

VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

Vision

Leading the improvement of health by advancing oral health.

Mission

- Prepare oral healthcare providers for scientifically based practice
- Define new standards for education
- Provide patient-centered care
- Discover and disseminate knowledge
- Actualize individual potential
- Develop and promote policies addressing the needs of society

Core Values

These core values characterize the School of Dentistry and define its distinctive identity:

- Humanism: dignity, integrity, and responsibility
- Innovation: willingness to take calculated risks
- Leadership: modeling, inspiring, and mobilizing
- Reflection: using facts and outcomes for continuous improvement
- Stewardship: responsible use and management of resources
- Collaboration: partnering for the common good
- Philanthropy: investing time, talent and assets

Clinic Mission Statement

The mission of the school's clinics is to provide patient-centered, evidence-based, quality oral healthcare in a humanistic educational environment.

The goal of the clinic mission statement is to focus faculty, staff, and students on the delivery of excellent patient care. In all clinical interactions we will strive to provide excellent care to our patients and excellent educational experiences for our students. At those times when we must make a choice between patient care and teaching effectiveness, patient care will take precedence.

There are four parts to the mission statement. *Patient-centered care* means being prompt, efficient, responsible, engaging, focused, and adaptable, among other things. The private practice model is the patient care model to which we aspire. *Evidence-based decision making* involves the use of scientific evidence to help make treatment decisions. It is used in conjunction with individual patient values to determine the best course of action for each patient. *Quality oral healthcare* involves providing treatment to our patients that meets community standards of care in all disciplines. It means providing that care to patients of varying needs and expectations. *Humanistic education* is based on honest communication of clear expectations along with positive support for diligent effort.

Faculty and staff must be models of the profession's highest standards. Students are expected to set equally high standards for their behavior. The educational environment will be intellectually stimulating, progressive in scope, outcomes-focused, and competency-based.