The goals and objectives of this program prepare the graduate to:

1) Provide patient care at a level and depth beyond the level of pre-doctoral education for individuals with chronic, recurrent medical disorders of the oral and maxillofacial region.

2) Provide consultative services to both physicians and dentists treating patients with chronic, recurrent and medically related disorders of the oral and maxillofacial region.

3) Manage the delivery of oral health care by applying concepts of patient and practice management and quality improvement that are responsive to the changes in health care.

4) Function effectively and efficiently in a variety of inpatient and outpatient health care environments and be an effective member of interdisciplinary health care teams.

5) Apply scientific principles to learning and clinical management utilizing critical thinking, evidence based decision-making and technology-based information retrieval systems.

6) Utilize the values of professional ethics lifelong continuing education and acceptance of cultural diversity in professional practice.

7) Understand the oral health needs of the community and engage in community service.