

**REPORT TO THE  
DELAWARE HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**

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**STUDENT PARTICIPANT AND LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM  
PARTICIPANT TRACKING REPORT**

**Report Excerpt: DIDER**

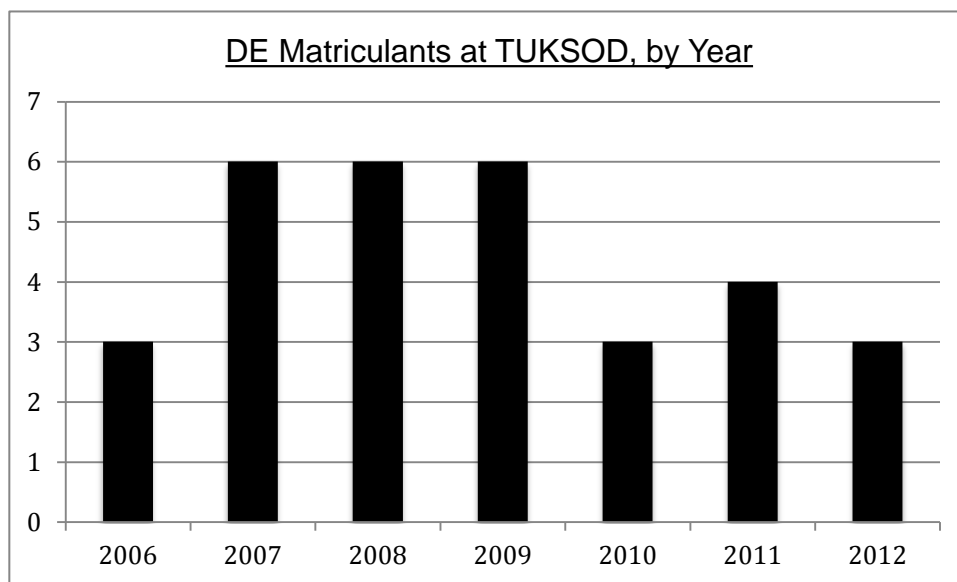
## FINDINGS

The DIDER program agreement with TUKSOD has been in operation since 2006 and provides for admission of 5 qualified Delaware residents.

The actual experience of the number of matriculating students at each professional school is as follows:

- Since 2006, there were 31 Delaware resident matriculants at TUKSOD and ranged from 3 persons to 6 persons each year. In 3 of the 7 years of the agreement, the number DIDER students equaled 6.

NUMBER OF MATRICULATING DELAWARE STUDENTS AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY KORNBERG SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY, BY ENTERING YEAR	
ENTERING YEAR	NUMBER
2006	3
2007	6
2008	6
2009	6
2010	3
2011	4
2012	3



TUKSOD: Of the 31 DIDER students admitted to TUKSOD since the beginning of the program in 2006, 15 were there for 4 years and all of those graduated. Five of the 15 graduates obtained a license to practice in Delaware and all 5 have active licenses at this time.

Of the 5 Delaware licensees, none are DHIN participants. Internet searches indicate that 2 practice in Delaware and 3 do not. One of the Delaware actively practicing dentists is in New Castle County and 1 is in Sussex County.

Using the number of 2 as the number of TUKSOD DIDER graduates practicing in Delaware, this is a rate of 6.5% of the total DIDER participants and 13.3% of the total graduates.

Summary TUKSOD DIDER data follow:

TUKSOD 2006 to 2012	
Number of DIDER Students	31
Number of DIDER Graduates	15
DIMER Graduates with DE License	5
DIMER Graduates Actively Practicing in DE	2

## CONCLUSIONS

The purposes of the DIDER programs include providing improved access to dental school training, supporting dental residencies, and supporting qualified dental personnel to practice in Delaware. An unofficial expectation of the DIDER program is that it will enhance the decisions of newly trained dentists to practice in Delaware.

In the 7 years of the DIDER agreement with TUKSOD, the average number of Delaware matriculants is 4.4. The range is a low of 3 persons to a high of 6 persons. The program achieved the goal of 5 matriculants in only 3 of the 7 years of operation. In the past 3 years, the average has been 3.3 persons. These data appear to indicate that the program generally is not meeting its goal of 5 Delaware matriculants per year.

The number of DIDER TUKSOD graduates actively practicing in Delaware is 2 – 13.3% of the total DIDER graduates. It should be noted that the dental school admission component of DIDER is somewhat new and its purpose as a dental workforce enhancement program is somewhat ambiguous. No comparison data for dental training “return rates” in other states were identified from the American Dental Association or the American Dental Education Association. However, considering the medical school national “return rate” of 39%, the TJU and PCOM “return rates” of 22.9% and 24.3% respectively, and simply a reasonable expectation of effectiveness, the DIDER “return rate” must be viewed as quite low.

The DIDER return rate is so significantly low compared to other return rates that an observer might reasonably speculate that there are one or more factors negatively influencing the decisions of new graduates in returning to the State. To the extent that the State of Delaware determines that the supply of dentists is less than is needed to assure appropriate access to dental care for the population of the state, additional information and data gathering may be performed to identify those factors.