

# 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

<b>Orientation and Summer</b>	In the summer before first year, RIDE students come to Seattle for a weeklong <b>Orientation</b> followed by five-weeks of <b>Intro to Clinical Dentistry</b> and <b>Biomedical Foundations</b> 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.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year, RUOP, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	After summer quarter, RIDE students spend their first and second year of dental school at the <b>EWU Spokane campus</b> 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 <b>four-week clinical rotation (RUOP)</b> at an affiliated community health center in central or eastern Washington.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	Students spend their third year of dental school at the <b>UWSOD in Seattle</b> and benefit from our robust clerkship and comprehensive care clinical training models.
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year + Extended Rotation</b>	After completing their summer and fall quarters at the UWSOD in Seattle, RIDE students experience an <b>intensive, five month clinical rotation</b> 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/>.

