan to admit 45 students in year 1 and have a staggered increase to 90 students over 4 years with a total enrollment of 350 students once fully enrolled (assuming attrition). The College of Dentistry will be supported by a proposed \$30 million lead donation and will be housed in a new 94,000 gsf College of Dentistry facility that will be constructed on FAU's Boca Raton campus. In addition to the operational funding requested in this legislative budget request, the College of Dentistry facility will be a fixed capital outlay request that seeks state support during the upcoming legislative session. In addition to standardized patient clinical program requirements, dental care clinic experiences will be operationalized in Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties with full and affiliate faculty members, similar to the clinical rotations provided by our College of Medicine and College of Nursing. The College of Dentistry also will partner with public and private partners in the FAU Health Network. The College of Dentistry is an essential component of FAU Health Network's mission to best



serve the growing population of Florida. Further, the clinical, education and research opportunities will enhance Florida's life sciences sector, boosting its workforce and related economic impact.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 19 percent job growth for dentists (from 2016 to 2026), which is much faster than average. The bureau cites an aging population and new research linking oral and overall health as reasons for the increased demand for dental care. A 2019 report from Health Resources and Services Administration shows that one in four Florida residents already live in areas with a shortage of dentists, more than any other state. Topping the list of states with "Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas," more than 5 million Floridians live in areas that have limited or no access to a dentist. In fact, 63 of 67 counties have a dental shortage. Data from Wellbeing Florida shows that in 2021 hospitals billed more than \$620 million in preventable ER visits and hospital admissions stemming from oral health issues. About half of that was billed through Medicaid, Medicare and other government programs.

The elderly community and children are the populations that most often have limited access to dental care. Among those over 65 years of age, one in three people have significant dental issues as a result of tooth decay or gum disease, and 14 percent of seniors ultimately have all their teeth extracted. Moreover, one in five children in Florida suffer from treatable dental problems. Almost a quarter of Florida's third-grade children suffer from untreated tooth decay. Correspondingly, Florida is ranked sixth in the nation for the highest percentage of third-grade children with unfilled cavities.

According to the Journal of the American Dental Association, as a result of the current dentist shortage, the United States is seeing more foreign-trained dentists in the United States. Dentists trained outside the US have increased from 4.3% to 6% from 2002-2016, and estimates place that rate as high as 8% currently. However, current immigration policies continue to impact the ability to recruit and retain foreign trained dentists. The impacts of these policies are likely to be felt hardest in rural areas – the places that prove most challenging when attempting to recruit practicing dentists.

Florida Atlantic's proposed College of Dentistry aligns with the overall FAU Strategic Plan, *The Race to Excellence*, which includes health as one of its academic pillars and community relationships as an essential element. Moreover, the programs also concur with FAU's annual Accountability Plan, which establishes targets to produce more degrees in areas of strategic emphases and to meet workforce needs in health fields.

According to the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), private dental schools on average burden a student with over \$500,000 in tuition, materials costs and administrative fees. These costs are projected to increase at a rate of 3-5 percent per year for the next 4 years. Currently, the state of Florida has only one publicly funded dental school to service a population of 22.2M residents.

The proposed FAU College of Dentistry would become the second public dental school in the state and would focus on recruiting students with a passion to work in underserved and rural areas.

Our goals are to:

1. Establish the infrastructure for the education mission of the school inclusive of an office of student affairs, accreditation and curriculum development, in accordance with the requirements of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
  - a. CODA evaluates the educational quality of predoctoral, advanced, and allied dental education programs in the United States. All 50 states plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia recognize the Commission's authority to accredit predoctoral, advanced, and allied dental education programs in their respective disciplines.
  - b. The Commission also evaluates the educational quality of international dental education programs (see International Predoctoral Policies and Procedures). The Commission on Dental Accreditation has developed accreditation standards for each of the disciplines within its purview. The standards, which are the basis for accreditation actions, are reviewed periodically and revised as necessary (see CODA Policy and Procedures for Development and Revision of Accreditation Standards).
2. Recruit, hire and train an additional 30 teaching, clinical and research faculty and supporting staff to actualize the education, research and clinical curriculum.
3. Recruit, hire and train an additional 10 faculty to lead and manage the college's administrative operations from the tripartite mission perspective.
4. Partner with precepting faculty in underserved communities as well as with the state to advance loan repayment programs designed to incentivize graduates to serve in underserved areas

**Goal 1 Establish the infrastructure and facilities for the educational mission of the school inclusive of an office of student affairs, accreditation and curriculum development.**

- (1) Recruit, hire and retain a founding dean, associate dean for student affairs, assistant dean of curriculum, and senior faculty with expertise in accreditation. They will need legal, financial and human resources personnel in addition to support staff.
- (2) Hire a focused consulting firm to expedite the accreditation process.

- (3) Purchase learning tools and equipment .
- (4) Identify academic classrooms for didactic learning areas.
- (5) Build dedicated dental school facilities by year 3 that include:
  - a. Wet laboratory with online milling units, sintering oven, and intraoral scanners with learning software.
  - b. Preclinical spaces for simulation learning of basic skills of dentistry, as well as fixed and removable prosthodontics on mannequins.
  - c. Instructional clinical spaces with comprehensive dental operatories for standardized patient, student treatment clinics.

**Goal 2 & 3 Recruit, hire and train an additional 30 teaching, clinical and research faculty to actualize the education, research and clinical curriculum and an additional 10 faculty to lead and manage the college's administrative operations from the tripartite mission perspective.**

- (1) Will recruit 30 full-time, qualified “core faculty” as described by the CODA, as well as supporting staff to deliver a high quality DMD curriculum in accordance with CODA specifications.
  - a. The standards for accreditation curriculum must include at least four academic years of instruction or its equivalent.
  - b. The stated goals of the dental education program must be focused on educational outcomes and define the competencies needed for graduation, including the preparation of graduates who possess the knowledge, skills and values to begin the practice of general dentistry.
  - c. Using the CODA definition of an FTE, the prescribed student-faculty ratio for instruction preclinically and clinically in the predoctoral program – subtracting out administrators, biomedical scientists, and those who have other teaching responsibilities such as shared responsibilities with the college of medicine (e.g. anatomy), is not to exceed 10:1 and should accommodate the requirements of clinical instruction (70 percent or more by core faculty).
- (2) We will hire key roles for implementation and execution of the curriculum including IT, library services, research services, simulation, and rural outreach.

- (3) We will hire administrative leadership that will oversee and ensure the delivery of a quality dental education program, meeting and exceeding CODA standards for education, and embracing the tripartite mission.

**Goal 4 Partner with the state moving forward on loan repayment programs designed to incentivize graduates to serve in underserved areas.**

- (1) We will establish clinical opportunities with qualified preceptors in our local and regional community.
  - a. Adjunct faculty are defined as dentists from the community that practice in a variety of clinical settings and commit to teaching one day a week for ten months a year.
- (2) Recruit an Asst Dean of Admissions and office staff to recruit students to achieve these goals. Work with state lawmakers to develop proposed legislation that would establish dental education reimbursement and loan repayment programs similar to the Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program referenced in § 1009.65 Fla. Stat.

## **II. Return on Investment**

### ***Contributions***

FAU is making the following contributions to creation of its College of Dentistry:

- Leveraging existing resources within the University, including infrastructure surrounding finance, human resources, information technology, legal, marketing, registrar services.
- Maximizing opportunities for interprofessional learning in pre-clinical classes and in research programs.
- Shared use of existing simulation and anatomy labs with College of Medicine.
- Shared instructors with the College of Medicine in common or overlapping areas of training.
- Use of lecture halls and other spaces with other Colleges on FAU campuses.
- Use of simulation lab in the Medical Research space for basic science faculty.

### ***Projected Return on Investment***

FAU Health Network aims to best serve the healthcare needs of the population of the region and of Florida through education, research integration and interprofessional practice. Florida Atlantic's Boca campus currently houses 7 colleges related to health sciences (e.g. biomedical engineering, medicine, nursing, psychology, social work).

The proposed College of Dentistry is the next natural progression of this coalition of collaboration. The College of Dentistry will be a key pillar in this foundation of

care delivery, providing a pipeline of highly trained dental professionals, well equipped to serve the community.

Population and economic growth are driving the demand for and the expansion of the life sciences sector in Southeast Florida. According to the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, the county alone is home to 15 hospital and over 700 life sciences companies primarily engaged in medical services, as well as the research and development or manufacturing of biotechnologies, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and biological sciences. The construction and operationalization of a new College of Dentistry would have a significant impact on the region's growing life sciences sector. The design and construction of a new 94,000 gsf College of Dentistry facility would result in approximately 1,500 direct, indirect and induced jobs. These numbers are over and above the 40 full-time faculty and 70 full-time support staff that will be employed once the College of Dentistry is fully operational. In addition to directly creating 110 high wage jobs and infusing tens of millions of dollar into the regional economy, the ongoing operations of the College of Dentistry will also have significant indirect impacts on job creation. It is estimated that an additional 540 indirect jobs will be created as a result of the College of Dentistry's annual operations.

In addition, FAU Health Network will work collaboratively with the region's 12 dental hygiene programs to provide additional clinical rotation opportunities – also impacted by the shortage of dentists in the region. The ability to find and retain adequate preceptors is becoming evermore challenging for the dental allied health providers. These programs directly benefit from connectivity to a dental school and will also help FAU reduce the cost of clinical support personnel.

Between 80-90% of the dental students that train in Florida remain in Florida, this will have a tremendous impact on the number of dentists available to serve. Focusing the curriculum on serving the underserved will benefit the 63 counties that have a shortage of dental providers.

The primary educational outcomes of the proposed programs include student enrollment and graduation numbers. The primary workforce outcomes include the number and percentage of students who successfully pass the National Board Dental Examination (Part 1 and 2) and enter the dental workforce in Florida, and specifically in underserved areas of the state. This program will increase the number of dental graduates, and will recruit students likely to stay in the region as they develop ties to the community that will further increase the likelihood of retention. The expected returns on investment (ROI) include increases in the number of dentists, as well as allied dental professionals, such as dental hygienists and assistants, that are added to Florida's workforce.

The funding for doctoral student stipends/scholarships will also allow us to attract and enroll additional students and will also contribute to the college and FAU's mission.

### **III. Personnel**

This legislative budget request contains a combination of both recurring operational and non-recurring startup funds that would support the creation and ongoing operations of the College of Dentistry.

The majority of costs associated with the program are recurring and are for personnel needed to support the college and for the annual, recurring expenses associated with the program for operations, equipment, supplies, mannequins, radiological software, and diagnostic tools.

A minimum of 40.0 total faculty FTEs, 70.0 staff FTEs, and 10 adjunct FTEs will be hired. Various faculty will be needed to represent expertise in administration, education and research.

Additionally, the remaining \$85.5M non-recurring request would fund the startup faculty and staff expenses, fees, infrastructure and equipment necessary to provide academic instruction in clinical settings and in campus simulation lab settings.



**IV. Facilities**

	Facility Project Title	Fiscal Year	Amount Requested	Priority Number
1.	College of Dentistry Facility	2024-2025	\$84,695,700	N/ A
2.				

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday, December 8, 2022**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY REVISED 2023-24  
FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
BUDGET REQUEST)**

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Recommend approval of the Florida Atlantic University Revised 2023-24 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan -Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request to include the new College of Dentistry project on CIP2A as FAU's number one project priority.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Florida Board of Governors requires an annual submission from each university of its Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request. The 2023-24 Fixed Capital Outlay Plan incorporates various projects for Florida Atlantic University. The submission is to identify projects to be funded in the following categories:

- Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) Projects – CIP2A - Updated to Include College of Dentistry
- Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF) Projects – CIP2B
- Back of Bill (BOB) Projects requiring Legislative Approval to be Constructed, Acquired and Financed by University or Direct Support Organization - CIP2C

On September 19, 2022, the BOT approved revisions to the CIP to include the College of Dentistry on CIP2C - Back of Bill document requiring legislative approval to construct. This request revises CIP2A to identify the College of Dentistry project FAU's number one project request on the BOG Preliminary Project Selection Group even though the project is not eligible for PECO funding.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Upon Board approval and final Legislative appropriations.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

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**Supporting Documentation: 2023-24 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan  
(Revised CIP2C and CIP3 Project Details - College of Dentistry)**

**Presented by: Stacy Volnick, VP Administrative Affairs and Chief Administrative Officer**

**Phone: 561-297-6319**

State University System  
5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)  
FY 2023-24 through 2027-28

Summary of Projects - PECO-Eligible Projects

University Florida Atlantic University - BOT Approved 8.23.2022 **REVISED 12.5.22 for BOT**

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PECO-ELIGIBLE PROJECT REQUESTS (ONLY)

Priority No.	Project Title	Total Supplemental (Non PECO) funding	Total Prior PECO Funding	Projected Annual PECO Funding Requested					Programs to Benefit from Project	Net Assignable Sq. Ft. (NASF)	Gross Sq. Ft. (GSF)	Total Project Cost	Project Cost Per GSF	EPS Recommendation Date & Rec. # <sup>(1)</sup>
				FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28						
1	FAU College of Dentistry	\$30,000,000	\$ -	\$ 54,611,000					New College of Dentistry program	60,000	93,750	\$ 84,611,000	\$ 902.52	-
2	HEALTH SCIENCES TRAINING AND RESEARCH FACILITY (P,C,E)	\$ 25,000,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000,000					Sci. Eng. Nrsg. Med./Research	94,787	150,000	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 666.67	8/12/2022 - 3.2
3	S. E. WIMBERLY LIBRARY REMODEL/RENOVATION (P)(C) (C,E)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 3,920,000	\$ 16,000,000	\$ 20,480,000		All Acad. Programs	119,548	159,322	\$ 40,400,000	\$ 253.57	8/12/2022 - 1.1 / 2.7
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1) EPS recommendation is required as per F.S. 1013.31.

State University System  
5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)  
FY 2023-24 through 2027-28

### Project Detail

University: FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY - Revised 12.5.2022  
Project Name: COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY  
Project Address: FAU Boca Raton Campus - 777 Glades Road

Priority #: **1**

#### PROJECT NARRATIVE

A 2019 report from Health Resources and Services Administration shows that one in four Florida residents already live in areas with a shortage of dentists, more than any other state. Topping the list of states with "Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas," more than 5 million Floridians live in areas that have limited or no access to a dentist. In fact, 63 of 67 counties have a dental shortage. Data from Wellbeing Florida show that in 2021 hospitals billed more than \$620 million in preventable ER visits and hospital admissions stemming from oral health issues last year. About half of that was billed through Medicaid, Medicare and other government services. The elderly community and children most often have limited dental care. One in five children in Florida suffer from treatable dental problems. Almost a quarter of Florida's third-grade children suffer from untreated tooth decay. Correspondingly, Florida is ranked sixth in the nation for the highest percentage of third-grade children with unfilled cavities. In those over 65 years old, one in three have significant dental issues as a result of tooth decay or gum disease, and 14 percent have all their teeth extracted.

According to the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), private dental schools on average burden a student with over \$500,000 in tuition, materials costs and administrative fees. These costs are projected to increase at a rate of 3-5 percent per year for the next 4 years. Currently, the state of Florida has only one publicly funded dental school to service a population of 22.2M residents. We propose to become the second public dental school in the state with a focus toward recruiting students with a passion to work in underserved and rural areas.

This 94,000 gross sq. ft. facility will allow for the didactic, operatory, clinical, simulation and experiential learning for dental students in a new College of Dentistry. Our regional partners in Palm Beach, Broward and Martin counties have expressed a willingness to partner in faculty and learner experiences, recruitment, and retention to ensure that we optimize the numbers and the depth and breadth of experiences of dentists to serve the needs of Florida. This program will interact with other professional schools on FAU Campus and with dental assistant programs throughout the region. Our joint academic endeavors will allow for the innovative solutions necessary to tackle the workforce crisis.

The building will allow dental students to learn in an environment with advanced technology and support reputable, patient-centered clinical instruction. The facility will house adequate didactic and other learning space dedicated to the College of Dentistry. Specifically, these spaces will include:

- a. Wet laboratory with online milling units, sintering oven, and intraoral scanners with learning software
- b. Preclinical spaces for simulation learning of basic skills of dentistry, as well as fixed and removable prosthodontics on mannequins.
- c. Instructional clinical spaces with 90 dental operatories for standardized patient, student treatment clinics.

The Boca Campus Master Plan includes a long term project which will be the site for this new facility; an update to the MP is needed to include this project in the five year horizon.

Project cost have been calculated using 2021 BOG Construction cost data, with an added inflation adjustment consistent with CBRE forecasted inflationary data as documented in <https://www.cbre.com/insights/books/2022-us-construction-cost-trends>.

#### RESERVE ESCROW PLAN

	Renovation/Remodeling Projects (1% per s. 1001.706(12)(c) F.S.)	New Construction Projects (2% per Board Regulation 14.002)
Estimated Bldg Value:		\$ 56,710,000
Value Basis/Source:		Building Construction cost
Estimated 1st Yr Deposit:		\$ 1,134,200
Funding Source:		TBD as needed - Bldg. is non E&G
Comments:		

#### BUILDING SPACE DESCRIPTION (account for all building space below)

	(per FICM)	(NSF)	Conversion	(GSF)	(per GSF)	Building Cost
<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>						
Classroom		-	1.5	-	\$393	-
Research Lab		17,000	1.7	28,050	\$629	17,641,767
Teaching Lab		3,000	1.7	4,950	\$535	2,648,052
Office		1,000	1.5	1,500	\$497	744,960
Study		8,000	1.4	11,200	\$487	5,454,288
		-		-		-
Subtotal NASF:		29,000		-		-
Other		31,000	1.6	48,050	\$629	30,220,567
Total:		60,000		93,750		56,709,634

\* Apply Unit Cost to total GSF based on Space Type

Remodeling Projects <u>Only</u>	
BEFORE	AFTER

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Subtotal NASF:	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total:	60,000	93,750	56,710,000		

## PROJECT COMPONENT COSTS & PROJECTIONS

		Projected Costs					
	Costs Incurred to Date	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
<b>Basic Construction Costs</b>							
Building Cost (from above)	-	56,710,000				-	56,710,000
Environmental Impacts/Mitigation	-					-	
Site Preparation	-	124,500				-	124,500
Landscape / Irrigation	-	155,600				-	155,600
Plaza / Walks	-	155,600				-	155,600
Roadway Improvements	-	-				-	
Parking : 50 spaces	-	467,000				-	467,000
Telecommunication	-	2,500,000				-	2,500,000
Electrical Service	-	370,000				-	370,000
Water Distribution	-	185,000				-	185,000
Sanitary Sewer System	-	185,000				-	185,000
Chilled Water System	-	935,000				-	935,000
Storm Water System	-	185,000				-	185,000
Energy Efficient Equipment	-	125,000	-			-	125,000
<b>Subtotal: Basic Const. Costs</b>	-	62,097,700	-	-	-	-	<b>62,097,700</b>
<b>Other Project Costs</b>							
Land / existing facility acquisition	-				-	-	
Professional Fees	-	4,630,000				-	4,630,000
Fire Marshall Fees	-	142,000				-	142,000
Inspection Services	-	502,000				-	502,000
Insurance Consultant	-	36,000				-	36,000
Surveys & Tests	-	85,000				-	85,000
Permit / Impact / Environmental Fees	-	3,000				-	3,000
Artwork	-	100,000				-	100,000
Moveable Furnishings & Equipment	-	14,000,000				-	14,000,000
Project Contingency	-	3,100,000				-	3,100,000
<b>Subtotal: Other Project Costs</b>	-	22,598,000	-	-	-	-	<b>22,598,000</b>
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	-	84,695,700	-	-	-	-	<b>84,695,700</b>

## PROJECT FUNDING

Funding Received to Date (all sources)			Projected Supplemental Funding			Projected PECO Requests		Total Project Cost
Source	FY	Amount	Source	FY	Amount	FY	Amount	
			Donations/Gifts	2023-24	30,000,000			Should equal <i>Total Project Cost</i> above
			Legislative Budget Request	2023-24	54,695,700			
					-			
					-			
		-			84,695,700		-	84,695,700

## PECO Project Detail

University: FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY - Revised 12.5.2022  
Project Name: HEALTH SCIENCES TRAINING & RESEARCH FACILITY  
Project Address: FAU Boca Raton Campus - 777 Glades Road

Priority #: **2**

### PROJECT NARRATIVE

Broward, Martin and Palm Beach County house 3.2 Million residents with the numbers growing daily. The migration to Florida has led to a critical shortage in health care professionals and in fact, Florida ranked #41 of all states in overall healthcare in 2020. Florida has an estimated shortage of 60,000 nurses currently. A shortage of 17,000 doctors is anticipated in the near future. The FAU Health Sciences Training & Research Facility will be focused on ensuring a pipeline for developing a health care workforce for our region, trained to address our changing environment of today and tomorrow.

This 100,000 sq. ft. facility will blend experiential learning for trainees with patient engagement and patient-oriented research. All colleges at FAU, including nursing, medicine, engineering, science, education, business, social work and arts and letters, will be able to expand their ability to train the needed workforce in an interprofessional environment. Our regional partners in Palm Beach, Broward and Martin counties have expressed a willingness to partner in faculty and learner experiences, recruitment, and retention to ensure that we optimize the numbers and the depth and breadth of experiences of our health care professionals. Our joint academic endeavors will allow for the innovative solutions necessary to tackle the workforce crisis.

This facility will allow the colleges to expand their annual enrollment such that FAU could graduate over 300 nurses, 104 MDs, and 150 social workers a year. Resident training programs will expand to address the doctor shortage. Cross-disciplinary training in technology, engineering, business, and data science will ensure that the workforce of tomorrow has the necessary skills to serve the community's needs. Ultimately, this state-of-the-art facility will provide a workforce pipeline of health-related professionals for South Florida to allow for the data-driven delivery of healthcare the patients of our region deserve.

**This project was initially programmed at 54,000 NSF, which was survey recommended in June 2021. Expanded need for Health Sciences professions has increased the facilities footprint to around approximately 95,000 NSF. The total proposed net square feet, as detailed below, does not result in exceeding 100% space needs in any category as defined in the Education Plant Survey process. However, this project will require a supplemental survey.**

### RESERVE ESCROW PLAN

	Renovation/Remodeling Projects (1% per s. 1001.706(12)(c) F.S.)	New Construction Projects (2% per Board Regulation 14.002)
Estimated Bldg. Value:	\$ -	\$ 69,580,000
Value Basis/Source:		Total construction cost
Estimated 1st Yr Deposit:	\$ -	\$ 1,391,600
Funding Source:		Carry Forward / Auxiliary / Indirect Cost Recovery
Comments:		The various sources of funds are identified as potential options which will contribute to the required reserve. The percentage and actual allocation will be evaluated on an annual basis.

### BUILDING SPACE DESCRIPTION (account for all building space below)

Space Type (per FICM)	Net Sq. Ft. (NSF)	Net-to-Gross		Unit Cost * (per GSF)	Building Cost
		Conversion Factor	Gross Sq. Ft. (GSF)		
NEW CONSTRUCTION					
Classroom	-	1.5	-	393	-
Research Lab	56,561	1.65	93,326	505	47,149,052
Teaching Lab	-	1.65	-	430	-
Office	31,580	1.5	47,370	399	18,897,788
Study	5,646	1.4	7,904	392	3,097,813
Instructional Media	-	1.4	-	286	-
Auditorium/Exhibition	-	1.4	-	312	-
Campus Support Services	1,000	1.4	1,400	312	436,282
	-		-		-
Subtotal NASF:	-		-		-
Other	-		-		-
Total:	94,787		150,000		69,580,935
* Apply Unit Cost to total GSF based on Space Type					

\* Apply Unit Cost to total GSF based on Space Type

### REMODELING / RENOVATION

					Remodeling Projects Only	
					BEFORE	AFTER
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal NASF:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total:	94,787	-	150,000	-	-	-

## PROJECT COMPONENT COSTS & PROJECTIONS

	Costs Incurred to Date		Projected Costs				
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Basic Construction Costs							
Building Cost (from above)	-	-	69,580,000	-	-	-	69,580,000
Environmental Impacts/Mitigation	-	-		-	-	-	
Site Preparation	-		300,000	-	-	-	300,000
Landscape / Irrigation	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Plaza / Walks	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Roadway Improvements	-	-		-	-	-	
Parking : 70 spaces	-	-	700,000	-	-	-	700,000
Telecommunication	-		2,500,000	-	-	-	2,500,000
Electrical Service	-	-	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
Water Distribution	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	75,000
Sanitary Sewer System	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	75,000
Chilled Water System	-	-	750,000	-	-	-	750,000
Storm Water System	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Energy Efficient Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal: Basic Const. Costs	-	-	74,530,000	-	-	-	74,530,000
Other Project Costs							
Land / existing facility acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Professional Fees	-	5,517,600	-	-	-	-	5,517,600
Fire Marshall Fees	-	197,200	-	-	-	-	197,200
Inspection Services	-	167,900	250,000	-	-	-	417,900
Insurance Consultant	-	49,500			-	-	49,500
Surveys & Tests	-	45,000			-	-	45,000
Permit / Impact / Environmental Fees	-	1,400			-	-	1,400
Artwork	-		100,000		-	-	100,000
Moveable Furnishings & Equipment	-			11,120,000	-	-	11,120,000
Project Contingency	-	500,000	6,500,000	1,021,400	-	-	8,021,400
Subtotal: Other Project Costs	-	6,478,600	6,850,000	12,141,400	-	-	25,470,000
Total Project Cost:	-	6,478,600	81,380,000	12,141,400	-	-	100,000,000

## PROJECT FUNDING

Funding Received to Date (all sources)			Projected Supplemental Funding			Projected PECO Requests		Total Project Cost
Source	FY	Amount	Source	FY	Amount	FY	Amount	
			Carry Forward	24-25	5,000,000	23-24	6,478,600	Should equal Total Project Cost above
			Donations/Gifts	24-25	20,000,000	24-25	56,380,000	
					-	25-26	12,141,400	
					-			
		-			25,000,000		75,000,000	100,000,000



## PECO Project Detail

University: FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY - Revised 12.5.2022  
Project Name: S. E. WIMBERLY LIBRARY REMODEL/RENOVATION  
Project Address: FAU Boca Raton Campus - 777 Glades Road

Priority #: **3**

### PROJECT NARRATIVE

Constructed in 1964 the S. E. Wimberly Library is a five story building which consists of over 160,000 gross square feet. Due to the age of the structure, this facility is in need of a major renovation to upgrade existing finishes, systems and technological needs within the building. The building requires new roofing, envelope enhancement and reconfiguration of all student spaces to better suit today's needs. A 2013 study indicated that upgrading the HVAC system would require between \$1.4 and \$1.7 million. Similar studies need to be undertaken for the building's envelope and electrical capacity.

FAU's current Educational Plant Survey has identified study space as one of the highest priority needs. The proposed renovation will look to replace outdated collections, integrate more technology, and utilize remote storage options; thereby upgrading existing space to enhanced study and collaborative space. This project will promote student success, retention, and graduation.

### RESERVE ESCROW PLAN

Renovation/Remodeling Projects (1% per s. 1001.706(12)(c) F.S.)		New Construction Projects (2% per Board Regulation 14.002)
Estimated Bldg Value:	\$ 26,200,000	
Value Basis/Source:	Construction Cost	
Estimated 1st Yr Deposit:	\$ 262,000	
Funding Source:	E&G Operation / Carry Forward	
Comments:		

### BUILDING SPACE DESCRIPTION (account for all building space below)

Space Type (per FICM)	Net Sq. Ft. (NSF)	Net-to-Gross Conversion Factor	Gross Sq. Ft. (GSF)	Unit Cost * (per GSF)	Building Cost
<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>					
	-		-		-
	-		-		-
Subtotal NASF:	-		-		-
Other	-		-		-
Total:	-		-		-
* Apply Unit Cost to total GSF based on Space Type					

### REMODELING / RENOVATION

						Remodeling Projects <b>Only</b>	
						BEFORE	AFTER
Study	100,000	1.3	130,000	150	19,500,000	-	-
Office	16,204	1.5	24,306	160	3,888,960	-	-
Teaching Lab	3,344	1.5	5,016	275	1,379,400	-	-
	-		-		-	-	-
	-		-		-	-	-
	-		-		-	-	-
	-		-		-	-	-
	-		-		-	-	-
Subtotal NASF:	-		-		-	-	-
Other	-		-		-	-	-
Total:	119,548		159,322		24,768,360	-	-
Grand Total:	119,548		159,322		24,800,000		

# PROJECT COMPONENT COSTS & PROJECTIONS

	Costs Incurred to Date	Year 1	Year 2	Projected Costs			
				Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Basic Construction Costs							
Building Cost (from above)	-			13,300,000	11,500,000	-	24,800,000
Environmental Impacts/Mitigation	-				-	-	
Site Preparation	-					-	
Landscape / Irrigation	-				-	-	
Plaza / Walks	-				-	-	
Roadway Improvements	-				-	-	
Parking : 150 spaces	-				-	-	
Telecommunication	-			600,000	-	-	600,000
Electrical Service	-				-	-	
Water Distribution	-				-	-	
Sanitary Sewer System	-				-	-	
Chilled Water System	-				-	-	
Storm Water System	-				-	-	
Energy Efficient Equipment	-	-	-	800,000	-	-	800,000
Subtotal: Basic Const. Costs	-	-	-	14,700,000	11,500,000	-	26,200,000
Other Project Costs							
Land / existing facility acquisition	-				-	-	
Professional Fees	-		2,543,600			-	2,543,600
Fire Marshall Fees	-		68,900			-	68,900
Inspection Services	-		270,500			-	270,500
Insurance Consultant	-		17,800			-	17,800
Surveys & Tests	-		117,200			-	117,200
Permit / Impact / Environmental Fees	-					-	
Artwork	-					-	
Moveable Furnishings & Equipment	-				8,500,000	-	8,500,000
Project Contingency	-		902,000	1,300,000	480,000	-	2,682,000
Subtotal: Other Project Costs	-	-	3,920,000	1,300,000	8,980,000	-	14,200,000
Total Project Cost:	-	-	3,920,000	16,000,000	20,480,000	-	40,400,000

# PROJECT FUNDING

Funding Received to Date (all sources)			Projected Supplemental Funding			Projected PECO Requests		Total Project Cost
Source	FY	Amount	Source	FY	Amount	FY	Amount	Should equal Total Project Cost above
					-	24-25	3,920,000	
					-	25-26	16,000,000	
					-	26-27	20,480,000	
					-			
		-			-		40,400,000	40,400,000

State University System  
5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)  
FY 2023-24 through 2027-28

## PECO Project Detail

University: University of Florida  
Project Name: Dental Science Building  
Project Address: UF Main Campus

Priority #: 1

### PROJECT NARRATIVE

The Dental School is currently housed in the Dental Science Building. This building does not meet the needs of the College and the College needs new space to meet their educational requirements and continue to rise in the rankings nationally. The addition will provide a new welcoming space; clinical teaching, clinical student, and clinical resident space; Faculty Practice clinics; clinical support; teaching labs; simulation labs; Classrooms; School amenities; administration offices; faculty offices; Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic; and research space. In addition, it will remove a parking lot and replace it with 400 parking spaces in a structured parking garage under the building. This will enhance the accessibility for physically challenged patients and visitors by proximity and providing a connected covered parking option for when it is raining.

### RESERVE ESCROW PLAN

Renovation/Remodeling Projects (1% per s. 1001.706(12)(c) F.S.)		New Construction Projects (2% per Board Regulation 14.002)	
Estimated Bldg Value:	\$ -	\$	133,057,260
Value Basis/Source:		Total construction cost or insurable value, whichever is greater.	
Estimated 1st Yr Deposit:	\$ -	\$	2,661,145
Funding Source:			
Comments:			

### BUILDING SPACE DESCRIPTION (account for all building space below)

Space Type (per FICM)	Net Sq. Ft. (NSF)	Net-to-Gross Conversion Factor	Gross Sq. Ft. (GSF)	Unit Cost * (per GSF)	Building Cost
<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>					
Classroom	14,300	1.5	21,450	462	9,909,900
Teaching Lab	56,300	1.6	90,080	587	52,876,960
Research Lab	36,700	1.6	58,720	545	32,002,400
Office	45,000	1.5	67,500	466	31,455,000
Study	7,600	1.5	11,400	445	5,073,000
Campus Support Services	4,000	1	4,000	435	1,740,000
	-		-		-
	-		-		-
Subtotal NASF:	-		-		-
Other	-		-		-
Total:	163,900		253,150		133,057,260
* Apply Unit Cost to total GSF based on Space Type					

### REMODELING / RENOVATION

					Remodeling Projects <b>Only</b>	
					BEFORE	AFTER
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
Subtotal NASF:	-		-	-	-	-
Other	-		-	-	-	-
Total:	-		-	-	-	-
Grand Total:	163,900		253,150			

### PROJECT COMPONENT COSTS & PROJECTIONS

	Costs Incurred to Date	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
<b>Basic Construction Costs</b>							
Building Cost (from above)	-	-	75,000,000	58,057,260	-	-	133,057,260
Environmental Impacts/Mitigation	-	150,000	-	-	-	-	150,000
Site Preparation	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	500,000
Landscape / Irrigation	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
Plaza / Walks	-	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	100,000
Roadway Improvements	-	-	150,000	450,000	-	-	600,000
Parking : 400 spaces	-	-	6,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	8,000,000
Telecommunication	-	500,000	1,500,000	2,000,000	-	-	4,000,000
Electrical Service	-	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	2,500,000
Water Distribution	-	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	-	-	2,000,000
Sanitary Sewer System	-	500,000	1,500,000	1,000,000	-	-	3,000,000
Chilled Water System	-	1,000,000	1,500,000	2,000,000	-	-	4,500,000
Storm Water System	-	250,000	300,000	1,000,000	-	-	1,550,000
Energy Efficient Equipment	-	-	5,000,000	9,795,000	-	-	14,795,000
Subtotal: Basic Const. Costs	-	3,900,000	92,500,000	78,452,260	-	-	174,852,260
<b>Other Project Costs</b>							
Land / existing facility acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees	-	5,500,000	8,000,000	6,900,000	-	-	20,400,000
Fire Marshall Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inspection Services	-	250,000	500,000	650,000	-	-	1,400,000
Insurance Consultant	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
Surveys & Tests	-	100,000	200,000	100,000	-	-	400,000
Permit / Impact / Environmental Fees	-	300,000	300,000	50,000	-	-	650,000
Artwork	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
Moveable Furnishings & Equipment	-	-	3,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	8,000,000
Project Contingency	-	5,000,000	8,000,000	16,172,740	-	-	29,172,740
Subtotal: Other Project Costs	-	11,175,000	20,000,000	28,972,740	-	-	60,147,740
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	-	15,075,000	112,500,000	107,425,000	-	-	235,000,000