

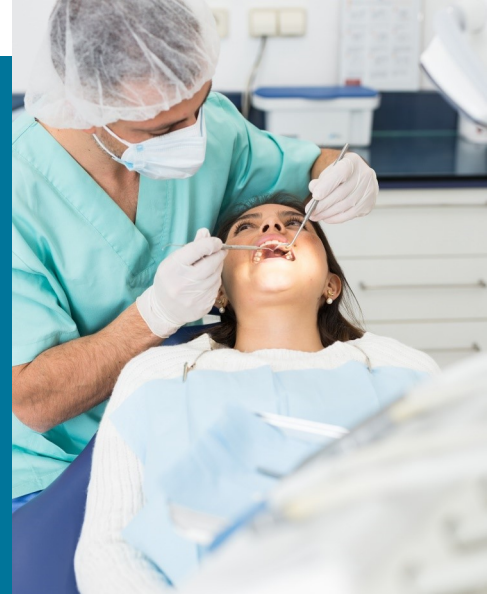
# Become a Dental Therapist

## What do dental therapists do?

Dental therapists work as part of a dentist-led team to provide dental care to patients.

Responsibilities may include:

- Performing oral exams.
- Preparing and filling cavities.
- Performing tooth extractions.
- Providing education and preventive care to communities.
- Working in dental health care professional shortage areas.



## Why become a dental therapist?

- Interest in direct patient care, health, and science
- Passion for increasing access to dental care
- Ability to perform a wide variety of procedures including preventing and treating oral disease
- Takes less time to be trained and educated



## How do you become a dental therapist?

- Individuals must graduate from an accredited dental therapy program and apply for a Wisconsin Dental Therapy license.
- Prerequisites vary across dental therapy programs and must be reviewed prior to applying.

