Mission Statement

To improve the health of Northern New England and shape the future of dentistry through excellence in education, discovery, and service.
Public Health Curriculum

- Principles of Epidemiology
- Principles of Public Health
- Public Health Policy and Management
- Social and Behavioral Health
- Applied Dental Public Health
- Financing Dental Healthcare

Combining theory and application to prepare students to serve underserved communities in northern New England through extensive outreach opportunities.
Community-Based Education

Service Learning Outreach Experiences
- OHI
- Screenings
- Fluoride placement
- Sealant programs
- Athletic mouth guards
- Portable, temporary sites
- Supervised by full-licensed faculty
- Preventative

Externship Sites
- Patient care
- Fixed locations

International Enhancement Opportunities
Public Health Initiatives
Community-Based Education

Two, 12 week rotations during the 4th Year

Sites in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts

FQHCs, look-alikes, CHCs, private practices, hospitals, and outpatient clinics

Launched in June 2016
Benefits of the Community-Based Model

- Experience Diverse Patient Populations
- “Real World” Experiences
- Opportunity to interact with staff and learn different delivery models/Practice Management
- Improved Clinical Competence/Confidence/Communications Skills
- Increased Awareness of Social Responsibility/Leadership
- Helps to establish relationships between dentists, future graduates, and community
- Helps to increase access to needed oral health care across region (direct care and future practice locations) – “Value Added”
UNE in New Hampshire

- 10 externship sites (4 FQHCs, 2 non-profits, 4 private practices)

Rotation block 1 (7 sites participating, 7 students):
- 1,356 patient encounters over 12 weeks
- 2,284 procedures

Rotation block 2 (9 sites participating, 10 students):
- 1,160 patient encounters at the beginning of week 8

Very positive feedback from students, preceptors, and most importantly, patients!
Thank you!