Dental Public Health, M.S.

Learning Outcomes

Students will demonstrate:

• in-depth knowledge of the core concepts of public health, including those within the disciplines of epidemiology, biostatistics, behavioral science, environmental health, and health care policy and management;

• in-depth knowledge of, and the ability to apply, the ten competencies that define dental public health—manage oral health programs for population health; evaluate systems of care that impact oral health; demonstrate ethical decision making in the practice of dental public health; design surveillance systems to measure oral health status and its determinants; communicate on oral and public health issues; lead collaborations on oral and public health issues; advocate for public health policy, legislation, and regulations to protect and promote the public’s oral health and overall health; critically appraise evidence to address oral and public health issues for individuals and populations; conduct research to address oral and public health problems; and integrate the social determinants of health into dental public health practice; and

• critical thinking skills to develop and complete an evidenced-based research project as part of their master’s thesis.