



# CDC DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Become an expert in the 10 Competencies in Dental Public Health for Board Certification



1. Manage oral health programs for population health
2. Evaluate systems of care that impact oral health
3. Demonstrate ethical decision-making in the practice of dental public health
4. Design surveillance systems to measure oral health status and its determinants
5. Communicate on oral and public health issues
6. Lead collaborations on oral and public health issues
7. Advocate for public health policy, legislation, and regulations to protect and promote the public's oral health, and overall health
8. Critically appraise evidence to address oral health issues for individuals and populations
9. Conduct research to address oral and public health problems
10. Integrate the social determinants of health into dental public health practice

*Residents will be eligible to take the Board Certification following completion of the program.*

“ The residency program offered a way to bring my knowledge and passion about dentistry and public health into a unified career path. ”

**Shanele Williams, DDS, MPH**

*Dental Officer*

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Division of Oral Health*



Program Start Date	July
Approximate Number of Openings	2-3
Length of Program	1 year full-time 2 years part-time

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Dental degree (DDS or DMD)
- Master of Public Health (MPH)

“ CDC fueled my passion for research and public health work...  
I credit my residency and my mentors with where I am today. ”



**Shillpa Naavaal, BDS, MS, MPH**  
*Associate Professor in the Department of  
Dental Public Health and Policy at Virginia Commonwealth  
University School of Dentistry*

“ You get to create your own curriculum... I was  
able to focus on the areas where I didn't have as  
much experience. ”

**Jorge Bernal, DDS, MPH**  
*Sealant Coordinator for Georgia  
Department of Public Health*



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Applications are  
accepted every fall.



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