



Leadership Academy 2026-2027

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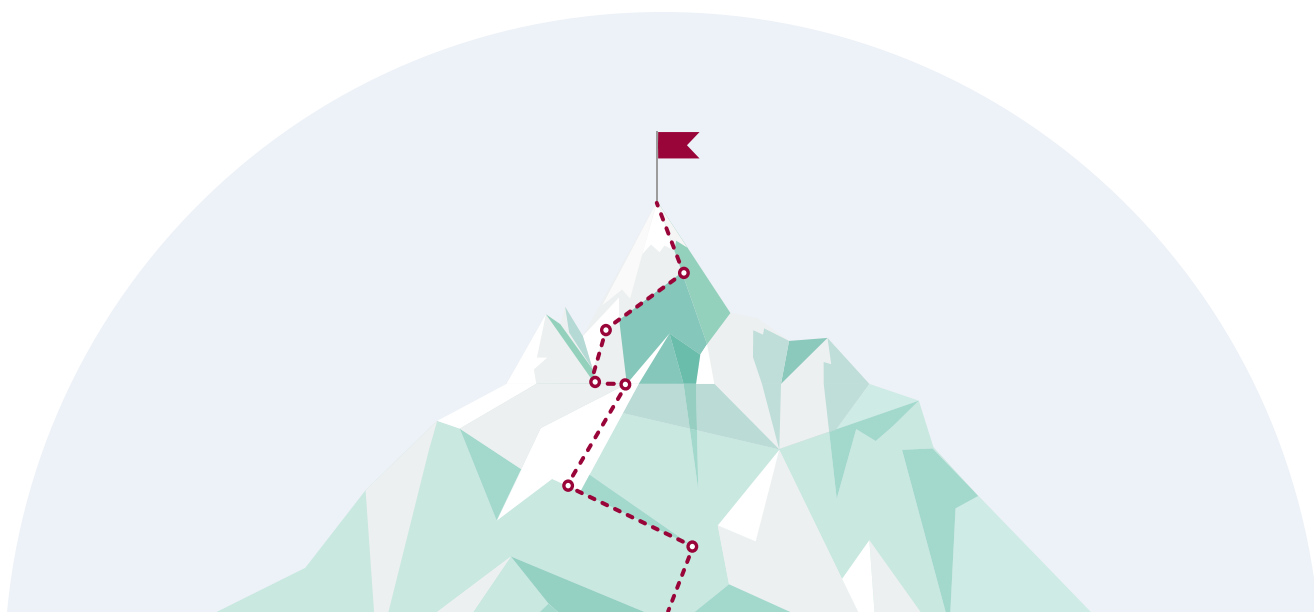
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WHAT IS A **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY?**

A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR EMERGING LEADERS IN ORGANIZED DENTISTRY

The MDA Leadership Academy is a 10-session program designed to provide competencies in leadership skills for those interested in leadership opportunities within organized dentistry both at the district and state levels.

A cohort of students will attend monthly meetings designed to develop core competencies critical to successful leadership.



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The ability to learn is the most important quality a leader can have.

Sheryl Sandberg



PROGRAM DETAILS

OVER THE COURSE OF 10 SESSIONS, YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN:

A cohort of students will attend monthly lessons from a variety of instructors to develop an appreciation and understanding of organized dentistry at all levels (Tripartite). The cohort will engage in structured conversation in an effort to understand and learn critical aspects of successful leadership within an association.

Topics discussed at the meetings may include:

- Understanding Organized Dentistry (the Tripartite)
- Media and Public Speaking
- Legislative Process and Overview
- Leading a Meeting & Parliamentary Procedure
- Understanding Financial Statements
- Understanding Association Audits and Tax Returns
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
- Capstone and Open Discussion

TIMELINE

APPLICATION DUE 2026 COHORT	SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
COHORT CONFIRMATION APPLICANTS SELECTED	OCTOBER 2, 2026
ACADEMY KICKOFF	OCTOBER 19, 2026
MONTHLY MEETINGS VIRTUAL SESSIONS	OCTOBER 2026—MAY 2027

Participants will also be required to attend a variety of Association meetings including:

- At least one Board of Trustees meeting
- Leadership Conference
- Dental Day
- House of Delegates

HOW TO APPLY

SUBMIT AN ONLINE APPLICATION HERE:

www.mndental.org/leadershipacademy



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