

# Tri-County Dental Clinic FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

*The Tri-County Dental Clinic in Appleton, Wisconsin is a community clinic providing dental care to low-income and Medicaid patients in Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago counties serving in an atmosphere of kindness, compassion and respect.*

*Tri-County serves as a Marquette University School of Dentistry Outreach Clinic for third and fourth-year dental students. In addition, dental hygiene and assistant students from two area technical schools rotate through Tri-County.*

## Clinic Facts:

- Tri-County Dental was established in 2003. We are the only clinic in Wisconsin and one of a handful in the country that is staffed by volunteer dentists who provide care along with top-notch paid dental assistants and hygienists.
- Tri-County Dental has a mobile clinic with three full operatories that primarily goes to schools to increase access to our services. On it, we treat between 3,000 and 4,000 children annually.
- We have three main programs: Robert Glass Focus on the Children, Wetherbee Orthodontics, and Operation Dental Care (for veterans).
- Each year, Tri-County staff provide excellent care to more than 10,000 patients.



The fellowship at Tri-County was more I could have asked for as a new graduate. I left dental school with all the confidence in the world, but doing the fellowship made me realize how much clinical experience I was lacking. It allowed me to become more proficient in patient management, restorative, and excel at surgical procedures prior to going off on my own. In fact, once I entered the "real world," I found myself being



**Dr. RJ Villa**  
 Tri-County Fellow  
 2017-2018

able to provide the full comprehensive care with minimal issues.

There is no better practice builder than being able to educate and execute dentistry at its highest form, and I still believe it was from my experience at Tri-County. This fellowship is congruent to 3 years of private practice experience based on the amount of patients you see, the staff's proficiency, the knowledge from the multiple doctors, and the freedom to treat and diagnose without the intensive bureaucracy of dental school.

I became great friends and shared many laughs with everyone who worked there. Appleton is also a great city to explore for the year. The annual stipend is still higher than anything I have come across world-wide, which is an added incentive! I highly recommend this program if you want to quickly elevate your skill-set and become the best practitioner possible.

During my fellowship at Tri-County I gained the skills and confidence I needed for private practice. My fellowship provided an excellent foundation in surgery allowing me to tackle difficult surgical extractions, extraction of impacted wisdom teeth, and management of post-op complications. These skills have been extremely important and shaped the trajectory of my career.



**Dr. Brennan Schneider**  
 Tri-County Fellow  
 2020-2021

The mentorship that I received at Tri-County was absolutely incredible, and I learned so much during my time there. Being a fellow truly helped me grow as a dentist.



**Dr. Ben Strobel**  
 Tri-County Fellow  
 2018-2019

# TRI-COUNTY DENTAL CLINIC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

## Since 2014, Tri-County Dental has offered a one-year Fellowship Program for recently graduated dentists

Tri-County Dental's Fellowship program provides graduates of accredited dental schools the opportunity to:

- Gain confidence and improve your skills in diagnostics, problem solving, treatment planning and time management.
- Utilize an Intraoral Digital Scanner for crowns, bridges, and removeable appliances.
- Increase your hand skills, efficiency and quality in restorative, oral surgery, endodontics and crown and bridge procedures.
- Practice with and learn from over 70 volunteer general dentists and specialists. You'll benefit from one-on-one mentoring and support for more complicated procedures.
- Shadow and work with general dentists oral and maxillofacial surgeons, endodontists, pediatric dentists and periodontists.
- Gain a great deal of experience in treating patients with dental "emergencies."
- Provide full treatment dental care for veterans and experience a full range of treatment modalities.
- Learn in an environment where you can practice holistic patient care, not only execute a procedure.

- Experience the provision of care in a mobile dental clinic.
- Practice independently in a supportive environment, allowing you to expand your skills with more challenging and complicated procedures.
- Attend ADA/WDA component meetings/seminars and earn continuing education credits.
- Meet local dentists who may be considering taking on an associate.
- Earn a very competitive salary with insurance benefits.

**Should any candidate have questions, a current fellow, volunteer dentists and clinic leaders will be happy to connect virtually. We would also welcome in-person visits.**

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## Fellowship Program Testimonials



**Dr. Claire Krummel**  
*Tri-County Fellow*  
2019-2020

Completing a one-year fellowship at Tri-County Dental Clinic was the best decision I could have ever made to set up my dental career for success. The knowledge, skills, and confidence that I gained from working with over 80 volunteer local dentists is invaluable. I often find myself quoting their words of wisdom in my head when difficult situations with patients arise.

Each volunteer has different tips and tricks to achieve excellent clinical outcomes, and I am honored to be shaped by a combination of all of their years of experience. The staff at Tri-County demonstrate what a privilege it is to serve a population that is so desperately in need of dental care, and display compassion, patience, and humor on a daily basis. They have become my lifelong friends; TCD will always be home to me!



**Dr. Macaire Hulderman**  
*Tri-County Fellow*  
2016-2017

My experience with Tri-County was foundational to the furthering of my career and passions in dentistry. Caring for the children of my hometown early in my Fellowship experience solidified my desire to pursue pediatric training. The broad scope of general dentistry that I was able to provide during my fellowship, and the in-depth experience with specialists—especially the generous oral and

maxillofacial surgeons and endodontists—who volunteer their time to care for our patients and mentor fellows and students allowed me to grow and flourish. As a result, I felt comfortable and confident as a general dentist and was very prepared to begin a residency program. It allowed me to focus on what I needed to become a great pediatric dentist. In many ways I 'grew up' during my year at Tri-County—I matured both as a person and as a provider. It was a privilege and an honor to be a Tri-County fellow and is humbling now to return to volunteer as a pediatric dentist to continue the tradition of high-quality mentorship that was provided to me.