Why Choose Harvard School of Dental Medicine?

DMD Program
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**Year 2**
Foundation dental science courses begin and clinical rotations expand through the Emergent Clinical Experience, providing the basics of all fields of dentistry. Year two highlights the integration of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical sciences. Students learn in interactive case-based groups. Pre-clinical instruction occurs throughout the year. Initial patient assignments and diagnostic visits begin in the spring.

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Principal clinical experience begins in the Harvard Dental Center Teaching Practices. Competency is achieved by developing clinical skills and delivering patient-centered comprehensive care.

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**Be a part of a highly interactive SMALL-GROUP LEARNING environment.**

**Gain exposure at major affiliated hospitals in the Boston area, such as Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Children’s Hospital, as part of CLINICAL ROTATIONS.**

**Work with faculty who serve as TEACHERS, ADVOCATES, AND MENTORS.**

**Be assessed by a PASS/FAIL grading system, and experience a high level of collaboration and support.**

**Enjoy a vibrant, diverse community and the chance to participate in organizations that support your EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS and future careers.**

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“The pass/fail curriculum alleviates competition and paves the way for us to collaborate in academic settings while also forming once-in-a-lifetime friendships. If I were to choose one reason why I’ve enjoyed my time here so much, it’d be because of the people and the community around me.”

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Facts and Figures

Class of 2023

19 states are represented by HSDM’s newest class of students

29 different colleges and universities were attended by the Class of 2023

25% of the class took at least one year off before matriculating into dental school

Class of 2019 Post-Graduate Placement

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) - 9
General Practice Residency - 7
Pediatric Dentistry - 5
Endodontics - 4
Advanced Education in General Dentistry - 3
Orthodontics - 3
Private Practice - 2

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