The School of Dentistry has a strong commitment to community outreach, and our community oral health activities are an important part of both our education and service mission. Outreach experiences provide an opportunity for dental, dental therapy, and dental hygiene students to:

- Develop a broad understanding of the community & social responsibilities they will have as dental professionals
- Treat a diverse patient population with a variety of oral healthcare needs
- Enhance their clinical skills
- Participate in inter-professional learning experiences
- Involve students in community health promotion
- Promote dental opportunities at schools surrounding Greater Minnesota outreach sites

In the final year of their dental education program, qualified dental, dental therapy, and dental hygiene students treat patients under faculty supervision in dental clinics affiliated with the School of Dentistry Outreach Division.

Outreach Goal:
The goal of the Outreach Program at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry is to provide dental, dental therapy, and dental hygiene students with experiences that reinforce their knowledge of the principles in delivering dental health care. This care provides needed dental services to a variety of patients, including the underserved. These experiences also enable students to participate in community dental health education, as well as dental career promotion and inter-professional education activities.