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SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY  
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

# RIDE

Regional  
Initiatives in  
Dental  
Education



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Is RIDE for you?**

Prospective dental students interested in the RIDE program should ask themselves:

- Do I like working in teams?
- Do I work best in small groups with more direct faculty interaction?
- Would I enjoy attending classes with medical, dental hygiene, and other health professional students?
- Would I enjoy receiving my first year of dental education in Spokane?
- Would I enjoy spending more of my clinical education exposure at dental clinics external to the UWSOD?
- Am I interested in the professional and lifestyle opportunities of smaller and rural communities?
- Am I comfortable with distance learning modalities such as videoconferencing, lecture capture, social media, and Canvas learning managements system?

### **What is different about being a RIDE student?**

- The RIDE program places more emphasis on inter professional small-group learning and community experiences than the traditional UWSOD curriculum.
- RIDE students take part in more external clinic-based rotations.
- Following their first year in Spokane, RIDE students move to Seattle.

### **Is the RIDE program more challenging?**

- Because courses are equivalent, they are not more or less difficult.
- Dental school at both sites is a challenging, exciting, and rewarding experience.

### **Where will I do my community rotations?**

- Rotations take place mainly in Eastern and Central Washington at community health center dental clinics affiliated with the UWSOD.
- Community health center dentists, generally affiliate faculty of the UWSOD, directly oversee students during rotations.

### **Who should I contact if I have more questions?**

- Please feel free to call the RIDE office with any questions.
- Phone: 206-543-0903
- Website: [www.dental.washington.edu/ride](http://www.dental.washington.edu/ride)

## Application Timeline for UWSOD & RIDE Admission

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<b>June</b>	Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS) begins receiving and processing applications. See AADSAS website at <a href="http://www.adea.org">www.adea.org</a> .
<b>July</b>	School of Dentistry begins receiving processed applications from AADSAS for the entering class.
<b>July to November</b>	The UWSOD sends secondary applications to selected candidates. These secondary applications include a section to indicate whether the applicant wants to be considered for RIDE placement.
<b>October to March</b>	From completed secondary applications, candidates are screened and selected for interviews. The interview day includes meeting with our Deans, representatives of Research, Outreach, and RIDE programs, current dental students, a tour, and informal lunch.
<b>October 31</b>	Final date to take the DAT. You will not be considered until the next admissions cycle if this deadline is not met.
<b>November 1</b>	Deadline for applications to AADSAS. Applications received by AADSAS after this date will not be considered.
<b>December 15</b>	All secondary application materials must be submitted, including autumn transcripts. It is strongly recommended that secondary applications, including RIDE specific information, be returned earlier than this deadline.
<b>December to March</b>	Admissions Committee reviews completed applications, conducts interviews, makes decisions, and notifies applicants of status.

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## **RIDE Program General Information**

- RIDE is an expansion of the University of Washington School of Dentistry (UWSOD) in conjunction with the University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM), Eastern Washington University (EWU), and Washington State University (WSU).
- The main goal of RIDE is to increase the number of graduates who will choose to practice within rural and underserved communities in Washington.
- RIDE students spend their first year of dental school at the EWU Riverpoint Campus in Spokane, WA.
- First year RIDE courses are taught by faculty from EWU, WSU, UWSOM, and the UWSOD both in person and via various distance learning modalities.
- RIDE students spend their second and third years of dental school at the UWSOD in Seattle, and have the opportunity for a short rotation in the summer between second and third year.
- Fourth year RIDE students participate in extended rotations and complete didactic UWSOD courses via distance learning.
- RIDE clinical dental rotations take place at affiliated community health care clinics in Washington.

Rotation #1	A four-week rotation in the summer following the first year of dental school
Rotation #2	A two-week rotation in late summer immediately before the third year of dental school
Rotation #3	A 4-6 month-long rotation during winter/spring quarters of the fourth year of dental school

## **RIDE Admission Information**

- Applicants interested in the RIDE program should apply to the UWSOD in the usual manner. *For more information on the UWSOD admissions process:* [www.dental.washington.edu/prospective-students/admissions](http://www.dental.washington.edu/prospective-students/admissions).
- Admission to the RIDE program is determined after students are accepted to the UWSOD.