The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs provides leadership and oversight for all educational programs in the school. She is responsible for curriculum development and management, educational quality assessment and improvement, academic support for the faculty, and facilitates a humanistic and inclusive learning environment for a diverse student body.

The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs administers and leads the faculty and students in the academic programs in the School of Dentistry including the undergraduate Dental Hygiene (BS), predoctoral DDS program, advanced specialty graduate (MS and certificate) programs, Oral Health Sciences PhD training program, and the postgraduate preceptor programs. The Associate Dean leads the administrative and professional staff within the Office of Academic Affairs providing the following services: admissions and student affairs, financial aid, academic progress and support, course and curriculum administration, curriculum assessment and educational research, clinical rotation scheduling, standardized patient program and records/registrar. The Associate Dean is a member of the School of Dentistry senior leadership team, reporting directly to the Dean of the School of Dentistry. The Associate Dean is an ex-officio member of the Academic Review Boards I and II, and Chairs the School of Dentistry Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Program Directors Committee. Direct reports include the Assistant Dean for Student Services, the Assistant Dean for Community Based Dental Education, the Curriculum Assessment Specialist and the Administrator for the Office of Academic Affairs. The Director of Multicultural Affairs, and the Program Director for the Oral Health Sciences PhD program, report to the Associate Dean and the Dean of the School of Dentistry (dual reporting). The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs is responsible for ensuring that all the School’s educational programs are in compliance with accreditation standards, and is responsible for leading the accreditation self-study process and site visit.

The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs collaborates closely with the Senior Associate Dean for Patient Services, the Associate Dean for Research and the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness to support the core missions of the School of Dentistry, and works closely with the Associate Deans from the other schools and colleges to foster interprofessional and cross-disciplinary education and innovation. The Associate Dean works with the Department Chairs, Deans and Directors to provide faculty development opportunities that support career growth and advancement, and support the needs of the educational programs.