

Division of Oral Health Externship Site Profiles

A Guide to Participating Facilities, Cultures and Communities

An externship is a vital part of your preparation for a dental career. The Indian Health Service (IHS) offers you an opportunity to enhance your skills and deepen your knowledge by providing dental services to a medically underserved, deserving patient population.



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INTRODUCTION

In the pages that follow, you'll learn about IHS dental externship sites, their attributes and attractions and the types of dentistry you'll be able to practice there. You'll get practical advice such as the distance to the nearest airport, where to stay and where to find recreational activities, as well as specifics on what you can learn and whom to contact. These listings are designed to help you identify the IHS Area(s) that would be the best match for you based on the externship experience you seek so that you can accurately market yourself to your preferred IHS Area(s) when completing your application. Each facility offers comprehensive dental practice experience and most are located within some of the most beautiful and recreational locations in the continental United States and Alaska. The toughest part may well be narrowing down the places that interest you.

Keep in mind this publication is an overview and doesn't describe every IHS site. For an all-inclusive list of sites, please visit the [IHS Dentistry](#) website or contact a [Dental Extern representative](#) for more information.



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ALASKA

This Area provides comprehensive health services to Alaska Native people, Eskimos, Aleuts, Indians and non-Natives living in remote locales. Health professionals working in Alaska experience firsthand the various cultures and traditions of Native Alaskans. Members of several Tribes have historically lived in well-defined regions with little mixing of ethnic groups. As a result, each group retains many of its original customs and beliefs. Alaska offers a full range of outdoor activities.

SAMUEL SIMMONDS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Site Description

IHS Area: Alaska

Address: 7000 Uula Street
Barrow, AK 99723

Site Preceptor Information:

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Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 2 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health
- » Baylor University
- » Boston University
- » Roseman University
- » Temple University
- » Columbia University
- » Creighton University
- » State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Dental Medicine
- » University of California, San Francisco
- » University of Florida
- » University of Illinois at Chicago
- » University of Kentucky
- » University of Oklahoma
- » University of the Pacific
- » University of Pennsylvania
- » University of Pittsburgh
- » University of Texas at San Antonio
- » University of Washington
- » West Virginia University

Facility Oversight: Tribal

Type of Facility: Hospital

Field Clinics Operated by Site: Five village clinics.

Off-Site Opportunities: Village dental trip.

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? Yes, based on scheduling.

Number of: Operatories: 10 Dentists: 4
 Hygienists: 2 Dental Auxiliaries: 8

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4 at the facility, 6 in the villages.

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Operative
- » Oral surgery.
- » Non-surgical periodontics.
- » Preventive
- » Externs will not do any endodontics, crown and bridge or removable prosthetics.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility: Specialty clinics are held annually with the prosthodontist for removable prosthetics, as well as with the periodontist and oral surgeon.

Local Area Information

City/Town: Barrow

Population: 4,346

Local Airport and Distance from Facility:

Wiley Post-Will Rogers Memorial Airport — 1 mile

Transportation Available from Airport:

Externs are picked up by providers.

Free Housing: Yes

Is Internet/Cable Access Available at Free Housing? Yes



Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
Sam and Lee's	Local shops	Arctic Grocery
Osaka		AC Value Center
Top of the World		
Barrow Kitchen		
Northern Lights		

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Fairbanks, AK	32,312	500 via plane
Anchorage, AK	298,610	700 via plane

Local Attractions:

- » Cultural activities.
- » Inupiat Heritage Center

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Dog sledding.
- » Snowmobiling.
- » Local high school football games (August/September).
- » Four-wheeling.

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Primary
 - Alaska Native Inupiat
- » Secondary
 - Other Native beneficiaries.
 - Local non-Native population due to rural locale.

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable:

- » Fourth of July Games — Three-day festival.
- » Nalukatuq (whaling feast) — End of June.
- » Spring and fall whaling — April/May and September/October.

Local Area Information

City/Town: Bethel

Population: 6,371

Local Airport and Distance from Facility: Bethel Municipal Airport — 5 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Taxi

Free Housing: Yes

Is Internet/Cable Access Available at Free Housing? Yes

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET	OTHER
Asian	Saturday Market	Swanson's	Farmer's Market
Greek		AC	Movie Theater
Italian			

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

Bethel is located at the mouth of the Kuskokwim River, 40 miles inland from the Bering Sea. It lies in the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, 400 air miles west of Anchorage. The surrounding remote villages vary from 12 miles to 150 miles away and are only accessible by bush plane, boat or snowmobile. Bethel serves as the regional center for 56 villages in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. Food, fuel, transportation, medical care and other services for the region are provided by Bethel.

Local Attractions:

- » Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge
- » Yukon Kuskokwim River
- » Yupiit Piciryarait Museum

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Hunting
- » Inter-village travel.
- » Bird watching.
- » Fishing
- » Camping
- » Berry picking.
- » Boating

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Yu'pik Eskimos
- » Cu'pik Eskimos
- » Athabascan Indians

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable: The Yu'pik Eskimo villages maintain a fishing and hunting subsistence lifestyle.



Bemidji

(Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin)

Bemidji administers health care to 34 federally recognized Tribal and Urban/Indian groups. Many Tribal members are geographically isolated from the urban facilities and community health centers and must rely on a team approach of IHS, Tribal and contract providers for their health care needs. The Great Lakes offer some of the best boating, fishing and water sports in the nation, while the unspoiled forests of this Area make for great hiking, camping and hunting.

CASS LAKE HOSPITAL

Site Description

IHS Area: Bemidji

Site Address: 425 7th Street NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Site Preceptor Information:

Mark Ellis
Mark.Ellis@ihs.gov

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: Typically 3 weeks but lengths can vary.

Collaborative Agreements —

College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » University of Iowa Dental School
- » University of Minnesota Dental School

Facility Oversight: Federal

Type of Facility: Hospital with a dedicated dental clinic.

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities: Outreach dental work at Cass Lake Elementary School, Cass Lake Middle School and Cass Lake Head Start.

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? Yes

Number of: Operatories: 9 Dentists: 5
 Hygienists: 0 Dental Auxiliaries: 12

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Restorative
- » Limited and comprehensive exams.
- » Endodontics up to first molars.
- » Crowns but not bridges.
- » Complete and partial dentures.
- » Pediatric care.
- » Oral surgery not including impacted wisdom teeth.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility:

- » Pediatric dentistry.



Local Area Information

City/Town: Cass Lake

Population: 750

Local Airport and Distance from Facility:

» Bemidji Regional Airport — 20 miles » Duluth International Airport — 129 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car or taxi.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates: Visit visitbemidji.com/lodging/index.html for a list of hotel options.

Local Services: Visit visitbemidji.com for a list of local services.

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Bemidji, MN	13,723	16
Grand Rapids, MN	10,916	58

Local Attractions and Recreational Opportunities: Visit visitbemidji.com for a list of local attractions and recreational activities.

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves: All federally recognized Tribes.

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable: Local Pow Wow — Summer.



FOND DU LAC HUMAN SERVICE DENTAL CLINIC

Site Description

IHS Area: Bemidji

Site Address: 927 Trettel Lane
Cloquet, MN 55811

Site Preceptor Information:

Sue Miller
SueMiller@fdlrez.com
(218) 878-2155

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 3 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

» University of Minnesota School of Dentistry

Facility Oversight: Tribal

Type of Facility: Clinic

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities: N/A

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 13 Dentists: 6
 Hygienists: 3 Dental Auxiliaries: 8

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4 – 6

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Amalgams
- » Composites
- » Endodontics
- » Post and cores.
- » Crowns
- » Full and partial dentures.
- » Splints
- » Oral surgery.
- » Pediatric dentistry.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility: N/A

Local Area Information

City/Town: Cloquet

Population: 12,036

Local Airport and Distance from Facility: Duluth International Airport — 25 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates: Canal Park Inn and Suites (Duluth)

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
Mexico Lindo	Downtown Cloquet	Super One
Applebees	Downtown Duluth	Cub
Perkins	Canal Park Shops	

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Duluth, MN	86,211	20
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	3,200,000	126

Local Attractions:

- » Jay Cooke State Park
- » Canal Park Lakewalk
- » Bayfront Park
- » Duluth Aquarium
- » Marine Museum
- » Spirit Mountain Recreation Center
- » Lake Superior Hiking Trail

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Hiking
- » Mountain biking.
- » Kayaking
- » Canoeing
- » Sailing
- » Paddleboarding
- » Fishing

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Primary:
 - MN Chippewa
- » Secondary:
 - Enrollees from other Tribes living in the service area.

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable:

- » FDL Reservation Veterans Pow Wow
- » FDL Cultural Center and Museum

WHITE EARTH HEALTH CENTER

Site Description

IHS Area: Bemidji

Site Address: 40520 County Hwy 34
Ogema, MN 56569

Site Preceptor Information:

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(218) 983-6288

Type of Externship: Hands-on training with some observation.

Length of Externship: 2 – 4 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » Case Western Reserve University, School of Dental Medicine
- » Medical University of South Carolina, College of Dental Medicine
- » Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry
- » Texas A&M University, System Health Science Center
- » State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Dental Medicine
- » University of California, UCLA School of Dentistry
- » University of Kentucky
- » University of Minnesota – Minneapolis, School of Dentistry
- » University of the Pacific

Facility Oversight: Federal

Type of Facility: Health Center

Field Clinics Operated by Site:

- » Nay-Tah-Waush Clinic (open Monday, Tuesday and Friday)
- » Pine Point Clinic (open Thursday)

Off-Site Opportunities: The clinic operates an outreach program that provides sealants, fluoride treatments, education and prophies in area schools, Head Starts and daycares.

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? Yes

Number of: Operatories: 9 Dentists: 4
 Hygienists: 2 Dental Auxiliaries: 6

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4 – 6

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » General dentistry
 - Exams
 - Prophies
- Scaling and root planing.
- Restorative
- Endodontics (premolar and anterior).
- Oral surgery.
- Pediatric dentistry.
- Removable prosthodontic services.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility:

- » Pediatric dentistry — Complete OR cases one day per week and provide pediatric dental services in the main clinic.
- » Public health dentistry — Available at the clinic.

Local Area Information

City/Town: White Earth

Population: 580

Local Airport and Distance from Facility:

- » Hector International Airport (Fargo, ND) — 60 miles
- » Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport — 235 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates:

- » The AmericInn Lodge and Suites (Detroit Lakes)
- » Best Western Premier — The Lodge on Lake Detroit (Detroit Lakes)
- » Best Western Plus — Holland House (Detroit Lakes)



Local Services (Detroit Lakes, MN):

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET	OTHER
El Loro	Walmart	Central Market	Movie Theater
Zorbaz	Local shops	Walmart	
Spaky’s Stone Hearth			
Fireside			

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Mahnomen, MN	1,214	21
Detroit Lakes, MN	8,569	23
Fargo, ND	109,779	60

Local Attractions:

- » Itasca and Maplewood State Parks
- » WE Fest — Early August
- » Multiple shopping opportunities are available in Fargo, ND, including West Acres Mall.
- » Becker County Fair — First weekend in August.
- » Fourth of July celebrations on Detroit Lake.
- » Tamarack National Wildlife Refuge
- » Water Carnival — Mid-July
- » Detroit Lakes and Park Rapids, MN

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Numerous area lakes include:
 - Public beaches.
 - Watercraft rental.
 - Paddleboards
- » Outdoor activities include:
 - Hiking
 - Camping
 - Biking
 - Swimming

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves: MN Chippewa

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable:

- » Shooting Star Mother's Day Pow Wow (Mother's Day weekend)
- » Rice Lake Pow Wow (Memorial Day weekend)
- » White Earth Pow Wow (second weekend in June)
- » Pine Point Pow Wow (Labor Day weekend)
- » Nay-Tah-Waush Harvest Fest (second week in September)





BILLINGS

(Montana and Wyoming)

The Billings Area serves members of the Plains Tribes on reservations and in surrounding communities, providing comprehensive health care services through service units (hospitals and clinics, preventive health and outreach services, alcohol treatment centers, dental and eye care facilities and air and ground emergency transportation). This Area embodies the scenic open space and “Big Sky” country of Montana and Wyoming. It would be hard to find better skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling and other winter sports, and there is just as much to do in warmer weather within this beautiful, natural environment.

**BLACKFEET
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

Site Description

IHS Area: Billings

Site Address: PO Box 760
Browning, MT 59417

Site Preceptor Information:

Dr. Gary Pannabecker
Gary.Pannabecker@ihs.gov
(406) 338-6180

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 3 – 6 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » Columbia University
- » Creighton University
- » Medical University of South Carolina
- » University of North Carolina
- » Virginia Commonwealth University

Facility Oversight: Federal

Type of Facility: Hospital

Field Clinics Operated by Site: Heart Butte Health Center

Off-Site Opportunities: School Sealant Program

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? Yes

Number of: Operatories: 13	Dentists: 4
Hygienists: 1	Dental Auxiliaries: 9

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4 – 6

Dental Procedures Performed — The dental clinic provides exposure to many diagnostic and treatment challenges with opportunity for growth from the ongoing daily support of colleagues and staff.

- » Amalgams
- » Composites
- » Simple extractions.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties that are practiced at this facility:

- » Pediatric dentistry.
- » Endo/oral surgery.

Local Area Information

City/Town: Browning

Population: 1,037

Local Airport and Distance from Facility:

- » Glacier Park International Airport — 100 miles
- » Great Falls International Airport — 120 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: Yes (availability limited)

Internet/Cable Access Available at Free Housing? Cable: Yes, Internet: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates: Call preceptor.

Local Services: Call preceptor.

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Whitefish, MT	6,460	70
Kalispell, MT	20,487	90
Great Falls, MT	58,893	120
Calgary, AB	1,096,833	200

Local Attractions:

Blackfeet Reservation is one of the most pristine areas in the continental United States, with Glacier National Park located on the western border and Canada to the north. This is where the plains meet the Rocky Mountains, and the land remains very much as Lewis and Clark found it in 1804. The remote, natural surroundings are complemented by the vibrant ski town and resort at Whitefish, MT, approximately 70 miles west of Browning and the cosmopolitan Canadian city of Calgary, which is approximately 3.5 hours to the north.

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Hiking
- » Fishing

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves: Blackfeet

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable:

- » Native American Indian Days, Browning, MT (second weekend in July).
- » Heart Butte Indian Days (second weekend in August).



GREAT PLAINS

(Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota)

The Great Plains Area provides health care services to reservations throughout this region via hospitals, health centers, health stations and satellite clinics. The Great Plains' awe-inspiring natural attractions and landmarks include Badlands National Park, the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Indian health professionals here have access to world-class parkland and wilderness famous for fishing, hunting, hiking, rock climbing, horseback riding, ice skating and skiing.

CARL T. CURTIS HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

Site Description

The Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center is a small health care clinic located in northeast Nebraska on the Omaha Indian reservation. The health center serves a population of approximately 5,000 people living on the reservation and neighboring areas.

IHS Area: Great Plains

Site Address: 100 Indian Hills Drive
PO Box 250
Macy, NE 68104



Site Preceptor Information:

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(402) 837-5381

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 1 – 4 weeks

Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry: University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry

Facility Oversight: Tribal

Type of Facility: Health Center

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities: N/A

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 4 Dentists: 1
 Hygienists: 0 Dental Auxiliaries: 2

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4 – 6 (flexible)

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » General dentistry for all members of the community, including pediatric to geriatric populations. Procedures include:
 - Composite, glass ionomer and amalgam restorations.
 - Dental prophylaxis and scaling and root planing.
 - Extractions (including surgical extractions).
 - Emergency treatments as indicated.
 - Root canal therapy (first molar and anterior).
 - Crowns and fixed-partial dentures.
 - Removable prostheses (complete and partial dentures).

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility: N/A

Local Area Information

City/Town: Macy

Population: 1,023

Local Airport/Distance from Facility:

- » Sioux Gateway Airport (Sioux City, IA) — 35 miles
- » Eppley Airfield (Omaha, NE) — 70 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates: None. Check lodgings in Omaha, NE or Sioux City, IA.

Local Services: Contact preceptor.

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Sioux City, IA	82,719	35
Omaha, NE	421,570	70

Local Attractions:

- » Near Sioux City
 - Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center
 - Stone State Park
 - Mid America Museum of Aviation and Transportation
 - Sergeant Floyd River Museum and Welcome Center
 - Various casinos.
- » Near Omaha
 - Henry Doorly Zoo
 - Joslyn Art Museum
 - Durham Museum
 - Local performance arts.
 - Music venues.
 - Historic places of interest.

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Outdoor activities (hiking, camping, etc.).

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Primary
 - Omaha
 - Winnebago
- » Secondary
 - Members of other Tribes living in the area.

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable:

- » Omaha Pow Wow (Hedewachi Harvest Celebration in early August).
- » Winnebago Pow Wow (late July to early August).



**QUENTIN N. BURDICK
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Site Description

IHS Area: Great Plains

Site Address: 1300 Hospital Loop
Belcourt, ND 58316

Site Preceptor Information:

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Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 2 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » University of Minnesota School of Dentistry

Facility Oversight: Federal

Type of Facility: Hospital

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities: N/A

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 10 Dentists: 4
 Hygienists: 2 Dental Auxiliaries: 6

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Restorative
- » Oral surgery.
- » Removable prosthesis.
- » Crown and bridge.
- » Endodontics
- » Pediatric dentistry.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties that are practiced at this facility:

- » Oral surgery — includes operating room experience with anesthesiologist or certified nurse anesthetist.

Local Area Information

City/Town: Belcourt

Population: 2,078

Local Airport and Distance from Facility:

Minot International Airport — 112 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates:

Sky Dancer Hotel and Casino



Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
North Forty	Alco	One-Stop
Red Zone	Golden Rule	Lavers
Wild Rose Café	Walmart	Ladots

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Minot, ND	43,746	112
Winnipeg, AB	689,283	138

Local Attractions:

- » SkyDancer Hotel and Casino
- » Turtle Mountains
- » Peace Gardens

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Winter sports.
- » Hiking
- » Horseback riding.
- » Hunting

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves: Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable: The Little Shell Pow Wow (August).

**WOODROW WILSON
KEEBLE MEMORIAL
HEALTH CARE CENTER**

Site Description

IHS Area: Great Plains

Site Address: 100 Lake Traverse Drive
Sisseton, SD 57262

Site Preceptor Information:

Andrew K. Townsend, DDS
Andrew.Townsend@ihs.gov
(605) 742-3679

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 2 – 8 weeks

Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » University of Iowa College of Dentistry
- » University of Kentucky College of Dentistry
- » West Virginia University School of Dentistry

Facility Oversight: Federal

Type of Facility: Dental Clinic within a Health Care Center

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities:

- » Pediatric dental treatment at local hospital operating room.
- » Screening, fluoride and sealant programs at local Head Start center, area school and local daycare center.

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? Yes, if externship is scheduled when these programs are in operation. The OR experience will be observation only.

Number of: Operatories: 14 Dentists: 5
 Hygienists: 2 Dental Auxiliaries: 10

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 6 – 10-plus depending on speed and skill of extern and difficulty of procedure.

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Exams
- » Screenings
- » X-rays/diagnosis.
- » Treatment planning.
- » Direct restorations.
- » Extractions (single and multiple) simple and surgical.
- » Endodontic debridement and completion.
- » Removable prost adjustments.
- » Limited fixed and removable prost if time allows.
- » Limited perio treatments and pediatric care of older children with parental consent.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility:

- » Pediatric dentistry.



Local Area Information

City/Town: Sisseton

Population: 2,497

Local Airport and Distance from Facility: Hector International Airport (Fargo, ND) — 95 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates: Super 8

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
Pizza Hut	Shopko	Teal’s Market
Subway	Alco	Farmers Market
Taco John’s	Dollar Store	
Dairy Queen	Local Shops	

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Watertown, SD	22,000	60
Fargo, ND	120,000	95
Brooking, SD	24,000	105
Sioux Falls, SD	155,000	160
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	3,200,000	225

Local Attractions:

- » Fort Sisseton
- » Local museums and historic areas.
- » Viking/Scandinavian museum and children’s museum (Fargo, ND).
- » Numerous lakes.
- » Badlands National Park
- » Lake Itasca State Park
- » Native Grassland National Park
- » Lake Oahu

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Hiking
- » Biking
- » Camping
- » Hunting
- » Fishing
- » Boating
- » Water skiing.
- » Nature observation and bird watching.
- » Photography
- » Snowmobiling
- » Cross-country skiing.

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves: Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable: Sisseton-Wahpeton Pow Wow (week of July 4).



Nashville

(Eastern United States)

Although the Nashville Area is the largest of the IHS Areas geographically, it does not service the largest population of Native people. Most of the beneficiaries receive health care from Tribally run clinics. Diverse Tribes are represented within this broad sweep of territory from the Canadian border in Maine to the tip of Florida and westward to Texas. Health professionals in their off-hours enjoy boating and fishing on the Great Lakes, skiing in New England, camping and rock climbing in the Great Smoky Mountains or off-road exploring in Louisiana.

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL

Site Description

IHS Area: Nashville

Site Address: Caller Box C-268
1 Hospital Road
Cherokee, NC, 28719

Site Preceptor Information:
CAPT Joyce Biberica, DMD
Joyce.Biberica@cherokeehospital.org
(828) 497-9163, ext. 6478

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 2 – 5 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » Loma Linda University
- » The Ohio State University College of Dentistry
- » State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Dental Medicine
- » University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine
- » University of Kentucky
- » University of Louisville School of Dentistry
- » University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

Facility Oversight: Tribal

Type of Facility: Hospital

Field Clinics Operated by Site:

- » Cherokee County Clinic (Marble)
- » Snowbird Clinic

Off-Site Opportunities: OR observation with pediatric dentist.

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? Yes

Number of: Operatories: 16 (includes satellite clinics) Dentists: 6
Hygienists: 4 Dental Auxiliaries: 8

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 6

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Preventative
- » Operative
- » Extractions

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility:

- » Pediatrics
- » Oral surgery.

Local Area Information

City/Town: Cherokee, NC

Population: 2,138

Local Airport and Distance from Facility: Asheville Regional Airport — 55 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates:

- » Holiday Inn Express
- » Hampton Inn
- » Baymont Inn

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
Paul’s	Walmart	Food Lion
Peter’s Pancake House	Belk	Family Dollar
Big Boy Barbeque	Tanger Outlets	
Brio		
Sassy Sunflower		
Fast food chains		

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Sylva, NC	2,705	15
Waynesville, NC	9,789	35
Gatlinburg, TN	4,047	35
Asheville, NC	85,712	50

Local Attractions:

- » Nantahala River and the Nantahala Outdoor Center world class kayaking center.
- » Harrah’s Casino
- » Biltmore House (Asheville, NC)
- » Dollywood and Splash Country (Gatlinburg, TN)
- » Great Smokey Mountains National Park
- » Blue Ridge Parkway

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Rafting
- » Hiking
- » Zip lining.
- » Tubing
- » Stream fishing.
- » Horseback riding.
- » Kayaking
- » Golf

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable:

- » Oconaluftee Indian Village
- » Museum of the Cherokee Indian
- » Unto These Hills

**LIONEL R. JOHN
HEALTH CENTER**

Site Description

IHS Area: Nashville

Site Address: 987 RC Hoag Drive
Salamanca, NY 14779

Site Preceptor Information:

Erin Brown, DDS

Erin.Brown@senecahealth.org

(716) 945-2818

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 2 – 4 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

» State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Dental Medicine

Facility Oversight: Tribal

Type of Facility: Health Center

Field Clinics Operated by Site: Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center Dental Clinic

Off-Site Opportunities: N/A

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 6 Dentists: 3
 Hygienists: 2 Dental Auxiliaries: 3

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4 – 6

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Operative dentistry.
- » Fixed and removable prosthodontics.
- » Endodontics
- » Routine and surgical extractions.
- » Emergency triage and treatment.
- » Soft-tissue laser procedures.
- » Preventive dentistry.
- » Patient education.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility:

» Pediatric dentistry.

Local Area Information

City/Town: Salamanca, NY

Population: 5,720

Local Airport and Distance from Facility: Buffalo Niagara International Airport — 65 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates: Holiday Inn

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET	OTHER
Wildwood Restaurant	Hampshire Mills	Parkview Supermarket	Smoke/Gift Shops
Bear Mountain Restaurant	Family Dollar	Save-a-Lot Grocery	Seneca Museum/Library
Myers Steakhouse		Rite-Aid Pharmacy	Salamanca Library
Fast-food, Pizza, Chinese			Bank, Churches, Post Office

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Olean, NY	14,220	24
Jamestown, NY	30,767	33
Buffalo, NY	259,384	65
Erie, PA	101,047	75

Local Attractions:

- » Allegany Community Center
- » Allegany State Park
- » Holiday Valley Ski Resort
- » Seneca Allegany Casino

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Hiking
- » Fishing
- » Biking

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Seneca Indians
- » All other local enrolled Native populations.

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable:

- » Marvin Curry Pow Wow (end of July).
- » Fort Apache Cup Lacrosse Tournament (early August).
- » Snow Snake Tournaments (Winter).

ST. REGIS MOHAWK HEALTH SERVICES

Site Description

IHS Area: Nashville

Site Address: 422 State Route 37
Hogansburg, NY 13662

Site Preceptor Information:
Joseph Park
JPark@regis.nashville.ihs.gov
(518) 358-3141

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 2 – 4 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » Columbia University
- » Meharry Medical College

Facility Oversight: Tribal

Type of Facility: Health Center

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities: St. Regis Mohawk Elementary School and Head Start Program

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 6 Dentists: 2
 Hygienists: 2 Dental Auxiliaries: 4

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4 – 6

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Exams
- » Emergencies
- » Extractions
- » Restorations
- » Pediatric
- » Fixed and removable prosthodontics.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties that are practiced at this facility: N/A

Local Area Information

City/Town: Massena

Population: 10,837

Local Airport and Distance from Facility: Massena International Airport — 8 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Taxi

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates:

- » Comfort Inn (Hogansburg)
- » Mohawk Casino and Resort

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
Mohawk Casino	St. Lawrence Mall	Walmart

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Ottawa, ON	883,391	70
Lake Placid, NY	2,497	74
Montreal, QE	1,650,000	80
Alexandria Bay, NY	1,116	85
Burlington, VT	42,282	90

Local Attractions:

- » Lake George Six Flags Amusement Park
- » Adirondack Mountains
- » Park Safari
- » St. Lawrence Seaway Locks

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Hiking
- » Bicycling
- » Fishing
- » Bird watching.

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Mohawk Tribe
- » Oneida Tribe
- » Onondaga Tribe
- » Six Nations

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable:

- » Akwesasne Pow Wow (last week in August).





Navajo

(Colorado, Northeastern Arizona,
Northwestern New Mexico and Southern Utah)

Comprehensive health care is provided to the Navajo Nation, the largest Indian Tribe in the United States, through in-patient, out-patient, contract and community health programs. These programs are centered around the Navajo Area's hospitals, health centers, health stations, school clinics and Navajo Tribal health programs. The geography of this spectacular region is mostly high desert; it encompasses the world-famous landmarks of Monument Valley, Canyon De Chelly and the Grand Canyon. Clinicians serving the Navajo don't have to travel far to enjoy all the outdoor pursuits this scenic area has to offer, including camping, hiking, hunting, skiing and kayaking.

**FOUR CORNERS
REGIONAL HEALTH
CENTER**

Site Description

IHS Area: Navajo

Site Address: US Hwy 160
and Navajo Route 35
HCR 6100, Box 30
Teec Nos Pos, AZ 86514

Site Preceptor Information:

Kent Anderson, DDS
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(928) 656-5210



Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 1 week

Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » Rutgers University School of Dental Medicine

Facility Oversight: Federal

Type of Facility: Health Center

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities: N/A

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 24 Dentists: 5
 Hygienists: 1 Dental Auxiliaries: 11

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 3

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Exams
- » Fillings
- » Root canal therapy.
- » Prophies
- » Extractions
- » Pedodontics

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility: N/A

Local Area Information

City/Town: Cortez, CO

Population: 8,474

Local Airport and Distance from Facility: Albuquerque International Sunport — 279 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates: Holiday Inn Express

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
Nero's	Walmart	City Market
Pepper Heads		Safeway
Main Street Brewery		Walmart
Shiloh's		

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Farmington, NM	45,854	80
Durango, CO	17,216	115

Local Attractions:

- » Mesa Verde National Park
- » Monument Valley
- » Grand Canyon National Park

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Biking
- » Skiing
- » Hiking
- » Fishing

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Navajo
- » Southern Ute

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable: N/A

Local Area Information

City/Town: Tuba City

Population: 8,611

Local Airport and Distance from Facility: Flagstaff Pulliam Airport — 83 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels in the Local Area:

- » Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites: (928) 283-4500
- » Quality Inn Navajo Nation: (928) 283-4545

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
Tuuvi Café	Tuba City Trading Post	Bashas’
Pizza Edge	Flea Market	
Denny’s		
Hogan Family Restaurant		

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Page, AZ	7,316	73
Flagstaff, AZ	67,468	77
Sedona, AZ	10,037	106
Phoenix, AZ	1,490,000	220

Local Attractions:

- » Coal Mine Canyon
- » Dinosaur Tracks
- » Explore Navajo Interactive Museum
- » Grand Canyon
- » Antelope Canyon
- » Lake Powell
- » Coyote Buttes
- » Bryce Canyon
- » Zion National Park
- » Monument Valley
- » Canyonlands National Park
- » Arches National Park

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Hiking
- » Mountain biking.
- » Skiing and snowboarding at Arizona Snowbowl.

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Navajo
- » Hopi

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable:

- » Western Navajo Nation Fair (October)
- » Native American Day (September)
- » Local Pow Wows.



Oklahoma City

(Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas)

Service units of the Oklahoma City Area provide care to the largest IHS service population (some 300,000) in the United States, with the majority of patients residing in urban settings. Hospitals, health centers and clinics provide in-patient and out-patient care. Many of the facilities offer state-of-the-art equipment. This diverse Area offers good school systems, cultural facilities and a vast array of outdoor recreational opportunities for hunting and fishing, boating and water sports, hiking, golf and horseback riding.

CLAREMORE INDIAN HOSPITAL

Site Description

IHS Area: Oklahoma City

Site Address: 101 S Moore Avenue
Claremore, OK 74017

Site Preceptor Information:

Dr. Anthony Likes
Anthony.Likes@ihs.gov
(918) 342-6400

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 2 – 6 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » Baylor University
- » Creighton University
- » Pacific University
- » University of Louisville
- » University of Oklahoma
- » University of Tennessee
- » University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston
- » Western University

Facility Oversight: Federal

Type of Facility: Hospital

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities:

- » Head Start
- » School sealant program.
- » Health fairs.

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? Yes

Number of: Operatories: 14 Dentists: 6
 Hygienists: 2 Dental Auxiliaries: 13

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 2 – 10

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Extractions
- » Operative
- » Endodontics
- » Biopsies
- » Nitrous
- » Operating room assisting.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties that are practiced at this facility:

- » Pediatrics
- » Oral surgery.

Local Area Information

City/Town: Claremore

Population: 18,867

Local Airport and Distance from Facility:

Tulsa International Airport — 30 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates:

- » Hard Rock Hotel and Casino (Catoosa)
- » Candlewood Suites (Owasso)
- » Hampton Inn and Suites (Owasso)
- » Comfort Inn (Claremore)
- » Towneplace Suites (Owasso)
- » Holiday Inn Express (Owasso)
- » Microtel Claremore

Local Services: Visit visitclaremore.org for information on local services.

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Owasso, OK	31,453	20
Tulsa, OK	393,987	30

Local Attractions:

- » Will Rogers Museum
- » Local lakes.
- » Tulsa area arts.

Recreational Opportunities: N/A

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Miami
- » Peoria
- » Chickasaw
- » Ottawa
- » Pawnee
- » Caddo
- » Eastern Shawnee
- » Cherokee
- » Osage
- » Modoc
- » Keetowah
- » Ponca
- » Wyandotte
- » Delaware
- » Members of any other federally recognized Tribes possessing a CDIB card or appropriate method of Tribal identification.
- » Seneca Cayuga
- » Muscogee Creek
- » Quapaw
- » Choctaw

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable:

- » Quapaw Nation Pow Wow (July 4 weekend)
- » Cherokee National Holiday (Labor Day weekend)
- » Multiple other Tribal celebrations and Pow Wows throughout the year.



CLINTON INDIAN DENTAL CLINIC

Site Description

IHS Area: Oklahoma City

Site Address: 10321 N 2272 Road
Clinton, OK 73601

Site Preceptor Information:

Daniel Brockmeier, DMD
Daniel.Brockmeier@ihs.gov
(580) 331-3425

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 1 – 4 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » University of Baylor College of Dentistry
- » University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

Oversight: Federal

Type of Facility: Clinic

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities: N/A

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 10 Dentists: 4
 Hygienists: 2 Dental Auxiliaries: 10

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 3 – 4

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Simple/complex restorative procedures.
- » Extractions (simple and complex).
- » Crown preps.
- » Hygiene (prophy, scale and root plane).
- » Comprehensive and limited exams.
- » Endo access (pulpal debridement).

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility:

- » Endodontics

Local Area Information

City/Town: Clinton, OK

Population: 9,326

Local Airport/Distance from Facility: Will Rogers World Airport (Oklahoma City) — 82.3 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car or taxi.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates:

- » Hampton Inn
- » Ramada Inn
- » Days Inn
- » Holiday Inn Express
- » Econo Lodge Inn & Suites

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
White Dog Hill	Stage	Homeland
Wong’s	K-Mart	K-Mart
Pizza Hut	Hemingway & Co.	United Grocery
Mazzios	It’s All About Moi (Weatherford)	Walmart (Weatherford)
Adamo’s (Italian)	The Kloset (Weatherford)	
Pedro’s (Mexican)	Nabor’s Shoe (Weatherford)	
Sonic	Walmart (Weatherford)	
McDonald’s		
Braum’s		
Dairy Queen		

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Weatherford, OK	11,357	14
Elk City, OK	12,251	30
Oklahoma City, OK	599,199	85

Local Attractions/Recreational Opportunities:

- » Riverside Golf Course
- » Lucky Star Casino
- » Water-Zoo (indoor water park).
- » Acme Brick Park
- » Municipal swimming pool.
- » Southwestern Lanes (Weatherford)

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves: Any federally recognized Tribe or Alaskan Native.

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable: Pow Wows

PAWNEE INDIAN HEALTH CENTER

Site Description

IHS Area: Oklahoma City

Site Address: 1201 Heritage Circle
Pawnee, OK 74058

Site Preceptor Information:

CAPT. Aaron R. Means, Sr.
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Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 2 weeks

Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry: N/A

Facility Oversight: Federal

Type of Facility: Health Center

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities: N/A

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 12 Dentists: 4
 Hygienists: 2 Dental Auxiliaries: 11

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4

Dental Procedures Performed: Restorative and forcep extractions.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility: N/A



Local Area Information

City/Town: Pawnee

Population: 2,171

Local Airport and Distance from Facility: Tulsa International Airport — 85 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates: N/A

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
Clicks	Dollar General	
Sonic		
McDonald’s		

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Stillwater, OK	46,560	38
Sand Springs, OK	19,101	64
Tulsa, OK	393,987	75

Local Attractions: Pawnee Bill’s Western Store

Recreational Opportunities: N/A

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves: N/A

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable: N/A



Phoenix

(Arizona, Nevada and Utah)

The Phoenix Area's service units include IHS hospitals, clinics, health centers and health stations. Medical center facilities provide multi-service and specialty care to patients, as well as conduct research under the auspices of the National Institutes of Health. This Area's terrain varies from desert and mesa to alpine meadows and rugged national parkland. Indian health clinicians working here have access to the glories of the Colorado River, Grand Canyon and Salt River Canyon, not to mention the bright lights of Las Vegas and Reno, NV. Outdoor activities run the gamut from white-water rafting and fishing to camping, backpacking and top-notch skiing.

PARKER INDIAN HEALTH CENTER

Site Description

IHS Area: Phoenix

Site Address: 12033 Agency Road
Parker, AZ 85344

Site Preceptor Information:

LCDR Tin H. Nguyen
Tin.Nguyen@ihs.gov
(928) 669-3154

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 2 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » Roseman University
- » University of the Pacific

Facility Oversight: Federal

Type of Facility: Hospital

Field Clinics Operated by Site:

- » Supai Health Center
- » Chemehuevi Health Center

Off-Site Opportunities: N/A

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 10 Dentists: 5
 Hygienists: 1 Dental Auxiliaries: 6

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4-plus depending on patient approval to be treated by a dental student.

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Simple and surgical extractions.
- » Root canal therapy.
- » Amalgam and composite restorations.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility: Pediatric dentistry.

Local Area Information

City/Town: Parker

Population: 3,027

Local Airport and Distance from Facility:

- » Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport — 159 miles
- » McCarran International Airport (Las Vegas) — 173 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates:

- » Best Western Parker Inn
- » Bluewater Resort and Casino

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
Pizza Hut	Walmart	Safeway
McDonald’s	Beale’s	Basha’s
Taco Bell		
Subway		



Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Phoenix, AZ	1,490,000	159
Las Vegas, NV	596,424	173
Los Angeles, CA	3,858,000	260

Local Attractions: Bluewater Resort and Casino

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Water skiing.
- » Parasailing
- » Hiking
- » Paddleboarding
- » Fishing

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves: All federally recognized Tribes.

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable: N/A



Portland

(Idaho, Oregon and Washington)

More than 40 Tribes receive comprehensive health care through Tribal health facilities, Urban Indian organizations and IHS facilities. Local practitioners enjoy a great deal of autonomy in their practices, whether in the clinic, lab or pharmacy. From rugged seacoasts to snow-capped mountains, the region is famous for its abundant recreational opportunities; most Indian reservations are located among these prime spots. Indian health professionals can enjoy their free time camping, hiking and hunting in unspoiled forests, skiing some of the best slopes in the country or just relaxing beside a pristine mountain lake or coastal shore.

LUMMI HEALTH CENTER

Site Description

IHS Area: Portland

Site Address: 2592 Kwina Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

Site Preceptor Information:

Dr. Ashyk Sykander
AshyKS@lummi-nsn.gov

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 3 – 4 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » University of Louisville
- » University of Maryland

Facility Oversight: Tribal

Type of Facility: Health Center

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities: N/A

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 9 Dentists: 4
 Hygienists: 1 Dental Auxiliaries: 6

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4

Dental Procedures Performed: General dentistry.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility: N/A



Local Area Information

City/Town: Bellingham

Population: 82,234

Local Airport and Distance from Facility:
Bellingham International Airport — 6 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates:
Visit airbnb.com for room rate information.



Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
Anthony’s Restaurant	Belli’s Fair Mall	Haggen
Bell Weather Restaurant		Fred Mayer
Scotty Brown’s		

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Vancouver, BC	603,502	53.9
Seattle, WA	634,535	88.5

Local Attractions: San Juan Island

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Hiking
- » Biking
- » Whale watching.

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Lummi
- » Other Native Tribes

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable: N/A

PUYALLUP TRIBAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Site Description

IHS Area: Portland

Site Address: 2209 East 32nd Street
Tacoma, WA 98404

Site Preceptor Information:

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(253) 593-0232, ext. 546

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 2 – 4 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » Creighton University
- » University of Louisville
- » University of Pittsburgh
- » University of Colorado
- » University of Pennsylvania

Facility Oversight: Tribal

Type of Facility: Health Center

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities: N/A

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 19 Dentists: 8
 Hygienists: 3 Dental Auxiliaries: 14

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4 – 6

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Restorative, including pedodontics.
- » Endodontic
- » Fixed/removable prosthodontics and orthodontics (observation or limited involvement).
- » Preventive
- » Oral surgery.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility:

- » Pediatrics
- » Orthodontics

Local Area Information

City/Town: Tacoma

Population: 202,010

Local Airport and Distance from Facility: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport — 25 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car, shuttle or taxi.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates:

- » Holiday Inn Express
- » Comfort Inn
- » La Quinta Inn

Local Services: Visit traveltacoma.com for local services information.

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Seattle, WA	634,535	35

Local Attractions:

- » Museums
- » Zoo
- » Theaters

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Hiking
- » Sailing
- » Camping
- » Biking
- » Skiing
- » Fishing
- » Boating

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves: All registered American Indians and Alaska Natives living in Pierce County.

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable:

- » Pow Wows
- » Canoe Journey



TULALIP HEALTH CLINIC

Site Description

IHS Area: Portland

Site Address: 7520 36th Avenue NW
Tulalip, WA 98271

Site Preceptor Information:

Micah Bickel, DDS

BickelM@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

(360) 716-5800

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 2 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » University of Kentucky
- » University of Pennsylvania
- » University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston
- » Roseman University of Health Sciences

Facility Oversight: Tribal

Type of Facility: Clinic

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities: N/A

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 8 Dentists: 3
 Hygienists: 2 Dental Auxiliaries: 6

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 4

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Routine restorative (fillings, crowns, exams).
- » Root canals.
- » Removable prosthodontics.
- » Oral surgery.
- » Pediatric dentistry.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility:

- » Orthodontics
- » Pediatrics

Local Area Information

City/Town: Marysville

Population: 62,402

Local Airport and Distance from Facility:

- » Seattle-Tacoma International Airport — 50 miles
- » Bellingham International Airport — 60 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car (required).

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates:

- » Holiday Inn Express (Marysville)
- » Holiday Inn (Everett)
- » Extended Stay America (Mukilteo)

Local Services:

RESTAURANTS	SHOPPING	GROCERY STORE/MARKET
Diamond Knot Brewery	Seattle Premium Outlets	Costco
Terracotta Red	Flea Market	Walmart
El Rey		Haggen’s
Brooklyn Brothers’ Pizzeria		
Prohibition		

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Everett, WA	104,655	10
Seattle, WA	634,535	40
Bellingham, WA	82,324	55
Vancouver, BC	603,502	108
Portland, OR	603,106	213

Local Attractions:

- » Pike Place Market
- » Seattle Mariners (MLB)
- » Bainbridge Island
- » Seattle Seahawks (NFL)
- » Seattle Sounders (MLS)
- » San Juan Islands

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Hiking
- » Sailing
- » Scuba diving.
- » Biking
- » Swimming
- » Kayaking
- » Boating
- » Running
- » Paddleboarding

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Primary
 - Tulalip Tribes members.
- » Secondary
 - Alaska Natives
 - Members of other federally recognized Tribes living on the Tulalip Reservation or living in Snohomish County.

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable: N/A



TUCSON

(Southern Arizona)

The smallest Area within IHS, Tucson serves the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe through one hospital and three health centers. Health service for the Tohono O'odham is centered in Sells, capital of the Tohono O'odham Reservation and hub of reservation life. Health care in the Sells service unit is a joint effort between IHS and the Tohono O'odham Health Department. The Yaqui service unit is jointly managed by IHS and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Dramatic scenery characterizes the Tucson Area, where elevations range from 1,400 feet in the Santa Rosa Valley to nearly 8,000 feet on Baboquivari Peak. Popular recreational activities include camping and backpacking in the awe-inspiring deserts and national forests and skiing on the famous slopes of Mount Lemmon. The city of Tucson is noted for its cultural amenities, as well as recreational opportunities, including golf, tennis, riding and much more.

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBAL DENTAL CENTER

Site Description

IHS Area: Tucson

Site Address: 7494 S. Camino De Oeste
Tucson, AZ 85757

Site Preceptor Information:

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(520) 879-6195

Type of Externship: Hands-on training.

Length of Externship: 1 – 3 weeks



Collaborative Agreements — College(s)/university(s) with which this facility has an existing agreement for externs to practice dentistry:

- » Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health
- » Creighton Dental College
- » Harvard University School of Dentistry

Facility Oversight: Tribal

Type of Facility: Clinic

Field Clinics Operated by Site: N/A

Off-Site Opportunities:

- » Local school program.
- » Head Start

Will Externs Visit Field Clinics or Participate in Off-Site Opportunities? No

Number of: Operatories: 10 Dentists: 8
 Hygienists: 2 Dental Auxiliaries: 8

Average Number of Patients Seen By Externs Per Day: 6

Dental Procedures Performed:

- » Basic restorative.
- » Simple extractions.
- » Preventative services.
- » Triage
- » Diagnosis and treatment planning.

Disciplines/Specialties — Other disciplines/specialties practiced at this facility:

- » Implantology
- » Oral surgery with general anesthetic (oral surgeon is on staff).
- » Periodontics (periodontist is on staff).
- » Endodontics

Local Area Information

City/Town: Tucson

Population: 524,295

Local Airport and Distance from Facility: Tucson International Airport — 10 miles

Transportation Available from Airport: Rental car or taxi.

Free Housing: No

Recommended Hotels Offering Government Rates: Visit visittucson.org for hotel information.

Local Services: Visit visittucson.org for information on local services.

Nearest Cities, Local Population and Distance from Facility:

CITY	POPULATION	DISTANCE (MILES)
Nogales, Mexico	212,533	71
Phoenix, AZ	1,490,000	107

Local Attractions:

- » Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
- » Sabino Canyon
- » Mount Lemmon
- » Pima Air Museum

Recreational Opportunities:

- » Biking
- » Hiking
- » Golf
- » Visit visittucson.org for information on recreational opportunities.

Tribal Information

Tribes Your Facility Serves:

- » Primary
 - Pascua Yaqui
- » Secondary:
 - All other local Tribes on an emergency basis.

Tribal/Cultural Activities and Dates, if applicable: N/A



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A Guide to Participating Facilities, Cultures and Communities

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