

RIDE

REGIONAL INITIATIVES IN
DENTAL EDUCATION
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

RIDE is an extension of the University of Washington School of Dentistry (UWSOD) in partnership with Eastern Washington University (EWU)



- RIDE is a mission-based program that aims to increase the number of graduates who practice in rural/underserved areas. 81% of RIDE alumni choose to practice in these areas after graduation.
- RIDE Students benefit from interprofessional experiences and small-group learning while they are attending classes at EWU in Spokane, WA.
- The increased time on clinical rotation allows RIDE students to become more immersed in the community and familiar with the patient population they are treating.

Timeline for RIDE Student Dental Education

Orientation and Summer	In the summer before first year, RIDE students come to Seattle for a weeklong Orientation followed by five-weeks of Intro to Clinical Dentistry and Biomedical Foundations courses. These courses are a great opportunity to explore the Seattle campus, connect with the Seattle cohort, meet upper-level RIDE students, and learn the basics of dentistry.
1st Year, RUOP, and 2nd Year	After summer quarter, RIDE students spend their first and second year of dental school at the EWU Spokane campus where UWSOD delivers high quality dental education through both in person instruction and distance learning modalities. The summer after their first year, RIDE students go on a four-week clinical rotation (RUOP) at an affiliated community health center in central or eastern Washington.
3rd Year	Students spend their third year of dental school at the UWSOD in Seattle and benefit from our robust clerkship and comprehensive care clinical training models.
4th Year + Extended Rotation	After completing their summer and fall quarters at the UWSOD in Seattle, RIDE students experience an intensive, five-month clinical rotation at an affiliated community health center in central or eastern Washington.

Applicants interested in the RIDE program should apply to the UWSOD in the usual manner.

- Applicants choose either the Seattle track or the RIDE Program track and the UWSOD will take the student's choice into consideration for placement.
- Admission to the RIDE program is determined after students are accepted to the UWSOD.

For more information about RIDE and the UWSOD admissions process, visit our website:

<https://dental.washington.edu/ride/>.

