

Dr. Adam Rodriguez

Born and raised in Pomona, CA, Dr. Adam Rodriguez has had his educational pursuits take him all over the country. His journey began when he left Southern California to attend Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, and it was here where he originally became interested in becoming a dentist. Having spent time shadowing and working in the community during his 4 years at Duke, he realized the challenges patients faced when accessing quality dental care, and he wanted to do something about it! After receiving his Bachelors of Arts in History, Adam spent a year teaching back in his home town working with kids from all backgrounds and ages. He had a blast finding ways to engage his students in the classroom, and credits his journey to pediatric dentistry having worked as a teacher beforehand.

After his year off, he was excited to further pursue his training at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Dentistry, where he completed his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. After graduation, Adam continued his journey by moving to Sacramento, California to work at a federally qualified health center serving underserved patient populations for three years before deciding to transition his clinical practice solely to pediatric dentistry. It is here where he really grasped the inequities patients faced in accessing quality healthcare, and where he plans to return once he is done with university training. He is a current pediatric dental resident at the UCLA School of Dentistry.

Outside of clinic, you can find Adam staying up to date on the most current personal finances trends and topics, traveling with his favorite sports teams to check out new cities (he hopes to see every major MLB, NFL, and NBA sports venue someday!), and finding new ways to stay active. He is super excited to be a part of the Bruin family and is looking forward to his journey at UCLA Fielding School of Public Health!