

What are the best things about attending Roseman University's College of Dental Medicine?

Roseman really allows its students to have a life outside of dental school. For example, some Roseman students are married and children, and our schedule allows them to attend to their families much more than other schools. Roseman is also very family oriented, meaning they structure fundraisers or events around families and make sure to consider students who have families.

Roseman's curriculum is a block curriculum where you attend one or two classes at a time for roughly two or three weeks. This curriculum allows you to focus all your time and attention on that subject and learn at your own pace. Along with the block curriculum, it is a pass/fail grading scheme without any sort of ranking system, which eliminates any competitive environment. To pass each block you have to receive a 90% on all exams. Although this sounds extremely difficult, the exams themselves are not very difficult. Also, Roseman is all about team work, so after each exam, all the students retake the same exam with pre-assigned groups. If you get 95% as a group then each member in the group adds 5% to their individual score to help you pass. Exams are usually taken Thursday mornings and end by noon. If you didn't pass the exam, you have a review with the professor the next day where the two of you go over the exam. You then have the rest of the weekend to study and retake a different version of that test the following Monday morning. If you passed the exam the first time on Thursday, you have the whole weekend off and half of Monday before starting the new block at 1 pm on Monday.

Roseman has already adjusted their curriculum to accommodate the new integrated boards. For example, students have been getting into the clinic sooner and receiving experience at the end of their first year. First year students have been able to do simple fillings, extractions, and cleanings.

Roseman's sim lab and classrooms are very open with lots of windows. In the sim lab you do not have to pay extra for any extra materials that you need to practice, allowing you to stay as long as you would like.

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Roseman's exams seem to be very simple in both their approach (overall difficulty) and phrasing of the questions. Because a passing grade at Roseman is a 90%, it seems that the questions *have* to be simple. I don't know if the exams are truly preparing us for the rigor of boards, but Roseman students don't seem to have a problem passing boards, which is great. However, I don't know how much of a learning curve there is

when preparing for the increased difficulty of board questions compared to studying for Roseman's exams.

The amount of time off you have as a student at Roseman sometimes makes you feel like you're not even in graduate school. For some this isn't a bad thing. Others find it frustrating as because you are paying a lot of tuition to have down time.

The clinic at Roseman finds your patients for you. Most patients seem to need periodontal treatment, so students are doing a lot of SRP's (scaling and root planing; like a deep dental cleaning). The clinic seems to be hit or miss with restorative work or any type of specialty type procedures.

Because Roseman is a pass/fail school I have heard that it makes it hard to specialize due to the fact there isn't a ranking system so residencies can't see where you match up in your class. Additionally, Roseman doesn't have any specialties on campus for you to assist or do any sort of internship, so you have to go out on your own to find an office in town to get the exposure you are looking for. However, Roseman does have different wings in the clinic associated with specialty procedures that need to be done that day, so you can try and shadow there, but that's about the extent that you get. Students are able to do endodontics, prosthodontics, or orthodontics if their patient needs it but these cases are rare.

What do students need to know/What do you wish you knew before attending Roseman University's College of Dental Medicine?

Talk to multiple upperclassmen when you come to take a tour or interview and ask how much experience they are getting in the clinic. A decent handful seem to continue their education with a general practice residency to try and get more experience. If you want to specialize it is still possible to do from Roseman, but may be harder due to their curriculum.

Research opportunities are pretty sparse here. You can find research if you really want to be involved in it, but hardly any students do research here. However, faculty are more than supportive of students looking for research and always willing to help in any way they can. There is a specific faculty member in charge of research who is always looking to involve more students.