

## Internship program 1- "SMILES IN MOTION PROGRAM"

### Program Overview:

The *Smiles in Motion Internship* is an innovative, interdisciplinary training opportunity that brings together the fields of **dentistry** and **occupational therapy**. This program empowers future healthcare professionals to explore the vital relationship between **oral health**, **daily function**, and **quality of life**, especially in populations with disabilities, chronic conditions, or rehabilitation needs.

Interns will gain **hands-on experience**, **clinical exposure**, and **team-based learning** to better understand how collaboration across disciplines leads to **holistic, patient-centered care**.

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### Program Objectives:

By the end of the internship, participants will:

- Understand the interconnection between **oral function**, **neuromotor skills**, and **daily activities**.
  - Develop cross-disciplinary assessment and intervention strategies.
  - Gain clinical experience in both dental and occupational therapy settings.
  - Enhance communication and collaboration skills within interprofessional teams.
  - Apply holistic care approaches to diverse patient populations (e.g. Autism, ADHD, Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome)
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### Program Structure:

- **Duration:** 6–12 weeks
- **Schedule:** 20–30 hours/week

- **Rotations:**

- Week 1–2: Interdisciplinary Foundations & Shadowing
  - Week 3–6: Clinical Rotations (Dental Clinics + OT Settings)
  - Week 7–8: Capstone Case Study / Collaborative Project
  - Week 9–12 (Optional Extension): Research / Community Outreach
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## **Target Audience:**

- Undergraduate or graduate students in:
    - Dentistry or Pre-Dental programs
    - Occupational Therapy / OT Assistants
    - Public Health
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## **Skills & Experience Gained:**

- Cross-disciplinary clinical exposure
- Functional oral health evaluation skills
- Adaptive device knowledge (e.g., for patients with reduced oral motor control)
- Interprofessional communication and care planning
- Cultural competence and inclusive patient care techniques

## **How to Apply:**

- Submit application at: [\[wellnessdentalcare9@gmail.com\]](mailto:wellnessdentalcare9@gmail.com)

- Requirements:
  - Resume/CV
  - Statement of interest (max 500 words)
  - 2 Letter of recommendation

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