

# Dental Public Health Timeline

## *Timetable for UCSF Dental Students Interested in Dental Public Health Residency*

### D1/D2 Years

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- Explore each dental specialty and learn about the varying procedures, skills, patient pools, work environments and lifestyles that accompany each one. You want to make the right residency decision!
- Focus on academics to earn honors/letters of recommendation, perform research and take relevant elective courses (i.e. DPH 177)
- Cultivate relationships with professors who could write strong letters of recommendation
- Attend various public health related events, volunteer to do outreach or join clubs like AAPHD (American Association of Public Health Dentistry), or CPHA-N (California Public Health Association – North America).
- Take opportunities to educate yourself on relevant topics in public health dentistry, through research papers or projects.

### D3 Year

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#### *Summer*

- First quarter in clinic!
- Focus on becoming comfortable working on patients and meeting clinic requirements.
- Continue exposure to public health related courses and lectures.
- Build relationships with public health faculty.

#### *Fall*

- Continue to do well in classes and engage in extracurricular activities that interest you.
- Consider prospective letter writers and cultivate relationships with the professors that you will eventually request letters of recommendation from.

#### *Winter/Spring*

- Externships and night clinic begin, plan for this expenditure of time and added work.
- Write personal statement and have it reviewed by your letter of recommendation writers and other friends, family members or peers who know your story and possess excellent writing skills.
- Update your CV/Resume to be prepared when ADEA Postdoctoral Application Support Service (ADEA PASS) applications are open.
- **Reach out to programs that you are interested in and make plans to visit early.** This will help you determine if the program is the right fit and make yourself stand out!
- Request letters of recommendation from faculty.

### D4 Year

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#### *May*

- ADEA PASS Applications open early in May – begin filling out applications.
- **2025-26 Application Cycle: May 14, 2025 – Feb. 13, 2026.**

#### *June*

- Submit application to residencies using ADEA PASS.

#### *Sep – Dec*

- Interview season.

#### *Jan – Feb*

- **The deadline for the ADEA PASS application is Feb. 1; the deadline for the nonrefundable application-processing fee is Feb. 10 (for the 25-26 cycle).**

#### *Jan – April*

- Complete whatever steps necessary for licensure in your state of residency.
- Complete all requirements for dental school graduation.

#### *June*

- Graduate from dental school!

#### *July 1*

- Residency begins!