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## **Exciting Opportunity: Apprenticeship Program in Community Oral Health and Dental Public Health**

The Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry, University of Manitoba, is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for newly graduated dentists and dental hygienists through its Apprenticeship Program in Community Oral Health and Dental Public Health, funded by Health Canada's Oral Health Access Fund – Stream 1.

This innovative one-year postgraduate apprenticeship is based out of the Centre for Community Oral Health (CCOH) and is designed to prepare early-career oral health professionals for practice in community-based and public health settings.

### **Program Overview**

This **one-year** postgraduate apprenticeship, commencing **July 1, 2026**, offers a structured and supported opportunity to gain meaningful clinical, public health, and scholarly experience while serving priority populations across Manitoba.

### **Clinical and Public Health Experience**

Apprentices will work in underserved settings, including:

- Urban low-income communities
- Rural and remote regions
- First Nations and Métis communities
- Long-term care and home-based care settings

### **Community-Based Rotations**

Rotations may include:

- Centre for Community Oral Health (Access Downtown, Deer Lodge Centre, Home Dental Care Program, Churchill)
- Mount Carmel Clinic
- Winnipeg Regional Health Authority – SMILE Plus Program



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- Potential rotations within Shared Health dental clinics at the Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre

## **Scholarly and Professional Development**

- Participation in research and scholarly projects
- Engagement in public health seminars and oral health promotion initiatives
- Exposure to advocacy, policy, and systems-level approaches to improving access to care

## **Apprenticeship Benefits**

- Competitive stipend and health benefits
- Four-week annual vacation in addition to a Christmas break.
- Hands-on mentorship from experienced faculty and community-based practitioners
- Opportunity to expand clinical hours in public health dental settings
- Structured professional development
- Research support/allowance for apprentices
- Skill development aligned with careers in:
  - Public health dentistry
  - Community-based practice
  - Academic or policy-oriented roles

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants must:

- Be dentistry or dental hygiene graduates from an accredited Canadian program
- Demonstrate a strong interest in community oral health and public health dentistry
- Show commitment to working with priority populations
- Be willing to engage in interdisciplinary and community-based care



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## How to Apply

**Proposed application deadline: April 18, 2026**

Applicants should submit:

- A statement of interest (maximum 1,000 words) outlining motivation and fit for the apprenticeship
- A current CV/resume
- Names and contact information for two references (faculty or clinical supervisors)

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## Application Process & Enquiries

For questions or additional information, please contact:

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Additional details about the program and application process will be shared in the coming weeks. A virtual information session is also being planned.

We **encourage applicants from across Canada to consider this unique opportunity** to expand clinical skills, contribute to underserved communities, and develop a strong foundation in community oral health and dental public health.

We look forward to receiving your application and to supporting the next generation of leaders in community oral health and dental public health.