

Regional Initiatives in Dental Education (RIDE)

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



The Health Sciences Building on the EWU campus in Spokane, WA.

- RIDE is a mission-based program that aims to increase the number of graduates who practice within rural/underserved areas of Washington state.
- The RIDE program places an emphasis on interprofessional, small-group learning and community experiences.
- RIDE Students spend their first year of dental school at EWU in Spokane, WA. The opportunity for students to stay at the EWU during their 2nd year is pending funding.

Timeline for RIDE Student Dental Education

ECI + 1st Year	In the summer before first year, RIDE students come to Seattle for a week long Orientation followed by a four-week Early Clinical Emersion (ECI) course. ECI is a great opportunity to explore the Seattle campus, connect with the Seattle cohort, meet upper-level RIDE students, and learn the basics of clinical dentistry. After ECI, RIDE students spend their first 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
RUOP	The summer after their first year, RIDE students go on a four-week clinical rotation at an affiliated community health center in central or eastern Washington.
2nd and 3rd Year	Students spend their 2nd and 3rd years 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 fall quarter 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/>.