

Mentor Program Fact Sheet

What is it?

The South Carolina Dental Association Mentor Program is a resource for new dentists and recent graduates to help gain a practical and professional perspective of operating a dental office from established dentists. It was developed in direct response to the SCDA's member survey recognizing the benefits of mentoring.

Who participates?

The Mentors are member dentists from the South Carolina Dental Association who volunteer their time and experience to provide professional guidance to new dentists and recent graduates. Mentees are new dentists with 10 years experience or less. All member dentists and recent graduates are encouraged to participate.

What does it involve?

The South Carolina Dental Association coordinates the program and the mentor and mentee determine the program for themselves – so the time and effort are all up to the participants. Generally, the mentor and mentee are matched by the dental association; then the mentor and mentee meet as often as they wish. Some activities that mentors and mentees take part are informal lunches/dinners to become acquainted; the mentee may visit the mentor's dental office; and mentors and mentees may attend dental society meetings together to learn about continuing education, organized dentistry, and to network with colleagues. The experience is invaluable and could really provide a powerful impact on the new dentists' professional success.

How can I participate?

Participation is easy! All you have to do is complete and submit a questionnaire to the South Carolina Dental Association. The Program coordinator will then contact you with your Mentor/Mentee's name and contact information. Questionnaires can be found at SCDA's web site at www.scda.org, or by calling 800-327-2598. You can complete and submit the contact form online and your mentor will contact you shortly thereafter.

Where can I find more information?

Contact the South Carolina Dental Association at www.scda.org or call 800-327-2598 for more information.