The Department of Periodontics educates predoctoral students as well as professional students who may elect to pursue graduate study along with their professional training. The department also provides interdisciplinary care for patients with complex treatment needs; generates new knowledge through its research programs; and provides professional service and leadership at all levels, local to worldwide.

**DDS Student Training**

The periodontal program instructs Doctor of Dental Surgery students in the diagnosis and management of periodontal and peri-implant diseases and conditions. It combines didactic, laboratory, and clinical experiences and applies the biological concepts of periodontology to the comprehensive clinical management of patients.