

# POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM IN DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH - CERTIFICATE

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**Degree Offered:** Certificate

**Program Leadership:**

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## Program Description

This 12-month full-time program leads to a certificate in Dental Public Health. It prepares residents to become specialists in dental public health and to be board-certified by the American Board of Dental Public Health.

## Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the Dental Public Health postgraduate program, you must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a DDS/DMD degree or equivalent by the start of the program
- Hold an Master of Public Health (MPH) degree or equivalent by the start of the program
- Take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), if your native language is not English and you have not completed at least one year of college or university-level studies in the United States.

Learn more about Dental Public Health admissions (<https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/post-grad/dental-public-health/admissions/>).

## Learning Outcomes

### Learning Objectives

1. To enable residents to develop competency in the following 10 areas outlined by the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH) for dental public health specialists:
  - a. Manage oral health programs for population health
  - b. Evaluate systems of care that impact oral health
  - c. Demonstrate ethical decision-making in the practice of DPH
  - d. Design surveillance systems to measure oral health status and its determinants
  - e. Communicate on oral and public health issues
  - f. Lead collaborations on oral and public health issues
  - g. Advocate for public health policy, legislation, and regulations to protect and promote the public's oral health, and overall health
  - h. Critically appraise evidence to address oral and public health issues for individuals and populations
  - i. Conduct research to address oral and public health problems
  - j. Integrate the social determinants of health into DPH practice

Note: Patient care is not an objective of this program.

2. To prepare residents to become eligible for the ABDPH Certification Exams and to encourage them to attain diplomate status within five years of completing their training
3. To produce graduates who actively contribute to dental public health education, research, and practice through their job positions upon graduation.

## Additional Information

### Program Core Faculty

- Find a program faculty list (<https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/post-grad/dental-public-health/faculty/>) on the program website.

## Degree Requirements

Completion of core DPH courses, two research projects in a format suitable for the ABDPH certification examination, participation in a field site experience, and an attempt of the ABDPH Qualifying Examination.

## Core Courses

Prior to the beginning of each quarter (Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring), each student shall register for all required core Dental Public Health courses and any elective courses recommended by the program director. Information for the DPH courses is available on the CLE (Collaborative Learning Environment). A list of confirmed course registrations must be placed in the residency program folder on or before the first day of the quarter (and no later than two weeks after). Please request the program director's approval prior to each quarter.

Code	Title	Units
DEN PUB HL 200	Ethical Considerations in Clinical & Public Health Dentistry	2
DEN PUB HL 210	Introduction to Research Methods and Design	2
DEN PUB HL 400	Dental Public Health Projects	8
DEN PUB HL 410	Dental Public Health Core and Contemporary Topics Seminar <sup>1</sup>	14
DEN PUB HL 420	Dental Public Health Field Site Experience	12
DEN PUB HL 430	Quality Improvement in Dental Care Settings	4.5
DEN PUB HL 440	Introduction to Dental Public Health	2
DEN PUB HL 475	Dental Public Health Lecture Series <sup>2</sup>	1

<sup>1</sup> Repeat for a total of 9 units.

<sup>2</sup> Repeat for a total of 3 units.

## Electives

Code	Title	Units
OR CRA FAC 283	Introduction of Biostatistics for Dentistry	2.5
PED DENT 440	Topics in Pediatric Dentistry for the DPH Postgraduate	1.5