



### University of Minnesota 4<sup>th</sup> Year Dental Students

Family HealthCare hosts three dental students in their 4<sup>th</sup> year of dental school for 4-5 weeks on a year-round basis. The staff, the students and the patients all benefit from the care rendered during these weeks of intense education with a very small faculty to student ratio. The students have helped with access to care enormously, seeing nearly 1000 medical assistant patient encounters from April through December 2024 and providing \$391,943 worth of dental care. The program goals are introducing dental students to a community health center, recruiting dentists to North Dakota and helping with access to dental care in the underserved. Family HealthCare partners with the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences for data collection and reporting purposes.

The students are housed in a local extended stay hotel during this time. A Memo of Understanding with the University of Minnesota also requires the students to get reimbursed for travel and Family HealthCare pays a fee to the University for each day the students are at their clinic.

Hotels: one room per student

Miles: one round trip of 467 miles per student

Fee to school: The University charges outreach sites \$179 per day per student in the clinic

#### Actual costs

Hotels: \$2100 x 3 students = \$6300

Miles: \$350 x 3 students = \$1050

Fee to school: \$179 x 25 days x 3 students = \$13425

Additional dental assistants: 2 DA x \$20/hr x 40 hours x 5 weeks = \$8000

**Total cost of one University of Minnesota rotation: \$28,775**

Family Healthcare hosts 10 rotations each year.

In the past, we have been fortunate enough to rely on the North Dakota Oral Health Program's HRSA grant to help with the expenses of the program. A stable partnership for the future of this program would be amazing!

Our current students had this to say about their time at Family HealthCare:

"My time at Family HealthCare has been the best rotation experience yet. We get to see a full schedule of patients so there's lots of opportunities to increase our speed, learn four-handed dentistry, and learn from some of the best faculty. The clinic runs super efficiently so I really have felt that my weeks here has been hugely impactful on my dental education. It's an experience I won't forget!"



"Rotating through Family HealthCare has been the best part of my dental education thus far. We are able to get a glimpse of what working in the real world is like while being able to give back to an underserved community. It is evident how much the team here wants to not only help our patients but help us grow as dentists. I feel that I have learned so much in just a short time and will certainly be sad to leave, but I know that the connections I have made here will be with me for the rest of my professional career!"

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Nord", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Jackie Nord  
Family HealthCare