



Established at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Dentistry, the Native American Center of Excellence Consortium has been made possible with funds provided by the U.S. Public Health Service. Designated as the only Native American Center among the 54 dental schools in the United States, the activities of this Center are directed toward accomplishing the following goals:

- ◆ Increasing interest in dental careers among Native American high school and college students
- ◆ Better preparing Native American students pursuing careers in dentistry
- ◆ Enrolling and graduating more Native American students at the OU HSC College of Dentistry
- ◆ Increasing awareness among all OU dental graduates and other practitioners in Oklahoma of the oral health needs of Native Americans
- ◆ Encouraging Native Americans to pursue careers in higher education, resulting in increased appointments of Native Americans to faculty and administrative positions
- ◆ Fostering research related to the oral health of Native Americans



RECRUITMENT

- ◆ Presentations at high schools, colleges and tribal events about career opportunities in dentistry
- ◆ Career Day for Native American high school and college students at the OU HSC College of Dentistry
- ◆ Academic counseling and tutoring for Native American pre-dental students
- ◆ Preparation assistance for Native Americans scheduled for Dental Admission Test (DAT)



RETENTION

- ◆ Founding of the first student chapter of The Society of American Indian Dentists
- ◆ Tutoring and mentoring provided for Native American dental students
- ◆ Lecture series on Native American culture and health care issues
- ◆ Externships at Indian Health Service and tribal clinics

ROLE MODELS

- ◆ Native American assistant director and two Native American full-time faculty
- ◆ Linkage with Native American dental practitioners who can serve as role models for prospective dental students



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◀ The OU HSC College of Dentistry is located in central Oklahoma, a state proud of its 35 tribes. Oklahoma is home to the largest population of Native Americans in the U.S., and the OU HSC College of Dentistry produces the highest number of Native American graduates of any dental school in the nation.



Please complete the following questionnaire to advise us of your interest in the Native American Center of Excellence Consortium at the OU HSC College of Dentistry. Detach this card and mail.

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

STUDENT			
Name of School Currently Attending _____			
Location _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
___ High School or ___ College: (circle) FR SOPH JR SR GRAD			
Overall GPA _____		Science GPA _____	
___ Male	Date of Birth _____		
___ Female	Social Security No. _____		
Tribe _____		Documented? _____	

TEACHER/COUNSELOR
Subject(s) _____

School/Location _____

OTHER
Interest in the Center _____

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