

Dear Potential Community Partner:

Thank you for your interest in the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH) Integrated Community Service Partnerships (ICSP).

ASDOH, a school of A. T. Still University was founded in July of 2003 with the fundamental aim of identifying applicants with strong community service backgrounds, integrating and emphasizing community and public health principles into the curriculum and graduating dentists with a unique understanding of, and desire to serve communities in need.

A key component of the mission of ASDOH is the development of Integrated Community Service Partnerships (ICSP) that place students in community settings to complete a portion of their clinical training during their fourth year. This externship program has many advantages to both students and clinical sites as outlined in the accompanying Information sheet.

An ICSP application is included. It will provide us with the necessary information to evaluate your program as a potential site for student placement. Levels of participation can vary and could be as little as one student a year to multiple students per rotation on an ongoing year-round basis. Basic requirements of a site include:

- Adequate operatories to accommodate the students.
- Adequate auxiliary support to facilitate an appropriate level of production by the student.
- The lead clinician overseeing the student should be at least 2 years post-graduate.
- Appropriate Policies and Procedures in place to ensure quality of care for the patient and safety for the student.
- Evidence of Standards of Care similar to that of ASDOH.
- Credentialing and calibration of some or all of the dentists as faculty of the school.
- Ongoing calibration and training on supervision and clinical evaluation of the student.
- For sites outside of the Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff area, a plan for housing and local transportation for the students.

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Malpractice is covered by the school, all revenue produced by the student is retained by the site and all faculty training and CE associated with that training is provided at no cost to the dentists or to your organization.

More information on ASDOH as well as the Integrated Community Service Partnerships (ICSP) can be obtained by visiting our website

[www.atsu.edu/asdoh/community\\_partnerships/icsp.htm](http://www.atsu.edu/asdoh/community_partnerships/icsp.htm)

Our mutual goal is to make a difference in the oral health of those we serve. By becoming partners in the education of the future of the dental profession we can change the face of dental education, and in the process, improve access to oral health care across the nation.

I look forward to speaking with you about the possibilities of partnership. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wayne W. Cottam DMD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small "DMD" written at the end.

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