

# SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

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## Accreditation

All educational programs in the School of Dentistry are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The Commission's last site visit was in February 2012.

All programs in the School of Dentistry are currently accredited. The Commission on Dental Accreditation may be contacted by phone at 1-800-621-8098. The Commission is located at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

## Brief History

The Texas legislature created the Health Science Center School of Dentistry, a public institution, in 1969 with the first class entering in 1970. Located in the heart of the South Texas Medical Center, it is one of five Health Science Center schools. A leader in research activities, the School of Dentistry also has strong clinical and didactic programs. Numerous research opportunities are available to students, and the interdisciplinary aspect of many research programs is regarded as one of the institution's strengths. Clinical training occurs in the school's clinics and University Hospital, as well as at various extramural sites in San Antonio and southern Texas. The School of Dentistry also offers advanced education in all of the dental specialties, advanced training in general dentistry and a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. The School of Dentistry is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The school is situated in northwest San Antonio, the seventh largest city in the United States.

## Mission

The School of Dentistry (<http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental>) mission is the acquisition, dissemination, and use of knowledge toward the enhancement of oral health. This mission is addressed through six interrelated action components: education, research, patient care, community, faculty and staff, and infrastructure.

As a component school of the Health Science Center (<http://www.uthscsa.edu>), the School of Dentistry serves the citizens of the State of Texas, with particular emphasis on the South Texas community, and the nation by: educating oral health care providers and scientists, engaging in biomedical and clinical research to improve the oral health of the public, providing state-of-the-art patient care, enhancing community awareness of oral health issues and practices, and addressing health disparities among the population.

## Vision

To be a world-class academic health center transforming health and health care for a diverse society.

## Core Values

To achieve our mission, the Health Science Center is committed to Excellence, Innovation, Integrity, Professionalism, Teamwork & Collaboration and Tradition.