Building on its tradition of excellence, the School of Dental Medicine has emerged as a leader in innovative dental education and as a major contributor to new knowledge.

Seen as a national leader in dental education, the School of Dental Medicine educates students to become thriving members of their professional communities. Students take an active role in their education by focusing on independent study, problem-based collaborative learning and community outreach, as well as traditional biological, clinical and behavioral sciences.
Points of Pride

> At the School of Dental Medicine at Case Western Reserve University, cutting-edge research is focusing on: the links between oral disease and preterm birth; oral cancer; AIDS/HIV research; innate immunity; and efforts to reduce oral health disparities. The dental school is also in the final stages of an extensive direct observation study to create a best practices manual for dental practitioners.

> Through the REAL (Relevant, Experiential, Active, Learning) curriculum, students focus on technical and clinical excellence, while fostering a culture of inquiry and life-long learning. Students acquire advanced knowledge, skills and a clinical experience broader and deeper than is common for their peers. This type of education makes them well-prepared for their future career.

> Clinical education is a core element of the School of Dental Medicine academic atmosphere. The school’s 10 DentSim Virtual Reality Training units allow students to treat simulated patients, easing the transition to the clinic. As the students enter their third and fourth year they are mentored by preceptors who are local practicing dentists who teach two-and-a-half days a week in the clinic. Patient care coordinators also assist dental students to manage patients and master practice management skills. These clinical experiences simulate private practice and also ease the transition from dental school.