

## Background on Title VII Programs

Title VII of the Public Health Service Act provides funding for health care workforce programs including Section 748: Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry.

Key components of this dental section include grants for:

- Pre-doctoral training in general, pediatric and public health dentistry, and dental hygiene
- Post-doctoral training in general, pediatric and public health dentistry
- Faculty development for staff teaching in general, pediatric or public health dentistry and dental hygiene
- Dental faculty loan repayment programs

The law includes other provisions important to academic dentistry:

- Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to make grants or enter into contracts with entities to support training, provide financial assistance, and fund projects for dental students, dental residents, dental hygienists or dental faculty in the fields of general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, public health dentistry or dental hygiene.
- Provides for a faculty loan repayment program under which individuals agree to serve full-time as faculty members in one of the specified primary oral health care fields, and the program agrees to pay a percentage of the principle and interest on their outstanding student loans based on the number of years served as a full-time faculty member.
- Makes dental, dental hygiene, and advanced dental education programs eligible for federal grants that may be used to establish, maintain, or improve predoctoral or post-doctoral training programs in primary oral health care (general, pediatric, public health dentistry and dental hygiene).
- Allows eligible entities to partner with schools of public health so that dental and dental hygiene students may receive master's-level training in public health.
- Provides for the cost of programs to establish, maintain, or improve dental faculty development programs in primary oral health care.
- Assists with planning, developing, and operating a program for the training of oral health care providers who plan to teach in general, pediatric, public health dentistry or dental hygiene.

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