

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. [Statutory Authority: Idaho Code §33-3720]

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
General Fund	\$1,312,000	\$1,336,900	\$1,348,700	\$1,505,600
Unrestricted Current	<u>\$511,200</u>	<u>\$487,800</u>	<u>\$554,400</u>	<u>\$625,000</u>
Total	\$1,823,200	\$1,824,700	\$1,903,100	\$2,130,600
Expenditure	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Personnel Costs	\$319,100	\$331,900	\$339,200	\$331,500
Operating Expenditures	\$30,90000	\$12,900	\$13,800	\$14,400
Capital Outlay	\$77,300	\$5,400	\$0	\$5,400
Trustee/Benefit Payments	<u>\$1,095,400</u>	<u>\$1,114,100</u>	<u>\$1,125,300</u>	<u>\$1,160,900</u>
Total	\$1,522,700	\$1,464,300	\$1,478,300	\$1,512,200

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Number of Program Applicants	46	46	30	52
Number of Program Applicants Accepted	8	8	8	8
Number of Graduates (since program's inception)	198	206	214	223

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 10% of graduates practicing in South Central Idaho, 18% in Northern, 31% in Southeastern, and 41% in Southwestern Idaho. Seventy-five percent (75%) of graduates practice general dentistry while 25% practice as specialists. 65% practice in Idaho's urban areas with 35% practicing in rural areas. There are currently 13 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. All IDEP graduates finished in the top half of their class and 5 finished in the top 10 out of 85 students.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2012	2013	2014	FY 2015	Benchmark
Goal 1 of Strategic Plan - Contract for 4-year dental education for at least 8 Idaho residents	Creighton University School of Dentistry	Creighton University School of Dentistry	Creighton University School of Dentistry	Creighton University School of Dentistry	Current contract in place with Creighton University School of Dentistry or another accredited dental school
Goal 1 of Strategic Plan - Average student scores on Dental National Boards Part I written examination *	86.4%	100%	100% Pass	100% Pass	>70%
Goal 1 of Strategic Plan - Average student scores on Dental National Boards Part II written examination *	85.6%	100%	100% Pass	100% Pass	>70%
Goal 1 of Strategic Plan - 1 st time pass rate on Clinical Board Examination necessary to obtain dental license	86%	100%	100%	100%	90%
Goal 1 of Strategic Plan - Number of students in the program**	8	8	8	8	10
Goal 2 of Strategic Plan - Average Cost per student***	37%	34%	34%	33%	<50% National Average

Goal 3 of Strategic Plan - Geographical acceptance of students into the IDEP program	No: No Central Idaho Acceptable Applicants	Yes	Yes	Yes	Students from each of the 4 regions of Idaho (North, Central, Southwest, and Southeast) granted acceptance each year
Goal 3 of Strategic Plan - Percentage of IDEP Graduates Returning to Idaho to practice ****	50%	60%	50%	60%	>50%
Goal 4 of Strategic Plan - Continuing Dental Education (CDE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Provide continuing dental education opportunities for regional dental professionals when the need arises.
Goal 4 of Strategic Plan - Remediation of Idaho dentists (if/when necessary)*****	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Successfully aid in the remediation of any Idaho dentist, in cooperation with the State Board of Dentistry and the Idaho Advanced General Dentistry Program, such that the individual dentist may successfully return to practice.

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 \$142,282 in 2015. The IDEP cost per student for 2014 was \$47,256 (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. This year 9 IDEP students graduated from Creighton: 8 that were scheduled to graduate and one student who had to delay his education while in the program due to health reasons. 4 of the 9 graduates in 2015 are furthering their education through post-graduate residency programs and may return to Idaho at the completion of their residency training. One of the four in residency programs is in our AEGD residency on the Pocatello campus. 3 of the 5 graduates entering private practice have returned to Idaho. One previous IDEP graduate completed his specialty residency and has returned to Idaho to practice.
- ***** We have served to aid the State Board of Dentistry in the remediation of any Idaho dentists when called upon by the Board of Dentistry. We have not been called upon to serve this function during the reporting period.

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