BRING ANOTHER TO PRACTICE

Summer Student Practitioner Program
The Summer Student Practitioner Program pairs a dental practitioner with an incoming fourth-year dental student for two to six weeks during the summer.

This gives the student an opportunity to be part of the day-to-day operation and management of a dental practice.
Consider a summer student

Become part of a win-win combination that encourages more new graduates to practice throughout the province.

Relieve your backlog
Students between third and fourth year in the UBC dental curriculum are able to work in a local dentist’s office under the supervision of the dentist—the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia provides the registration category—and are allowed to treat patients in all the areas of their clinical competency.

A student dentist in your practice during summer can perform a wide range of services for your patients.

The Summer Student Practitioner Program is supported by both the College and the British Columbia Dental Association.

Test run an associate
Many dentists around British Columbia remark how difficult it is to keep up with patient flow, often citing a shortage of dentists willing to live in rural regions. The program is an ideal introduction of a student—a possible future colleague—to your community.

Be part of the learning
Students bring their current learning from UBC to your practice.

- Keeps you knowledgeable
- Keeps you sharp
- Keeps you current

Participating dentists enjoy working with future colleagues and providing them additional insight into the actual operation of a private dental office.

For more information and to facilitate student matches, go online at www.dentistry.ubc.ca/sspp

Over the years, I’ve had several excellent students—all of whom would have been ideal associates had the needs of the practice warranted.

When an associate position did become available the opportunity to work with Matt Francisco during his placement showed me he was exactly the right candidate. I have never looked back.

I highly recommend the program to any dentist to “test drive” an associate and also to share the “win-win” benefits of working with students.

Dr. David Ciriani, Kamloops, BC
The SSPP provides students with not only additional clinical experience but also the opportunity to gain valuable insight into the practice of dentistry beyond the UBC campus.
Ready to practice

Students discover the allure of practice in many areas of the province from insight gained through the program.

Providing dental students an experience off-campus in a real practice directly supports the effort to attract new graduates to all areas of British Columbia.

By the time you retire, your practice could be an ideal purchase for such a new graduate and an ideal way to continue the provision of dental care to the people of your community.

It can be difficult for students at UBC to recognize the opportunities that exist throughout the province for establishing their oral health care career.

By bringing a student into your practice, you are giving him or her insight not only to clinical practice but to an entire lifestyle beyond university.

Students appreciate gaining additional clinical experience and building their confidence with respect to patient care.

They also report a better comprehension of private practice opportunities throughout the province and many have chosen associateships in less common locations because of the insight gained through SSPP.

Without a doubt the success of the program lies in the valuable onsite mentorship and support of the actual working dentist. It is this bond which helps carry the student into the real working world of clinical practice and establish a successful foundation for their final year at UBC.

In 2018 an average of just over 83 percent of students participated in an SSPP placement.

Read about three recent graduates who, having done an SSPP placement in their third year, are now associates at their SSPP location at www.dentistry.ubc.ca/sspp-transition

Then UBC student Marwan Hameed never pictured himself a small-town dentist until he came across a big-city practice in the heart of BC.

During his three-week placement, Hameed had an opportunity to work on fillings and scaling along with more complex procedures crowns and surgeries.

“I’ve decided after graduating in June that I want to work in a rural area.” The experience made a convincing case for re-location.
Bringing a student into your practice this summer is a simple process, a few clicks or a phone call is all it takes to get started.

Go online at www.dentistry.ubc.ca/sspp/form to answer some questions about your practice and location, or call Student Services at 604-822-7977.
Make it happen

• The College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia provides licensure for the student during the placement.
• **Student must successfully complete their third year of DMD studies to be eligible** and are under the supervision of the participating dentist.
• Student must possess valid malpractice insurance through the CDSPI.
• Length of time is negotiated between the student and the dentist anytime between July and the first two weeks of August for two to six weeks.
• The dental student may only perform procedures already learned through their studies at UBC.
• Only one dental student may be employed by a dentist at one time, however, a group of two or more dentists may share supervision of the student on a rotating basis.
• Student must be provided their own chair.
• The supervising dentist examines all patients the student sees, and delegates the duties to be performed by the student.
• The student performs dental service at the discretion of both the student and the supervising dentist in accordance with the “UBC Year 3 DMD Students’ Benchmarks for Patient Care” document.
• The supervising dentist is responsible to ensure the academic policies at UBC and the student’s relationship to it is supported during the term of employment.
• Dentists are requested to provide feedback of the student and program in a format provided by the University.

**Typical procedures** for the program include:

- Recall examinations
- Scaling, OH instruction/prophylaxis
- Certain endodontic procedures
- Conservative operative procedures
- Removable partial dentures
- Complete upper and lower dentures
- Additional simple restorative procedures

*In accordance with the “UBC Year 3 DMD Students’ Benchmarks for Patient Care” document

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To explore the opportunity to bring an incoming fourth-year dental student to your practice this summer, contact:

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In order to facilitate student matches, we are asking dentists to tell us a little about their practices and location.  
Go online to start the process: [www.dentistry.ubc.ca/sspp/form](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/sspp/form)