

DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE

COMING IN 2023
*College of
Dental Medicine
Joplin, Missouri*

- + STUDENT DENTISTS WILL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CARE USING A TEAM BASED, GENERAL DENTISTRY MODEL IN THE CDM'S ORAL HEALTH CENTER.
- + STUDENT DENTISTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY BASED OUTREACH PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE 4 YEAR CURRICULUM.
- + THE CURRICULUM WILL INCLUDE INTER-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH MEDICAL STUDENTS AND DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS.
- + WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS SUCH AS FEDERAL QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS (FQHCs), COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS (CHCs) AND OUTPATIENT FACILITIES, 4TH YEAR STUDENT DENTISTS WILL GAIN VALUABLE CLINICAL EXPERIENCES PROVIDING DENTAL CARE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

ABOUT KCU

Kansas City University, founded in 1916, is a fully accredited, private, not-for-profit health sciences university, with a College of Biosciences and a College of Osteopathic Medicine. The College of Osteopathic Medicine is the eighth largest medical school in the nation, the tenth most affordable of private medical colleges, and the leading producer of physicians for the State of Missouri. The College of Osteopathic Medicine has two campuses strategically located in Kansas City and Joplin, Missouri to address the growing needs of rural and urban populations. The University offers multiple graduate degrees in addition to doctor of osteopathic medicine, including a doctoral program in clinical psychology (PsyD), a master of arts in bioethics (MA) and a master of science in biomedical sciences (MS). The new College of Dental Medicine in Joplin, Missouri is scheduled to enroll its first class in August of 2023.



COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

The Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine will welcome its first class of 80 students in 2023 – educating future dentists to serve communities-in-need through a team-based, comprehensive care general practice model.

Student dentists in the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) program will address the oral health needs of the Joplin regional community directly by providing clinical dental care in the College's planned Oral Health Center. Dental students will have interprofessional education and practice experiences with medical and doctor of psychology students. During their fourth year, student dentists will work under the supervision of faculty preceptors to provide comprehensive oral health care in clinical partner sites to patients throughout the four-corner region. The College of Dental Medicine expects to provide an additional 40,000 to 50,000 patient visits annually when all four classes are enrolled.

Northwest Arkansas, Southwest Missouri, Southeast Kansas and Northeast Oklahoma have fewer dentists per capita than most areas in the United States. This multi-state region has an immediate and critical need for more dentists, specifically in rural and underserved communities, as nearly all counties within a 125-mile radius of Joplin qualify as Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (DHPSAs) by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

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