

Global Programs



Dear Global Partners in Dentistry,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the 2026/2027 Global Learning Lab: Collaboration in Dentistry (COIL) program. This program is scheduled to run from November 7, 2026 - May 8, 2027. This innovative program connects students from across the globe through digital platforms to engage in cross-cultural learning and collaboration. Please see program purpose, objectives, and the 26/27AY schedule below. We look forward to continued partnership!

Program Purpose:

The Global Learning Lab: Collaboration in Dentistry (COIL) program provides learners across the globe with a unique opportunity to enhance knowledge about international dental education, develop important collaboration skills, and gain cultural competence. Group work, faculty-led discussions, and team projects will provide students with a global perspective on oral healthcare education, ethics, and practice while building professional relationships across countries.

Program Objectives:

1. Build cultural insight and humility
2. Understand the importance of communication for healthcare professionals
3. Discuss the role and value of a global perspective on oral healthcare
4. Identify personal personality and leadership characteristics through team-based projects
5. Reflect on learning opportunities outside of the traditional dental school curriculum
6. Build a network of peers to advance oral healthcare research and patient-centered care

Attendance and Participation

- **Absences:** As we have a limited amount of time together, you are expected to attend all sessions. In the event you are unable to attend a session, please email your school's faculty lead, Jacquelin Wieland (jwieland@umn.edu), and your project team. Adhere to the attendance policies at your school.
- **Participation:** To get the most out of this experience, active participation is expected. Your video should be on during every session as this is key to effective communication. Active engagement and effective communication are essential to international collaboration.
- **Group Project Engagement:** This is a collaborative project, and you are given time during our sessions to work together. Please use that time to get to know each other, discuss your project, work together to find ways and times to meet outside our scheduled sessions as necessary for your project, and create something you are all excited to share with the group.
- **Leadership Opportunities:** Each team should select a leader for each module project. The team leader will help ensure the team project progresses to successful completion and be responsible for submitting presentation documents as required.

Assignments:

1. Prep assignments and end-of-session short reflections - 5 points each for completion; 70 possible points (56 points to pass)

2. Team Presentation 1 - 30 points (24 points to pass)
3. Individual reflection and self-assessment of team project 1 - 12 points (10 points to pass)
4. Team Presentation 2 - 30 points (24 points to pass)
5. Individual reflection and self-assessment of team project 2 -12 points (10 points to pass)

Total points: 154 (124 points - minimum pass score)

Evaluation:

We value your feedback as well and request that you fill out program surveys to help us improve Global Learning Lab: Collaboration in Dentistry (COIL).

Program Schedule:

15 hours - synchronous sessions from November 7, 2026 - May 8th, 2027

Topics are tentative, presentation session agendas will be available 1 week in advance

Date	Topic	Hours
Saturday, November 7, 2026	Overview of Expectations Navigating Canvas Peer Relationships & Team Building Module 1 Team Project Introduction	2 Hours
Saturday, December 5, 2026	Cultural Norms Project Discussion & Work	1.5 Hours
Saturday, December 12, 2026	Patient Centered Outcomes Team project work/ faculty lead check-in	1.5 Hours
Saturday, January 19, 2027	New Technologies & Patient-Centered Care Team project work/ faculty lead check-in	1.5 Hours
Saturday, February 20, 2027	Module 1: Team Project Presentations	2 Hours
Saturday, February 27, 2027	Communication in Healthcare Module 2 Team Project Introduction Team project work/ faculty lead check-in	1.5 Hours
Saturday, March 20, 2027	Professional Relationships - International Conversations on Ethics and in Practice Team project work/ faculty lead check-in	1.5 Hours
Saturday, April 17, 2027	Commitment to the Future - Public Health in a Global Context Team project work/ faculty lead check-in	1.5 Hours
Saturday, May 8, 2027	Module 2: Team Project Presentations	2 Hours

