

Part I – 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 per year 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 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 (IDEP graduate) 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 Department Coordinator and works with both the IDEP program and the Idaho Advanced Graduate Dentistry (IAGD) residency program. 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 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
General Fund	\$1,315,700	\$1,312,000	\$1,336,900	1,348,700
Unrestricted Current	<u>\$410,900</u>	<u>\$511,200</u>	<u>\$487,800</u>	<u>554,400</u>
Total	\$1,726,600	\$1,823,200	\$1,824,700	1,903,100
Expenditure	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Personnel Costs	\$334,700	\$319,100	\$331,900	339,200
Operating Expenditures	\$6,700	\$30,900	\$12,900	13,800
Capital Outlay	\$1,100	\$77,300	\$5,400	0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	<u>\$1,052,600</u>	<u>\$1,095,400</u>	<u>\$1,114,100</u>	<u>1,125,300</u>
Total	\$1,395,100	\$1,522,700	\$1,464,300	1,478,300

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Number of Program Applicants	45	46	46	30
Number of Program Applicants Accepted	8	8	8	8
Number of Graduates (since program's inception)	186	193	201	214

Performance Highlights:

The program has been in service since 1981 and has been very successful in accomplishing its mission. Since inception 64% of IDEP graduates have returned to Idaho to practice. The statewide distribution closely follows the state geographic population with 11% of graduates practicing in South Central Idaho, fifteen percent (18%) in Northern, 31% in Southeastern, and 42% in Southwestern Idaho. Seventy-five percent (75%) of graduates practice general dentistry while 25% practice as specialists. Sixty-five percent practice in Idaho's urban areas State of Idaho

with 35% practicing in rural areas. There are currently 10 IDEP graduates furthering their education through residency training and may return to Idaho to practice once they have completed their training and there are currently 10 IDEP graduates actively serving in the military as dentists.

The IDEP has been successful in attracting the highest quality students. 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. IDEP students consistently graduate in the top 25% of the graduating class at Creighton. The number of applicants for the program in 2014 was less than in previous years. This seems to be an anomaly as the program has already received nearly 30 applications for next year. This is quite a few considering applications will still be accepted for a number of months.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2011	2012	2013	FY 2014	Benchmark
Average student scores on Dental National Boards Part I written examination *	84%	86.4%	100% Pass	100% Pass	>70%
Average student scores on Dental National Boards Part II written examination *	84.4%	85.6%	100% Pass	100% Pass	>70%
1 st time pass rate on Clinical Board Examination necessary to obtain dental license	100%	86%	100%	100%	90%
Number of students in the program**	8	8	8	8	10
Average Cost per student***	34%	37%	34%	34%	<50% National Average
Percentage of IDEP Graduates Returning to Idaho to practice ****	33%	50%	60%	50%	>50%

Performance Measure Explanatory Notes:

- * Beginning in 2013 changes were made to the Dental National Board Examinations (Part I and Part II). Students will no longer be given a numerical score. They will be scored and either “pass” or “fail.”
- ** Our goal has been to expand the program to facilitate 10 students per year. We currently have 8 students per year in the program and understand that potential expansion of the program will not be considered under the current economic climate. We are exploring the possibility of expanding the contract to 10 students at the same cost, to the State of Idaho, as 8 students.
- *** 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 \$137,471 in 2014. The IDEP cost per student for 2014 was \$46,197 (34% 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. 2 of the eight 2014 graduates are furthering their education through post-graduate residency programs and may return to Idaho at the completion of their residency training. 3 of the 6 2014 graduates entering private practice have returned to Idaho. Two past IDEP graduates that have completed post-graduate residency programs this year have returned to Idaho to practice.

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