The School of Dentistry believes when asserting that a learner is competent it is a prediction that the next time the learner is confronted by a problem that an entry level practitioner should be able to address, our learner will do so independently and at a clinically acceptable level.

In order to confidently make this prediction, the faculty regularly sample evidence from four domains:

Varied Experiences;
Faculty/Peer Evaluation;
Clinical Skills Assessments; and
Student Self-Evaluation.
OHSU Competency Model

Student Competence
Predictive Judgment of Future Performance
Evidence Based Faculty Decision
Qualitative and Quantitative

Varied Experiences
Examples:
- Clinical patient care
- Simulated patients
- Virtual patients
- Community patient care
- Portfolios

Faculty/Peer Evaluations
Examples:
- Daily evaluations
- Huddle sessions
- Patient present.
- Portfolio critiques

Clinical Skills Assessments
Examples:
- Product exams
- Written exams
- Patient present
- OSCE
- EBD present
- Portfolios

Student Self-Evaluation
Examples:
- Evaluation of care
- Patient presentations
- Community reflections
- Portfolios
The Graduate of the OHSU School of Dentistry is competent to:

1 - COMMUNICATE with the community and patients in a culturally sensitive manner to determine the values, needs and preferences related to oral and systemic health;

2 - through a systematic and comprehensive PATIENT ASSESSMENT, identify and record all relevant findings related to the patient’s social, physical and oral health status;

3 - GENERATE DIAGNOSES or differential diagnoses that reflect and are consistent with the assessment data;

4 - DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT PLANS that address each diagnosis and reflect therapies that are supported by evidence and that include prognoses;

5 - SELECT the SEQUENCED TREATMENT PLAN in consultation with the patient to restore oral health that is congruent with patient needs, patient preferences, clinical standards and provider’s skill;

6 - PROVIDE or MANAGE PATIENT CARE that is of high quality, compassionate, ethical, based upon the best current evidence and employs sound business practices; and

7 - EVALUATE and MANAGE the OUTCOME of the treatment provided.