

William Davidson Brunson, Jr., DDS Biography

Dr. Dave Brunson is Associate Director for the Center for Equity and Diversity at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). He is co-deputy director of the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP), funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and serves as a Consultant to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Pipeline Initiative to Increase Minority Presence in Dental Schools. Dr. Brunson also coordinates the Academic Dental Careers Fellowship Program, an initiative to increase the number of dental and allied dental students pursuing careers as dental faculty.

Prior to his appointment at ADEA, Dr. Brunson was Assistant Dean for Pre-Doctoral Education and Clinical Professor in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences and General Dentistry at the University of North Carolina, where he managed the pre-doctoral admissions process and the curriculum. He has taught numerous courses, participated in research on posterior composite restorations, authored articles and book chapters, and presented continuing education courses in dental materials, practice management, and professional ethics. Dr. Brunson has been actively involved in the American Dental Association, including the ADA Committee on Dental Products, the Academy of General Dentistry, and the American College of Dentists. He is a member of the OKU Honorary Dental Society, and is past-president of the North Carolina Academy of General Dentistry and the Fourth District Dental Society. A 1971 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, Dr. Brunson practiced general dentistry for 11 years in Fayetteville, North Carolina, prior to starting his career in dental education.