

MISSOURI DENTAL SCHOOLS IN ACTION: PANEL

A.T. Still University-Missouri School Dentistry & Oral Health



Interprofessional Education Bldg., Kirksville, MO



Saint Louis Dental Center, Saint Louis, MO

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences

1. University of Graduate Health Sciences only
2. Founding School of Osteopathic Medicine (1892)
3. Three campuses (Missouri, Arizona & California) and Seven Schools/Colleges
4. **Public Service Mission:** *Learning Centered University dedicated to preparing highly competent professionals through innovative academic programs with a commitment to continue its osteopathic heritage focusing on whole person healthcare, scholarship, community health, interprofessional education, diversity and underserved populations*
5. [A.T. Still University-Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health \(ATSU-MOSDOH\)](#)
 - a. ATSU-MOSDOH: Founded in 2013
 - b. Two locations/split facilities: Kirksville and Saint Louis
 - c. Unique partnership with a community health center (CHC) - Affinia Healthcare
 - d. Integrated Community Service Partnership rotations for D4 students with 25 CHCs in Missouri, 8 other states and the Indian Health Service (4 states)
 - e. Emphasis on access to oral healthcare and service to disadvantaged populations
 - f. Focus is to accept students from Missouri and the surrounding 8 states
 - g. DMD and Certificate in Public Health with dental emphasis
 - h. Goal is to have graduates practice in rural and urban underserved areas or in CHCs
 - i. Five classes graduated to date (206 graduates)

Current Activities and Interests

1. Partnership with Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine: Access to dental care for difficult and higher acuity adults or individuals (adults) with Intellectual or Developmental Disorders (IDD)
2. City of Saint Louis Grant - Oral Care for Older Adult Grant (OCOAA)
3. Community Service Project - ATSU-MOSDOH Smiles for Vets
4. Smiles for Hope: Dexter, Missouri Dental Mission
5. Partnership with Affinia Healthcare: Ongoing collaboration
6. Affiliation with Educational and Healthcare Institutions
7. Urgent Care Center: Regular and extend weekdays/weekend hours
8. Returning to the clinic after COVID-19 closure: 7/2020 - 11/2021, 28,315 patient visits
9. Teledentistry: Proposal pending
10. Online learning: Synchronous and asynchronous
11. Early essential experiences for D1 and D2 students
12. Accommodations for the Class of 2024 transition to Saint Louis

Future Plans and Initiatives

1. Oral and Maxillofacial Internship
2. Advanced Standing International Dental Program
3. Faculty DMD Program
4. Dental Implant Fellowship
5. Special Needs Dental Fellowship
6. Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program
7. More interprofessional education/intraprofessional education, and interprofessional collaborative practice/care experiences

COVID-19-Induced Changes

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1. Personal protective equipment and facility management
2. Online synchronous and asynchronous dental education
3. Access to the dental profession
4. Teledentistry
5. Flexible work schedules

Challenges in Dental Education/Dentistry

1. Faculty shortage (specialty areas)
2. Rising cost of dental tuition
3. COVID-19-induced inflation/budgetary constraints
4. Integration of oral health into primary care
5. New technology (digital dentistry/teledentistry)
6. Cyber security
7. Dental licensure/portability and scope of practice
8. Workforce demand/health equity
9. Diversity, equity and inclusion
10. Access to the dental profession
11. New models for dental education

QUESTIONS? THANK YOU.



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