

**East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine**  
**Affirmation of the Vision and Mission**

**Vision**

Improving the health and quality of life of all North Carolinians by creating leaders with a passion to care for the underserved and by leading the nation in community-based, service learning oral health education.

**Mission**

The mission of the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine is to:

- Prepare leaders with outstanding clinical skills, an ethical bearing, sound judgment, and a passion to serve.
- Provide educational opportunities for academically qualified individuals from historically underrepresented groups, disadvantaged backgrounds and underserved areas.
- Provide and enhance oral health services for underserved North Carolinians through implementation of community-oriented service learning and inter-professional collaborations.
- Foster an environment where collaboration, creativity, diversity, and professionalism are embraced.
- Influence future clinical practice and dental education through research, innovation and discovery.

**Affirmation**

I fully understand that the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine was established in part to increase the numbers of dentists practicing in rural and underserved communities across the state of North Carolina. In accepting this offer of admission, I recognize my obligations to the people of North Carolina, and pledge to align my professional goals in support of the mission of the School.

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Signature

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Date