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## CDM Fact Sheet

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# DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Kansas City University / COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE



- Provide comprehensive dental care using a team-based, general dentistry model in the College of Dental Medicine's Oral Health Center.
- Participate in community-based outreach programs throughout the 4-year curriculum.
- The curriculum will include interprofessional education and practice opportunities with osteopathic medical students and doctor of psychology students.
- Gain valuable clinical experiences providing dental care in rural communities in partnership with federal facilities as a fourth-year student dentist. (federal qualified health centers (FQHCs), community health centers (CHCs) and outpatient facilities)

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.

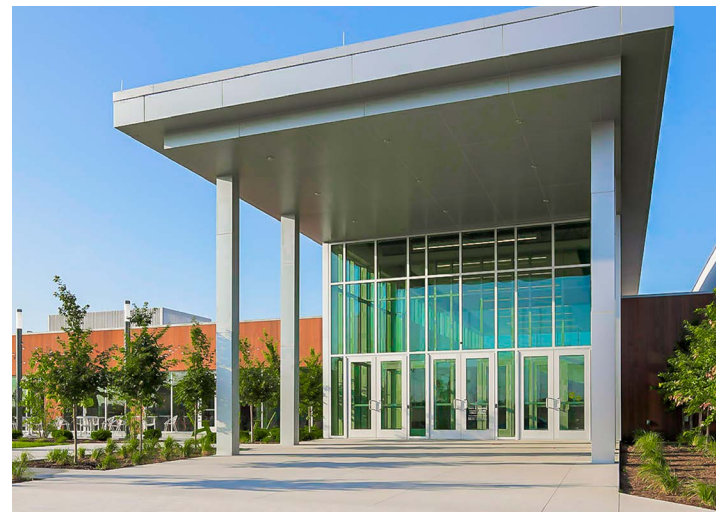
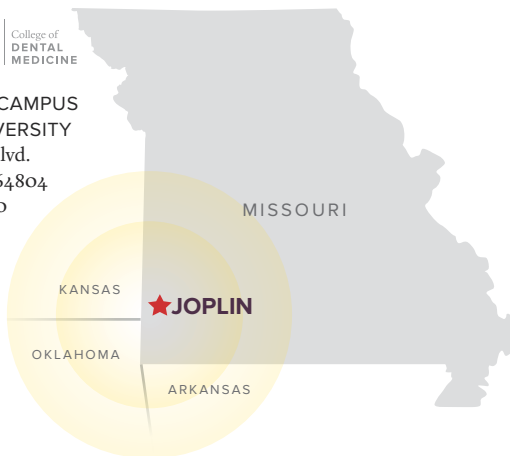
Student dentists in the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) program will address the oral health needs of the Joplin regional community directly by providing clinical dental care in the College's planned Oral Health Center. Dental students will have interprofessional education and practice experiences with 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).

Visit [kansascity.edu/admissions](https://kansascity.edu/admissions) for more information about how to prepare for admission to KCU's Doctor of Dental Medicine program.



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*The program in dental education is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of "initial accreditation". The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653, or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's web address is: <https://coda.ada.org/en>.*



## NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH FACTS

The national demand for dentists will outpace growth in the supply of dentists in 2025.

More than 46 million people in the US live in Dental Health Professions Shortage Areas (DHPSA) and lack basic access to dental care.

7,000 dentists are needed to eliminate these shortages and another 8,600 to have adequate care in 2025.

*\* Tripp Umbach Market Assessment for the Development of a Dental School on the KCU-Joplin Campus, April 2018.*

## ABOUT KCU

Kansas City University was founded in 1916 as one of the nation's five original osteopathic medical schools. Today, KCU is a fully accredited, private, not-for-profit health sciences university strategically located on two campus locations – Kansas City and Joplin, Missouri – to address the growing health needs of both urban and rural populations.

KCU's Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Biosciences and Dental Medicine offer graduate degree programs in osteopathic medicine, clinical psychology, biomedical sciences, dental medicine as well as multiple dual-degree opportunities.

To learn more about KCU, our colleges and academic programs, visit [kansascity.edu](http://kansascity.edu).



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