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Websites:
1) General Information: DPH Residencies
http://www.aaphd.org
click on “American Board of Dental Public Health” and on “Education” and Residency Programs

2) San Antonio Program DPH Residency Description
http://www.uthscsa.edu/CommunityDentistry/residency.asp

Application deadline is February 28 for the program beginning on October 1 of each year.

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DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH RESIDENCY
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Dental public health is the science and art of preventing and controlling dental diseases and promoting oral health through organized community efforts. These community efforts include assessments of oral health status and need for care, the use of scientific knowledge to influence oral health policy, and assurance that adequate services to achieve community health goals are available and provided.

The UTHSCSA Dental School, highly regarded nationally for its educational, research and community service programs, has approximately 400 dental students and 80 graduate students and residents. The University (Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Biomedical Sciences, Nursing, and Allied Health) is located on the 700 acre South Texas Medical Center. The School of Public Health is located within one mile of the main campus. San Antonio, a culturally diverse city of 1.2 million people, is famous for its five Spanish colonial missions including the Alamo, for its Riverwalk, recreational, cultural and sporting events, plus ten other college and university campuses.

The Dental Public Health Residency Program is an accredited one year full-time or two year part-time Residency in Dental Public Health (DPH). The certificate program adheres to the guidelines of the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH), and is designed to allow dentists with the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree or its equivalent to complete the educational requirements for Board Certification as a specialist in Dental Public Health. For select U.S. applicants who are highly qualified academically, it is possible to combine the MPH degree at The University of Texas School of Public Health, San Antonio Program, and this residency over a minimum of two years. Separate admissions processes apply. Financial support may be available for the second [residency] year only for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

This program prepares dentists for careers in dental public health services, administration, research and development with federal, state and local governments. Within the U.S. Public Health Service, opportunities exist with the Indian Health Service, Bureau of Prisons, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Resources and Services Administration-Bureau of Health Professions, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Other opportunities are available with the armed forces, international health agencies, health care organization, management and financing agencies, and in dental schools.

The Department of Comprehensive Dentistry has courses in epidemiology, oral disease prevention and health promotion, behavioral sciences, nutrition, cariology, sialochemistry, dental ethics, health services research and development. The Department cooperates in several school and community health center educational, preventive and clinical programs in San Antonio and South Texas.

Opportunities for research, teaching, clinical activity, and administration exist within the residency. Half of the resident’s efforts are spent on two research projects and the balance in seminars, teaching and service projects. Seminars are organized around the competency objectives of the ABDPH.

Research projects focus on issues related to the oral health of people living in South Texas. Previous projects included needs assessments for underserved groups, enhancement of the Texas dental care program for children of low income families, dental workforce requirements and projections, and oral disease prevention and risk factors. Research projects and other experiences require that the residents spend time in various parts of South Texas. Site visits and experience at public health agencies are arranged. Other experiences may include the Texas Department of State Health Services, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, The University of Texas School of Public Health - San Antonio Regional Campus, and Center for South Texas Programs, Laredo Campus Extension.

Dental Hygienists with the MPH or equivalent degree, and public health career experience may be eligible for a separate program. While not meeting the educational requirements for certification by the ABDPH, the program will provide additional education and research training for the career development of dental hygienists in the public sector and in education. Details are available on request.

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