

Director, Dental Hygiene Program

Department of Periodontics and Dental Hygiene
The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston



Home to schools of dentistry, medicine, public health, nursing, biomedical sciences and biomedical informatics, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) is the most comprehensive academic health center in the University of Texas System. UTHealth educates more health care professionals than any other institution in Texas.

The health science center was founded in 1972 by the UT System Board of Regents, and today UTHealth has more than 10,000 faculty, staff, students and residents — all dedicated to delivering innovative solutions that advance human health and community well-being.

Mission

As a comprehensive health science university, UTHealth's mission is to educate health science professionals, discover and translate advances in the biomedical and social sciences, and model best practices in clinical care and public health.

We work every day to advance the quality of human life by enhancing the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease and injury, while promoting individual health and community well-being.

Accomplishments

- Home to Texas' first school of dentistry, established in 1905
- First in number of health care graduates in Texas
- Home to sixth-largest medical school in the U.S.
- School of Nursing ranked in top 5% in U.S.
- School of Biomedical Informatics first of its kind
- School of Public Health is home to six campuses – more than any other in the nation.

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School of Dentistry

The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston (UTSD) is the oldest of UTHealth's six schools and is located in the world-renowned Texas Medical Center. This unique environment offers significant resources, an outstanding patient pool and exceptional opportunities for education, patient care and research.

In May 2012, the School of Dentistry moved to a new, state-of-the-art building at 7500 Cambridge St. in UT Research Park. The six-story, 314,000-square-foot building is attached to The Denton A. Cooley, MD and Ralph C. Cooley, DDS University Life Center, as well as the UT Behavioral and Biomedical Sciences Building — home to UTSD's biomedical science researchers.

Since its founding in 1905, UTSD has graduated nearly 11,000 dentists, dental hygienists and postgraduate specialists. The school became part of UT System in 1943 and today offers 10 accredited programs: DDS, dental hygiene, two primary-care general-residency programs and six specialty programs, including endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics and prosthodontics. The school's oral and maxillofacial surgery program offers two tracks: a certificate-only program, and one leading to both a certificate and an MD degree from UTHealth Medical School.

Each year, UTSD enrolls 100 new predoctoral dental students, 40 new dental hygiene students, and approximately 46 advanced education students. UTSD students gain clinical skills in on-site clinics, at affiliated hospitals and through community outreach projects. The school has affiliations with nine hospitals, 48 Houston Independent School District sites and more than 30 clinics, community agencies and long-term healthcare centers. As the only dental school in southeast Texas, UTSD is a primary source of quality oral health care for low-income families, the traditionally under-served, and for patients with special needs and/or medical comorbidities.

This is an exciting time to be part of UTSD! Several new initiatives related to curriculum change and innovation have been implemented recently, including:

- A vertically integrated, group-practice model of patient care
- Incorporating evidence-based dentistry into the group practices
- A novel simulation clinic that uses bioinformatics, virtual patients and electronic health records
- A systems-based approach to teaching biomedical sciences throughout the curriculum
- Nationally recognized student research activities
- Student participation in interprofessional education opportunities offered throughout UTHealth.

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The University of Texas School of Dentistry, a part of UT Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) is accepting nominations and applications for the full-time, tenure-track position of Director of the Dental Hygiene Program within the Department of Periodontics and Dental Hygiene.

The position will be available June 1, 2016. The School of Dentistry's Dental Hygiene Program seeks exceptional candidates whose experience, teaching, research and service have prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and excellence. As director of the oldest academic dental hygiene program in Texas, the successful candidate will serve as an integral member of the School of Dentistry's administrative team, providing innovative leadership and advocacy while contributing to distance education and interdisciplinary learning in the integrated dental/dental hygiene curricula.

Applicants must hold a master's degree in dental hygiene, education or related field. A doctoral-level degree is preferred. Applicants must have a demonstrated record of teaching, academic leadership, successful research or active involvement in dental hygiene, with credentials meriting appointment to the rank of associate or full professor, tenure track. Applicants will have an opportunity for intramural practice. Prior clinical teaching and/or private practice experience and eligibility for licensure or faculty licensure in Texas are required.

Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. UTHealth is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer dedicated to building a culturally diverse and inclusive faculty and staff in a non-smoking environment. UTHealth does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability unrelated to program performance, age, or any other basis prohibited by law. Women, minorities, the disabled and veterans are encouraged to apply. This is a security-sensitive position and thereby subject to Texas Education Code # 51.215. A background check will be required for the final candidate.

Instructions to Applicants

Application and supporting documents (CV, statement of teaching and research interests, and names and addresses of three references) must be submitted online at:

<http://go.uth.edu/DirectorDH>

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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