Real-World Education.

Dental Public Health (DPH) is the art and science of improving the oral health of communities. It is unique among dental specialties in that it considers the entire community as its “patient.” As such, the DPH specialist promotes oral health through organized community efforts, such as improving access to care for underserved population groups and developing community-based prevention programs, rather than providing treatment to patients “one-at-a-time.” The DPH residency teaches a wide range of skills such as how to develop and manage clinical dental programs, how to develop community-oriented prevention programs, and how to conduct health services and epidemiologic research. DPH residents train at a Lutheran-affiliated, CODA-approved community health center — a real world environment in which to develop real world skills.

Real-World Advantage.

Graduates of the DPH residency are eligible, upon examination, to become Diplomates of the American Board of Dental Public Health, one of 9 ADA-recognized dental specialties. Residents become experienced in the practice of DPH, particularly in the development, management and evaluation of dental care delivery systems. The DPH specialty credential and the practical experience gained at the health center will provide the graduate with a real world advantage in securing employment in more complex and more highly compensated management and leadership positions, in both the public and private sectors.

More Places, Diverse Populations

DPH residents will be matched to an LMC-affiliated community health center in one of the following locations: Brooklyn, Baltimore, Providence, Tucson, Oakland, Yakima, and Honolulu. These sites offer opportunities to work in geographically and ethnically diverse communities. In matching a resident to a location, the Program Director will consider how the interests and professional capabilities of the applicant best address the needs of the training site.

Be part of the service learning mission:
Practice DPH under the supervision of an academic mentor while serving your health center and its underserved community.

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The Curriculum

The DPH curriculum provides the resident with a wide range of hands-on and didactic experiences that address all DPH competency areas. Each resident is assigned a Resident Advisor (academic mentor) who is highly experienced in DPH and guides the resident through the curriculum. On entry to the program, the resident and Resident Advisor jointly assess the resident’s DPH competencies to determine strengths and weaknesses. This assessment informs the development of a Resident Curriculum Plan that specifies learning experiences that are individualized to the educational needs and career interests of the resident.

The emphasis of the residency is on doing projects rather than taking classes. Residents conceptualize and implement one major project and one or more minor projects that address DPH competencies. The major project must be data-based to demonstrate the resident’s ability to collect, manage and analyze data. The minor project(s) may be on a wide variety of topics that are of interest to the resident and of benefit to the host health center. Formal coursework includes online modules, courses via video teleconference and supervised field experiences at public health programs outside the health center. The Resident Advisor and other faculty assist the resident to prepare a manuscript suitable for publication in a peer-reviewed journal and to prepare for the specialty board examination.

Benefits Overview and Application Information

LMC Dental’s DPH Program offers an attractive and competitive stipend as well as comprehensive fringe benefits.

Program Details, Health & Wellness, Fringe Benefits

LMC Dental recognizes the importance of supporting our residents during their learning and enrichment experience.

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* Fringe benefits per year include medical, dental, and malpractice insurance, prescription plan and twenty paid vacation days, nine holidays, twelve paid sick days, four continuing education days and coverage of ancillary expenses.

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