

Mission Statement

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The mission of the School of Dental Medicine at the University at Buffalo is to educate oral health care professionals, biomedical scientists and educators; to discover medical and biological knowledge; and to deliver high quality, oral health care. The School improves the oral and general health of the people of the State of New York through its teaching, research and service.

To achieve its mission the School of Dental Medicine will:

- Maintain its more than century-old tradition of educating general practitioners and dental specialists to provide the highest quality patient-centered care to the communities they serve; base this education on a dynamic curriculum employing the latest information technologies and emphasizing the interactions between basic biomedical sciences, clinical sciences and clinical practice; continue to prepare individuals for leadership roles in the basic and oral health sciences and in dental education; and serve health care professionals throughout the state and the Northeast by providing lifelong learning through continuing education programs.
- Conduct innovative research and scholarship as an integral component of the State University of New York's sole comprehensive research-intensive university, contributing to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of oral disease and disseminate discoveries to both the professional community and the public through contributions to the scientific literature, through oral health promotion and disease prevention programs, and through technology transfer in partnership with industry thereby promoting economic development in Western New York.
- Serve as a primary, secondary, and tertiary care center providing high quality, oral health services in a patient-oriented environment and maintain a strong community presence as the region's major provider of oral health care services to underserved populations and to people with special oral health care needs through both its intramural clinics and its outreach programs.

In accomplishing its mission, the School of Dental Medicine will continue to be one of the nation's outstanding health professions schools.