



PNWU SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE'S STRATEGIC COMPASS:

Our guiding beacon for charting a course toward excellence in oral health education. At the heart of every successful educational institution lies a clear and purposeful vision, and our Strategic Compass is precisely that. It is a dynamic, evergreen roadmap, a living document, and a source of inspiration that defines our mission, values, and long-term aspirations.



Revolutionizing Community-Based Oral Health

Our Mission

Educate and train primary care dentists in a humanistic environment, emphasizing service among rural and underserved communities throughout the Northwest.

OUR VALUES

Excellence



Culture



Compassion



Trust



Diversity



Inclusion



Collaboration



Service



School of
Dental Medicine | **Pacific Northwest
University** of Health Sciences

Our Strategic Priorities and Goals

Education and Scholarship

- Offer an innovative and integrated dental medicine, health sciences, and interprofessional education program
- Graduate primary care dentists that are curious, compassionate lifelong learners who embrace care for underserved and rural communities
- Optimize access and training to state-of-the-art patient care technology and innovative treatment techniques
- Enhance medical-dental integration through an interprofessional curriculum and delivery of care in collaborative healthcare settings
- Establish and grow opportunities for research and scholarly activity among our students and faculty
- Foster a vibrant, supportive, diverse, and inclusive academic community that promotes wellness and resiliency among its members
- Execute a comprehensive development effort to reduce the financial burden on dental students
- Optimize operational efficiency and effectiveness through the use of processes that measure outcomes and mission fulfillment

Partnership and Collaboration

- Collaborate with other PNWU colleges and schools and other academic partners in our region to leverage existing resources and create meaningful partnerships
- Enhance partnerships with our FQHC partners and continue to develop partnerships with other community, state, and federal organizations
- Seek collaborative engagements that focus on improving the oral and overall health of residents in the Northwest
- Partner with states in the Northwest to explore innovative community-based clinical education opportunities for our students
- Develop pathways programs with regional K-12 and higher education academic institutions to ensure access to dental education for students from disadvantaged and underrepresented communities
- Establish a comprehensive pre-alumni program to support the transition of our students to alumni upon graduation
- Explore and establish alternative revenue streams to ensure the long-term stability and growth of the school

Patient Care

- Develop innovative approaches for oral health education and care in rural and underserved settings in the Northwest
- With our FQHC partners, deliver comprehensive and compassionate healthcare that is of high value, evidence-based, and accessible
- Educate patients and the public on the importance of oral health as part of overall wellness
- Promote rural and underserved education and experiential practice opportunities in the Northwest
- Support efforts to build communities that embrace hope, healing, and overall wellness