

## Application process:

The dual Pediatric Dentistry and MPH degree is supported by a grant from the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA). The UCLA School of Dentistry, Section of Pediatrics will directly submit fees for the 2 year program. Residents will however be responsible for all other expenses such as books, program materials, etc...

There are two steps in the application process. First, the prospective residents will meet the requirements of (1) listed below. Once a decision has been made the candidate will be informed and they will begin (2). The EMPH (Healthcare Management) or the MPH|HP (Community Health) program will inform both the candidate and the section of their decision following the completion of the admission requirements.

### **1. Pediatric Dentistry Requirements**

- Interview with 2 faculty members including the chair of the division and the SPICE-PD program principal investigator.
- Essay (1-2 pages). Consider addressing the following questions: brief summary of your background; why you are interested in the program; and how you intend to use the degree after graduation.
- **Deadline for this process is June 30. Interviews will be scheduled the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July and a decision will be made by July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **2. EMPH and MPH|HP Admission Requirements**

- Three years of professional experience or the full-time equivalent in a healthcare setting or health related field.
- Acceptable Bachelor's degree with a "B" (3.0) average in upper division coursework and/or prior graduate study. Exceptionally qualified applicants with lower than minimum GPA may be considered on an individual basis.
- Satisfactory performance on a recent Graduate Record Examinations (GRE). GRE scores are valid for five years. However, in some cases, individuals with Medical, Dental or Law degrees may waive the GRE requirement. Applicants with a Dental degree may waive the GRE if they are licensed to practice in CA and can provide a copy of their DAT scores with their application. The School does not have a minimum combined score requirement. As a guideline, the average GRE scores is in the 50th percentile or higher for both Verbal and Quantitative. If you have taken other Graduate Entrance Exams in the past, please call EMPH at (310) 267-5600 or MPH|HP at (310) 794-7500 to discuss your options.
- Applicants whose native language is not English or have completed post-secondary education outside of the U.S. are **REQUIRED** to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A TOEFL score of at least 560 on the Paper-Based Test, 220 on the Computer-Based Test, or 87 on the internet-Based-Test is recommended. TOEFL scores are valid for two years from the test date. An IELTS overall band score of 7.0 is the minimum requirement. Please review [the University policies and requirements](#)