

School of Dental Medicine

The UNLV School of Dental Medicine, which accepted its Inaugural Class in August of 2002, has been designed to serve our local community and the state of Nevada in oral health care, health services, research and scholarly activities. Education of dental students will be accomplished through a competency based curriculum with a special emphasis on biomedical sciences, professional studies and an innovative vertically integrated team approach for clinical instruction and delivery of patient care. The School of Dental Medicine is recruiting and employing a diverse and distinguished faculty to facilitate the program. The competency-based education program has at its core a student and patient centered environment designed to maximize learning and patient care delivery. Beginning dentists will be exposed to in depth studies of biological and clinical sciences as well as biomedical and bio-ethical disciplines. Students will encounter a broad spectrum of clinical experiences to prepare them for entry into the profession. These experiences will begin in year one of the curriculum, and clinical responsibilities will expand in scope and depth throughout the four years. During year four, students will have the opportunity to select placement in a variety of clinically supervised community settings. They will also have extensive exposure to business and financial management designed to meet the challenges of dental practice. Furthermore, they will be introduced to principles of research, will have an opportunity to conduct independent research and will be encouraged to pursue scholarly activities with the possibility of creating a career in academic dentistry. Training will occur in state of the art facilities designed to achieve the goals of the dental academic program. Today's dental professional needs a learning environment that offers interaction with other medical professionals and facilitates diagnosis and treatment to improve the patient's overall health. The dental school is adopting this new reality and keeping it at the forefront as it designs the teaching facility at the UNLV Shadow Lane campus. The building is part of a regional campus that is expected to house the university's biotech research center, including the UNLV Cancer Institute. Students will have access to the latest technology with other health care professionals in diagnosing disease and treating patients. By the time of graduation, students will be competent and confident to begin a rewarding career as a provider of comprehensive oral health care. For additional information, visit <http://dentalschool.unlv.edu>.

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School of Nursing

Welcome to the School of Nursing at UNLV. Our nursing program is the oldest in southern Nevada and the only one in Nevada to offer a Ph.D. program. All of our graduate programs are web-based to allow for "anytime, anyplace" education, but may involve occasional visits to campus. In our Masters of Science program, there are currently three tracks, the Family Nurse Practitioner Track, the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Track, and the Nurse Educator Track. We also offer post-masters certificates in these areas. Family Nurse Practitioners provide primary care for individuals across the lifespan and many provide care to the indigent and uninsured populations. Pediatric Nurse Practitioners provide primary care for infants, children, and adolescents. The Nurse Educator program prepares nursing students to teach nursing. This provides more qualified faculty so that all of the area nursing schools may increase their enrollment. The MS program is growing rapidly because of the great need for advanced practice nurses and nurse educators in Nevada.

We also offer a web-based Ph.D. program. This program is research-focused and will help meet the need for more highly qualified faculty in Nevada and the surrounding states. If you are considering a position as a nurse educator and researcher, this web-based program may meet your needs.

We are rapidly expanding our research activities and have a number of well-funded graduate assistant positions available for full time students. In this role, graduate students work closely with faculty on their research, teach undergraduate classes, or supervise students in the clinical setting. It is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your education. UNLV's School of nursing received full re-accreditation through the year 2010 from the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC), the longest established accrediting body of nursing education programs in the country. It is the maximum period awarded by the NLNAC.

I encourage you to read the catalog and explore our website at <http://nursing.unlv.edu/index.html> to find out more about all of these programs and to visit us when you are in the Las Vegas area.

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