Dentistry is still one of the most sought after careers available! According to a recent U.S. News & World Report ranking of the best 100 jobs, dentistry is the number one profession. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts employment growth of nearly 16 percent between 2012 and 2022, with more than 23,000 new openings. This trend is very positive for the profession and all involved in the field of dentistry.

The UTHSC College of Dentistry is poised to help meet this demand. Because of the generous donations and support of our alumni and corporate partners, I am pleased to announce that all our postgraduate clinics have either been renovated, or are in the process of being renovated. Now, our residents are being trained with the most technologically advanced equipment, and their patients benefit from the best possible treatment.

Renovations continue in the lobbies and other spaces in the Dunn Dental Building. When finished, the building will be completely refurbished. However, the plans for upgrading facilities do not end here. Recognizing our need for additional space, the university administration is now planning a 60,000-square-foot building adjacent to the Dunn Dental Building. It will house additional faculty offices, a small group classroom, a special needs clinic, a showcase dental office and additional space for growth.

Our growth is not limited to facilities and equipment. In the 2013-14 academic year, members of our faculty published 90 scholarly works. Because of this, you will see the UTHSC College of Dentistry in local, national and international publications. We take great pride in this. Through the combination of outstanding facilities and recognized research, the College of Dentistry attracts excellent faculty from across the country – a testament to the great reputation that the college has built.

Even with these many accomplishments, we continue to look for ways to serve the profession and the community. Plans are now in the works for a new special needs and geriatric program. The college is also developing a specialized clinic to treat patients with oral facial pain and sleep apnea.

Together, these make for exciting times at the college. As dean, I want to thank each of you who has so graciously supported the dental school, its renovations, its students and its faculty. It remains an honor for me to be here in Tennessee serving as your dean.

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UTHSC College of Dentistry
Our Place and Purpose

The UTHSC College of Dentistry was founded in 1878, making it the oldest dental college in the South, and the third-oldest public college of dentistry in the United States.

The college is located in downtown Memphis in the Winfield C. Dunn Building – named for the dental school’s distinguished alumnus and former Tennessee governor. It offers a four-year dental program enrolling approximately 350 students. In addition, there are approximately 60 residents taking part in postgraduate dental programs and 76 students in the dental hygiene program.

The college is dedicated to providing professional, graduate and postgraduate education; conducting dental research; and delivering the most up-to-date patient care and public service.

Advanced Dental Education

- With more than 7,500 dental graduates since its inception, the UTHSC College of Dentistry has educated more than 75 percent of the dentists practicing in Tennessee.

- A significant portion of the dentists practicing in Arkansas are also UT alumni since that state has no dental school. The college currently accepts 33 new students from Arkansas each year.

- The Delta Dental Plan of Tennessee Dental Simulation Center is the largest and most advanced pre-clinical lab of its kind in the country, with both interactive and conventional simulators. The center allows students to perform procedures on simulated patients with real-time feedback. It also provides a cutting-edge facility for continuing education.

- In 2006, the college converted to a paperless record system by incorporating electronic health records and digital radiographs into the clinic. The college is one of the leaders among dental schools in the country in incorporating this technology into the clinic and curriculum.

2014 Admission Cycle

Applications Received
1,318

Residency
- In-State – 168
- Arkansas – 70
- Out-of-State – 1,080

Gender
- Male – 679
- Female – 619
- Not Reported – 20

Ethnicity
- African-American – 69
- American Indian – 2
- Asian – 286
- Hispanic – 68
- Multiracial – 31
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander – 2
- Unknown/Unreported – 36
- White – 824
Recognized Research

- Each year the UTHSC College of Dentistry, along with the Hinman Dental Society, cosponsors the Hinman Student Research Symposium, a national meeting that features oral and poster presentations of research studies by dental students and graduate trainees from dental schools across North America.
- The UTHSC College of Dentistry is known worldwide for its research, particularly for its work in extracting stem cells from adult teeth. The College of Dentistry also procures industrial and professional grants to improve and test dental products.
- Newly completed dental research lab and clinical research areas in the Dunn Dental Building provide modern facilities where students are mentored in studies that involve teeth whitening, cavity simulation, dental adhesive development and dental stem cell removal.
- UTHSC dental researchers collaborate with other scientists at the Health Science Center, as well as with health care partners from around the city, the state, the country and the world. Efforts are combined to develop regenerative treatment methods, anti-biofilm agents and bioactive dental materials, along with enhanced penetration and distribution of active medicaments into hard and soft tissues.

Service with a Smile

- Tennessee Smiles: UT Grassroots Oral Health Outreach Initiative, a community service program, has provided dental screenings to more than 6,000 citizens at about 160 community events since 2003.
- Each year, faculty, staff and students offer free dental screenings and referrals at the Sisterhood Outreach Summit & Showcase, the largest conference for African-American women in the Mid-South.
- Members of the UTHSC Chapter of the Student National Dental Association and the American Student Dental Association participate in various health fairs throughout the year to raise oral health awareness.
- The faculty, students and staff participate in the annual “Give Kids a Smile Day” which provides free dental screenings, teeth cleaning and other services to local school children. In the 2015 event, the college donated $29,000 worth of dental services.

Clinical Procedures

- In 2014, the college’s clinics provided 51,527 patient visits to support oral health care in the community. These services typically cost less than the fees of a private dental office.
- Advanced procedures at reduced rates are also available for those patients who require specialized services. Recognized specialties include endodontics, orthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontics (gum diseases), pediatric dentistry, and prosthodontics (tooth replacement).
- Selected full-time faculty members also conduct a private practice, University Dental Practice at UTHSC in which comprehensive dental treatment is offered.
Providing the Best Possible Dental Education

- UT Health Science Center administrators continue to make facilities a priority to ensure our students train in the most technically advanced clinical environment possible.
- To date, more than $14 million has been raised from alumni, friends and corporations to support the renovation and modernization of the Dunn Dental Building and the Delta Dental of Tennessee Simulation Center. The funds will also be used for future expansions. An additional $4 million has been pledged for the construction on the planned new building.

The Dunn Dental Building opened in 1971. Modernization of the clinics began in 2008 and is expected to be completed in 2015.

Major renovations (including the undergrad clinic above) are ongoing and have resulted in a spotless review in the college’s most recent accreditation.

Community Support and Partnerships

- The Department of Dental Hygiene is re-affiliated with the College of Dentistry. Dental Hygiene students will also have clinical training opportunities at the clinics being developed across the state.
- Corporate partners Delta Dental of Tennessee and Delta Dental of Arkansas continue to generously support the college through donating to scholarships, serving as sponsors and making donations for capital improvements.
- Funding from the Bill and Carol Latimer Foundation enabled the college to build and equip a clinic in Union City, Tennessee, that will be used to provide clinical rotations for students and to serve the area’s underserved population. Clinical sites in Bristol, Tennessee, Knoxville (funded by Delta Dental) are being developed as well as one in Nashville.
- Each year, the Hinman Dental Society of Atlanta sponsors the Hinman Student Research Symposium. It is cosponsored by the UTHSC COD and attracts student researchers from all across the country.
- The Tennessee Dental Association Foundation continues to support the Student Summer Research Program.
- In addition to capital funding, alumni, friends, corporations and foundations have established numerous scholarship endowments for the college. Each year, these endowments provide nearly $300,000 in scholarships to deserving students.

The College of Dentistry relies heavily on private support. If you would like to make a gift to the college, please contact Tim Lanier, director of Development, at (800) 733-0482 or tlanier@uthsc.edu.