

Encouraging Dental School Graduates to Serve in Community Practice Settings

A Five Year Report of the AEGD
Primary Care Program at Columbia
University SDOS

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The Mission

To train primary oral health care practitioners for the 21st century who can care for diverse patient populations in the context of family, culture and community.

A Humble Beginning

1995

POHC training was increased by adding six postdoctoral clinical fellows to the Presbyterian Hospital sponsored AEGD I program.

AEGD I and AEGD-PC 95/96



The AEGD-PC Program

1997

A HRSA supplemental grant enables the AEGD Primary Care “track” to become an independent program.

Accreditation

The Commission on Dental Accreditation grants the status of approval to the AEGD-Primary Care program on January 29, 1999.

Program Objectives

- ✱ Train clinically and culturally competent primary oral health practitioners
- ✱ To increase the availability of POHC services for underserved and special populations
- ✱ Increase the number of graduates who choose to practice in underserved areas and provide care for populations in greatest need

Program Elements

- ✱ Evidence-based clinical practice
- ✱ QA/QI system
- ✱ Outcomes assessment/program redesign
- ✱ Distance-learning methods utilizing web based streaming audio-video technology via laptop computers and Video-conferencing

Program Design

- ✱ Didactic training at SDOS
- ✱ Clinical training at Primary Care sites
- ✱ Clinical rotations at SDOS, HHCDS

Primary Care Training Sites

- ✿ Intermediate School 143
- ✿ Primary School 8
- ✿ Council Health Center
- ✿ Renaissance Health Care Network
- ✿ Morrisania Diagnostic and Treatment Center
- ✿ Phoenix House Foundation
- ✿ Boriken Neighborhood Health Center
- ✿ We Care/HIV Program

Specialty Training Rotations

- ✱ Columbia University SDOS
- ✱ Harlem Hospital Center Dental Service

Compensation

- ★ Stipend: \$ 25,000 per year
- ★ Comprehensive benefit package

Schedule

- ★ Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri: Clinical care
- ★ Wed: Didactic training, PC meetings, and electives
- ★ Hours: 9AM-5PM

Ideal Candidates Have

- ✱ Curiosity to learn
- ✱ Commitment to serve

Special Considerations

- ✱ The program serves mostly minority patients of low socioeconomic status
- ✱ Minority and female candidates are encouraged to apply

Admission Criteria

- ✱ Academic Qualification(DDS/DMD degree from an accredited Dental School)
- ✱ Professional recommendations
- ✱ Commitment to serve
- ✱ Intention to pursue general practice
- ✱ Community-based / volunteer experience
- ✱ Interest to work with HIV/AIDS patients



How Did We Do?

AEGD Primary Care Outcomes Assessment

Five-Year Summary

Year	# Enrolled	# Graduated	Practicing in Underserved Areas
*95/96	14 6 PCT	14	5
*96/97	18 6 PCT	18	7
97/98	12 12 PC	9	7
98/99	7 7 PC	7	6
99/00	10 10 PC	8	6

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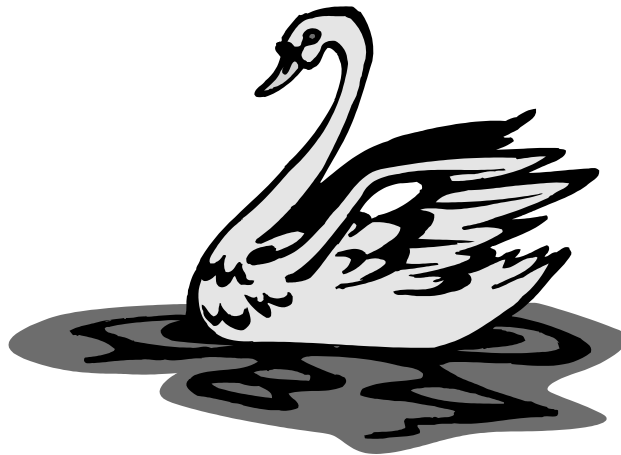
* Refers to the AEGD I and the Primary Care Track combined.

The Primary Care Program became independent in 1997/98.

** Twenty-three (23) of these were surveyed by telephone in 1999-2000, and reported high levels of satisfaction with their work.

What Went Wrong?

As of July 1, 2002, the AEGD Primary Care Program will go back to whence it came – the Presbyterian Hospital AEGD I Program





Combining Service and Education Makes For an Uneasy Partnership

- ✱ Community DentCare Network/Community Voices Collaborative in Northern Manhattan
- ✱ Community
- ✱ Columbia University SDOS
- ✱ AEGD Fellows

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