

School of Dentistry Fact Sheet

Overview

Since its start in 1905, the School of Dentistry has graduated 4,683 students. Today about 336 students are enrolled in the school and are taught by 185 faculty.

The first clinical patient treated in the present facility, the Harry N. and Maude Boyne School of Dental Science, was in July, 1973 following completion of the building.

Creighton's School of Dentistry tuition places it as one of the most affordable private dental schools in the United States. In 2005-2006 Creighton was approximately \$8,000 per year lower than the national average for private dental schools.

Many Creighton dentists continue to participate in community service as alums, sustaining Creighton's mission to train students to become "men and women for and with others."

Faculty:

- Student faculty ratio is 6.5:1.
- At the forefront of their professions, Dental School faculty have earned a national reputation for excellence and serve on various local, regional and national boards and associations.

Students:

- Creighton's School of Dentistry receives more than 2,800 applicants in 2005 for 84 available seats. This represents over 25 percent of the national applicant pool having an interest in attending Creighton.
- Incoming freshmen had a high school GPA of 3.5 and their average DAT scores were 19-19.
- Forty four percent of student body comes from states without dental schools with less than 13 percent from Nebraska.
- Creighton's School of Dentistry holds state contracts with Utah and Idaho and offers WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education) seats for New Mexico North Dakota, and Wyoming. Creighton provides a guaranteed number of seats or preferential access in each incoming class for these states without dental schools.
- The School of Dentistry has a chartered chapter of the American Student Dental Association. This organization promotes active participation by undergraduate dental students in the affairs of their own dental organizations.

Alumni

- The Creighton University Dental Alumni Advisory Board is the first of its kind and was officially organized in 1968. (?-Is this correct, I'm not aware of when the Alumni Advisory Board began) Since that time it has assumed a role of importance in the determination of policy by contributing sound advice based upon practical experience.
- School of Dentistry graduates are living and working in 49 of the 50 states and DC.

Curriculum:

- The dental school curriculum is focused on the development of the competent general dentist. Creighton students are prepared to enter residency programs, dental practice or continue with advanced degrees and specialty training.
- While Creighton centers on training general dentists, 20 percent of the students go on to specialize – a figure that virtually mirrors the national ratio of specialists to general dentists.
- The Student Research Group provides a forum for pre-doctoral students to participate in research seminars and projects.

Points of Pride:

- Creighton dental students continue to perform well on National Boards and licensing exams. On the National Boards, Creighton finished seventh out of 55 schools. Creighton graduates have enjoyed an average pass rate of nearly 95 percent over the last seven years on regional licensing exams. This percentage compares favorably to the national average of 88 percent.
- Creighton's dental students and faculty participate in activities that provide dental care to underprivileged adults and children and volunteer hundreds of hours of service. These activities include the "One World Clinic" (formerly the Indian Chicano Clinic), Give Kids a Smile (dental education and clinical support) as well as the opportunity for extended service in the Dominican Republic each summer and Special Olympics/Special Smiles Program.