

# Transcultural dental training: addressing the oral health care needs of people from culturally diverse backgrounds

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**Research aim:**

This paper provides an overview of the transcultural issues in oral health care which might confront dental students when treating culturally diverse patients. It will also discuss possible modifications to the dental curriculum to ensure that the future oral health workforce understands the complex health care needs of a multicultural society. This information will give planners and stakeholders an insight into the nature of the cultural issues which future dentists are likely to encounter while treating patients from diverse cultural backgrounds.

**Results/Conclusion:**

**Implications:**

This would help to establish the need to incorporate transcultural awareness modules to enhance quality of care and to respond effectively and sensitively to cultural issues.

**Cultural Group(s):**

**Location of study:**

**Age group:**

**Number included in study:**

N/A

**Type of participants:**

**Research approach:**

**Type of data:**

**Secondary data sources used:**

**Specific scales or analytical techniques used:**

**Implications/ Recommendations:**

**Notes:**

Discussion paper about the need for dental students to have cultural awareness when working with patients from different cultural backgrounds