The future of Dental Medicine is here, in Nevada.
Introduction to the School of Dental Medicine

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The UNLV School of Dental Medicine (SDM) came into existence when key political, academic, and health leaders committed to addressing the state's shortage of dentists — particularly in rural areas — and the lack of oral health access for lower socioeconomic groups. The school was charged with preparing socially aware, clinically adept dentists to address oral health needs in Nevada.
History of the School of Dental Medicine

In December 2001, UNLV purchased 18 acres in the University Hospital complex and renovated the existing buildings.
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Founded in 2002

The school received its accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation before opening in the summer of 2002. Four years later, it was reaccredited with seven major commendations.
In 2004, a state-of-the-art clinical facility opened on the university's Shadow Lane Campus, with electronic patient records and financial systems; digital radiographic and photographic images; and electronic patient education on topics such as dental implants, extractions, root canals, and cosmetic dentistry.
Welcome

The UNLV School of Dental Medicine is committed to excellence in education, research and patient care. In addition to offering an excellent curriculum, the UNLV School of Dental Medicine also provides quality, low cost dental services to Southern Nevadans.
Hallmark

The hallmark of our school is service.
The UNLV School of Dental Medicine provides world class oral health education while providing for the dental needs of Nevada residents.
The UNLV School of Dental Medicine is a driving educational force toward improving the health of citizens of Nevada through innovative programs of oral healthcare services to the community, integrated biomedical and clinical curricula and research.
Goals

Patient Care and Service
Education
Scholarship
Faculty Development
Provide excellence in patient-centered clinical care, patient education and statewide community outreach programs.
Education

Implement a progressive and innovative curriculum integrating biomedical, behavioral, and clinical sciences to ensure competent, contemporary oral health care providers.
Scholarship

Provide an environment conducive to scholarly activities and collaborative research.
Faculty Development

Cultivate a diverse faculty of excellence through a program of professional academic opportunities, internal development, recruitment and retention.
110,000 patient visits per year
$1.6 M

savings to Nevada residents due to low-cost fees
in free services to those in need combined with community outreach and free clinics
2085

number of applicants last year
dental students apply for admission nationwide
47

part-time faculty
72

full-time faculty & professional staff
109

classified staff
class size

84
48/36

in-state/out of state
45/39

male/female
27

Languages spoken: Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Cantonese, Dari, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Korean, Mandarin, Mongolian, Pashto, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, Vietnamese
UNLV
Shadow Lane Campus

in the heart of the medical district
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advanced dental facilities
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205 dental chairs
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Shadow Lane Campus
digital radiography facilities
100% paperless environment
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Shadow Lane Campus
research laboratories
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Shadow Lane Campus
emergency clinics
UNLV
Shadow Lane Campus
has the only wheelchair lift designed for
dental treatment in the state of Nevada
in general dentistry (6), orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics (4), and pediatric dentistry (6)
establishing a formal ‘sister-school’ relationship with the Stomatological Hospital of Nankai University in Tianjin, China (faculty and student exchange)
established a partnership with the University of Costa Rica in San Ramon and King Khalid University in Saudi Arabia
Economics
$28M

FY 2012-2013 budgeted revenue
$6.4M from the state general fund
$22.4M

total revenue dental school generates from self-supporting functions (fees, tuition, clinical revenue and research)
dental students contribute in cost of living to the Nevada economy

$11.2M
Continuing Education
brings hundreds of dentists to Las Vegas each year to participate in courses focused on the most up-to-date techniques such as live surgery video streaming to hotels on the Strip and on the East Coast, materials and oral health practices.
Saturday Children’s Clinic
Huntridge Homeless & Teen Clinic
Pediatric Special Needs Clinic
Sgt. Clint Ferrin Memorial Veterans Clinic
Crackdown on Cancer
Saturday Women’s Clinic
General Practice Residency Clinic
Seal Nevada South
Shannon Clinic
Student Perspective
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Striving Toward Perfect Health Through Oral Health

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS:
- Pediatric Dental
- Orthodontics
- General Practice

- Providing 52,000 patient visits through UNLV School of Dental Medicine Programs
- Offering fees one-half to those in private practice

- Saving patients $1.6 million dollars
- Providing $3,800,000 of free dental care to Nevadans annually
- 96,000 Nevada high school and middle school students participated in Crackdown on Cancer Program from 2001-2010, with a total of 79,000 screenings
- Providing 65,000 elementary students with oral health, disease prevention and nutrition education since 2002
- Providing 1,200 senior citizens with oral cancer screenings at Senior/Assisted Living Centers
- 30% of State-wide screenings take place in rural Nevada
- Serving thousands of uninsured Nevadans throughout the community
- Providing $130,000 in free dental treatment: Seal Nevada South: Portable Sealant/Fluoride Varnish Application and Oral Health
- Health Fairs: Oral health presentations, oral health screenings, oral cancer screenings, fluoride varnish (all ages)
- Providing care to children and adults with developmental and other special needs
- Houses one of the only wheelchair lifts in Nevada
- Increasing access to the disabled

Community Partners:
- Clark County School District
- University Medical Center
- Southern Nevada Dental Society
- Southern Nevada Health District
- Southern Nevada Immunization Health Coalition (SNICH)
- Nevada Dental Association
- Community Coalition for Oral Health (CCOH)
- Head Start

Dental Care for the Underserved:
Shadow Lane Pre-doctoral and Post-doctoral Clinics
Saturday Children’s Clinic
Huntridge Teen/Homeless Clinics
Sgt. Clint Ferrin Dental Clinic
Pediatric Special Needs Clinic
Community Outreach
Women’s Clinic
General Practice Clinic

Dental School’s Contribution to Nevada Economy

- FY 2012-2013 budgeted revenue is $28 million
- Only $6.4M from the state general fund
- Dental School generates $22.4M of total revenue from self-supporting functions (fees, tuition, clinical revenue and research)
- Employing 257 faculty, professional and classified staff
- Contributing an additional $12,000 per semester/per dental student/resident (313) in cost of living to the Nevada economy ($11.2 million per year)

“...A Driving Force Toward Improving the Health of the Citizens of Nevada through Unique Programs of Oral Healthcare Services...”