

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Idaho Dental Education Program (IDEP) is Idaho's assisted route of access for dental education. There are currently eight (8) seats available for Idaho residents to obtain their dental education. The Program began in 1981 with a cooperative agreement between Idaho State University and The University of Washington School of Dentistry, where five (5) Idaho residents received their dental education. In 1982 the program became a cooperative effort between Creighton University's School of Dentistry in Omaha, Nebraska and Idaho State University's Kasiska College of Health Professions in Pocatello, Idaho. The program involves a decentralized first year of education taught at Idaho State University and the second through fourth years taught at Creighton University.

The program currently has five (5) regular employees and five (5) adjunct employees in Pocatello. Dr. Jeff Ybarguen is the program director and works with Dr. Brian Crawford who is the Chair of the Department of Dental Sciences at ISU. Jeri Larsen is the Administrative Assistant (AA-II) who works with both the IDEP program and the Idaho Advanced Graduate Dentistry (IAGD) residency. These programs are located in the same facility at Idaho State University.

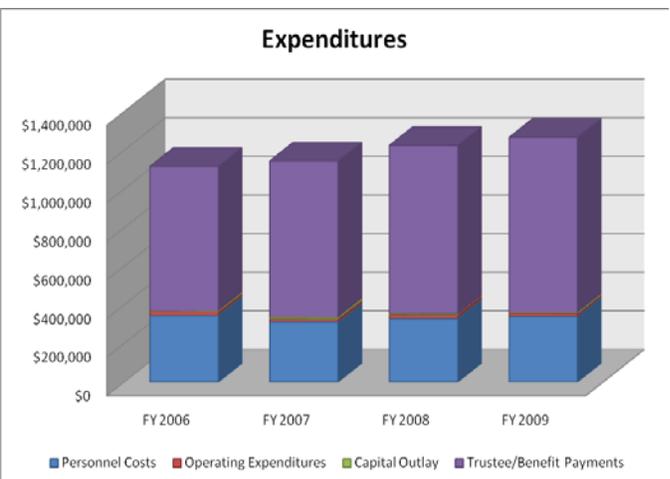
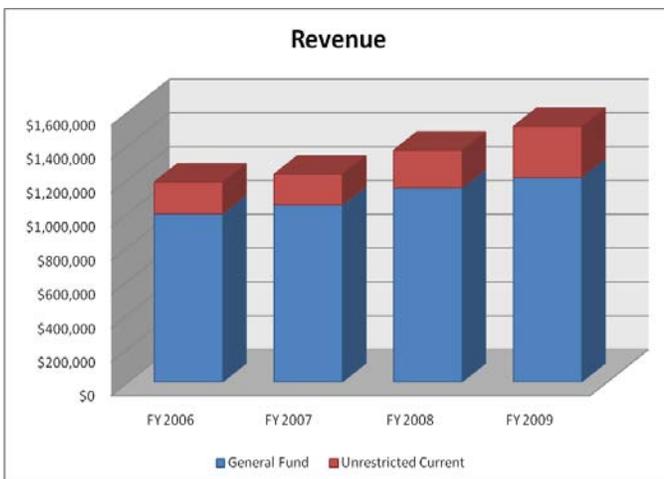
Core Functions/Idaho Code

The mission of the Idaho Dental Education Program is two-fold: First, to provide residents of Idaho with ready access to a high quality dental education; and second, to help the population of Idaho have ready access to high quality dental professionals. As the majority of students graduating from the program return to Idaho to practice, residents of the state have access to high quality dental treatment.

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Fund	\$994,900	\$1,046,200	\$1,148,500	\$1,209,300
Unrestricted Current	\$187,200	\$181,800	\$221,200	\$301,400
Total	\$1,182,100	\$1,228,000	\$1,369,700	\$1,510,700

Expenditure	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personnel Costs	\$343,700	\$309,200	\$328,100	\$338,400
Operating Expenditures	\$21,300	\$16,400	\$19,300	\$15,800
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$6,700	\$5,200	\$2,700
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$750,900	\$811,300	\$871,700	\$908,900
Total	\$1,115,900	\$1,143,600	\$1,224,300	\$1,265,800



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Number of Program Applicants	84	111	97	55
Number of Program Applicants Accepted	8	8	8	8
Number of Graduates (since program's inception)	146	154	162	170

Performance Highlights:

The program has been in service since 1981 and has been very successful in accomplishing its mission. Since inception 67% of IDEP graduates have returned to Idaho to practice. The statewide distribution closely follows the state geographic population with 6% of graduates practicing in South Central Idaho, eighteen percent 18% in Northern, 31% in Southeastern, and 42% in Southwestern Idaho. Seventy-nine percent of graduates practice general dentistry while 21% practice as specialists. Sixty-five percent practice in Idaho's urban areas with 35% practicing in rural areas.

With approximately seven (7) applicants for each seat, the program has been successful in attracting the highest quality students to the program. The average DAT scores and undergraduate GPA's of our students consistently exceed that of the average marks of matriculated students in dental schools nationally. The average scores on the Dental National Board Examination for both Part I and Part II are consistently higher for IDEP students compared to the Creighton average and national average on the same examinations. The top ranked Creighton graduate for 2009 (out of 84 total students) was an IDEP student.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2006	2007	2008	2009	Benchmark
Average student scores on Dental National Boards Part I written examination	89.88%	85.75%	86.25%	84.9%	>70%
Average student scores on Dental National Boards Part II written examination	88.13%	85.5-%	84.00%	85.6%	>70%
1 st time pass rate on Clinical Board Examination necessary to obtain dental license	100%	100%	100%	100%	90%
Number of students in the program*	8	8	8	8	10
Average Cost per student**	32%	32%	33%	33%	<50% National Average
Percentage of IDEP Graduates Returning to Idaho to practice	75%	75%	50%	67%***	>50%

Performance Measure Explanatory Notes:

* Our goal is to expand the program to facilitate 10 students per year. We currently have 8 students per year in the program.

** The cost per DDSE (DDS Equivalent) is a commonly utilized measure to evaluate the relative cost of a dental education program. This information is tabulated in the *ADA Survey of Dental Education*, published by the American Dental Association. From this publication (inflation Adjusted) the national average cost per student for state programs is \$119,793 in 2009. The IDEP cost per student for 2009 was \$39,556 (33% of the national average). The program is accomplishing the goal of providing a competitive value in educating Idaho dentists.

*** Our goal is to have greater than 50% of our program participants return to Idaho to practice Dentistry. Six of the eight 2009 graduates are furthering their education through post-graduate residency programs. Of these six students, two are in multiple-year specialty residencies, three are in one-year general dental residencies outside Idaho, and one is in the Idaho Advanced General Dentistry residency program in Pocatello (with a commitment to practice in Idaho Falls when he completes the residency in July of 2010). The two remaining students have entered private practice as general dentists: one is practicing in Boise and the other is practicing just over the border of the northern part of the state in Washington.

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