

## Why Choose Harvard School of Dental Medicine?

The Harvard School of Dental Medicine offers DMD candidates an unparalleled opportunity to draw on the resources of a world-renowned University and medical center in the education of its dental students. At its heart, the program considers dentistry a partner to medicine with a curriculum that fully integrates oral and systemic health to achieve patient-centered comprehensive care.

### Small Class Size

The class size encourages a highly interactive small-group learning environment that is supported by committed faculty and staff.

### Integrated Clinical Experience

Dental students have the opportunity to make an early connection between their medical courses and their future profession. As part of clinical rotations, students gain exposure at major affiliated hospitals in the Boston area such as Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital.

### Faculty Mentors

Our faculty care deeply about the success of every student. Students work closely with faculty who serve as teachers, advocates, and mentors.

### Pass/Fail Grading

The pass/fail grading system encourages a high level of collaboration and support.

### Additional Degrees

HSDM supports DMD students who wish to pursue concurrent Harvard-affiliated degrees such as HST, MBA, MPH, or joint PhD program in Biomedical Sciences.

## How do I apply?

Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) participates in the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) sponsored Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS) centralized application. The application, DAT scores, transcripts, and letters of recommendation are submitted via AADSAS. Additional information is available at [www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org)

### Applications

Applicants may submit an AADSAS application beginning in June and concluding in December.

### Interviews

Interviews are on an invitation only basis. The Admissions Committee takes the entire application into consideration when deciding on which candidates to invite for an interview. Interviews begin in September and continue through February.

### Decisions

Admissions decisions are released in early December and are made on a rolling basis until the interview process concludes.

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**“HSDM didn’t only train me to be an excellent clinician. It gave me the experience, opportunity, and knowledge to be an advocate, a researcher, and an educator. Today, I have the privilege of partnering with vulnerable communities because I am part of the HSDM community.”**

-Lisa Simon, DMD, Class of 2014



HSDM has achieved success in its mission of producing leaders in the field of dental medicine in clinical care, teaching, and research by being educationally innovative and by providing a professional-school education without equal.

## Curriculum Highlights

The curriculum provides the opportunity to learn first-hand the importance of the doctor-patient relationship and the chance to participate in research, resulting in a deep understanding of the connection between oral health and general health. Students are engaged in a team-based, case-based learning format that fosters critical thinking and the development of lifelong learning skills important to health care providers.

**Year 1** - First year students study biomedical sciences with their peers at Harvard Medical School. Students begin clinical observation and spend sessions in the Harvard Dental Center Teaching Practice collaborating with fourth year students and primary care physicians who serve as teachers and mentors. Students are immersed in Case-Based Collaborative Learning and flipped classrooms to engage them in active learning.

**Year 2** - Foundational dental science courses begin and clinical rotations expand through the Emergent Clinical Experience, providing the basics of all phases of dentistry. Year Two highlights the integration of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical sciences. The new methodology includes engaging students in interactive case-based learning groups.

**Year 3** - Principal clinical experience begins in Year Three in the Harvard Dental Center Teaching Practices. Competency is achieved by developing pre-clinical skills and the delivery of patient-centered comprehensive care.

**Year 4** - This multifaceted educational experience is enhanced as students provide patient care at community health-based institutions, treating patients with varying needs and levels of general health. Additional curricular options provide elective opportunities to augment educational and career goals.



## Research at HSDM

HSDM considers the generation of new knowledge to be an integral part of the education of future leaders in the field of dentistry. All students complete a research project by the end of their fourth year. Students have the freedom to choose from a wide variety of topics. Students are introduced to this project during Year Two and receive guidance from the Office of Research in the selection of a research mentor and the identification of a project of manageable scope.

**“The aim of the Year One clinical experience is to teach foundational clinical skills and primary care medicine with a focus on oral health, using the primary care rotations for students in a dental setting as a platform for change in our approach to patient care.”**

-Dr. Sang Park, Associate Dean  
for Dental Education