For this internship, I have assisted with orthodontic procedures, sterilized dental instruments and equipment, helped with consultations, and seen the joy patients have when they can smile with perfectly straight teeth.

What I Have Learned

This internship has been an opportunity for me to learn more about private-practice dentistry and prepare myself for dental school. I have developed my manual dexterity, learned about many dental procedures, and grown in my ability to interact with patients and work as a team. Additionally, I have learned to perform proper sterilization techniques on dental instruments.

What’s Next?

This internship helped me realize that dentistry is right for me and that I may want to pursue a dental specialty. I hope to start a 4-year dental program next fall and will apply to residency during my 4th year.

Part of my internship has been sterilizing dental instruments that are reused throughout the day. Pictured above are the autoclave (left) and ultrasonic sterile and cold sterile solutions (right).