The entire Health Sciences Center has been designed so that students can interact with the School of Medicine and School of Nursing, as well as the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. The Health Education Campus was designed to provide a modern teaching facility. The Multimedia Laboratories are designed and equipped so that the basic sciences, technique, and simulated clinical experience can be carried on by the student in his or her individual area. Included in our Health Education Campus is our new, state-of-the-art, over 130,000 square foot Dental Clinic.

Drawing from a local population of more than one million, the clinics provide a broad spectrum of care to the population, affording the student substantial clinical experience. The school cooperates with various organizations of the city in caring for their clients, an arrangement that provides additional clinical experience for students.

The Cleveland Health Sciences Library (CHSL) was formed in 1966 by an agreement between the Cleveland Medical Library Association (CMLA) and Western Reserve University. CHSL operates in two locations: the Allen Memorial Medical Library and the Health Center Library (HCL).

The Allen collection, strongly clinical, serves private and institutional members of the Cleveland Medical Library Association as well as faculty and students of Case Western Reserve University.

The Health Center Library collection of basic science materials is primarily for faculty and students of the schools of dental medicine, medicine, and nursing, and the department of biology.

The Dittrick Museum of Medical History, located on the third floor of the Allen Library, contains nearly 20,000 objects related to the history of medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy, with special emphasis on Cleveland and the Western Reserve. The museum also contains a medical archives collection and a rare book room.

Reference staff in both libraries help and instruct patrons in the use of the library and its bibliographic resources. Items not available on campus may be obtained through inter-library loan. Other services provided are quick telephone reference, citation verification, computerized or manual bibliographic searches, access to the internet, and online searching of a multitude of databases.

The School of Dental Medicine has working relationships with hospitals and health clinics in the Greater Cleveland community, including the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, MetroHealth, University Hospitals and the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. Students have the opportunity to function as dentists and observe hospital routine and operating room techniques in these hospitals. Many members of the faculty hold staff appointments in these extramural health facilities.

Dental students participate in clinical care at several community health clinics in and around the greater Cleveland area. As part of the curriculum, dental students spend two weeks at one of the community clinics and additionally may volunteer their services in their free time.