

DR. ERIKA LUNA VILCHIS, DMD

General Dentist

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Portfolio: [Clinical Case Portfolio](#)

Western University Health of Scient, DMD 2026 | Universidad Rosaritense, DDS 2011

Gentle hands, genuine connections, honest care, and a good sense of humor.

I'm a California-licensed general dentist (DMD) with 3 years of experience practicing dentistry abroad and 5 years as a traveling orthodontic assistant throughout California. I love helping nervous patients relax, building trust through straightforward conversations, and explaining treatment options in a way that actually makes sense. I'm good at dentistry, but I also enjoy extracting laughs! I'm experienced in restorative, endodontic, prosthodontic, and implant restorative care, and I'm fluent in English and Spanish. I'm continuing to grow my skills in implant dentistry and Invisalign, with the goal of making every patient feel heard and confident in their care.

A Few Fun Facts About Me

-  I don't just fix teeth — I can fix cars, too! Believe it or not, I have a few mechanical skills up my sleeve.
-  Former Junior Olympic athlete! At age 7, I earned 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes. Just please don't ask if I can still run a mile in 6:54!
-  Amateur baker, professional-looking cakes. Every now and then, I make two- or three-tier cakes that look like they belong in a bakery.
-  Realistic drawings, when inspiration strikes. Give me the right mood and a little inspiration, and I might surprise you.
-  Military band veteran. I performed in a military band for four years.

CORE CLINICAL SKILLS

• Crown & Bridge Procedures	• Root Canals (Anterior & Premolar)
• Partial & Complete Dentures	• Extractions
• Orthodontic Appliances & Space Maintainers	• Diagnosis & Treatment Planning
• Composites & Amalgams	• Implant Restorations (Nobel Biocare, Zimmer)
• Patient Education & Case Presentation	• Bilingual Spanish /English

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

General Dentist (Part-Time) | Friends of Family Health Center, La Habra, CA *Aug 2026 – Present*

- Provide general dental care on a part-time basis, including diagnostic, restorative, and preventive treatment.

Dental Extern | Wesley Health Centers, JWCH Institute, Pasadena, CA *Nov 2025 – Jan 2026*

- Provided comprehensive general dental care within a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving a diverse patient population.
- Delivered restorative, prosthodontic, and endodontic treatment with minimal supervision, per supervising dentist evaluation.

Dental Extern | Wesley Health Centers, JWCH Institute, Palmdale, CA *Jun 2025 – Jul 2025*

- Completed clinical externship providing restorative and preventive dental care under supervising staff dentists.

Orthodontic Dental Assistant (Self-Employed, Traveling) | Southern California *Mar 2019 – Jan 2024*

- Performed advanced orthodontic clinical procedures under direct supervision of multiple orthodontists while completing U.S. dental education.
- Bonded and debonded orthodontic brackets and Invisalign attachments; placed, adjusted, and trimmed archwires.
- Conducted iTero digital intraoral scans, clinical photography, and patient documentation.
- Fabricated and bonded Essix retainers.

Associate Dentist | Prodent, Tijuana, Mexico

May 2012 – Jul 2015

- Provided comprehensive general dental care: restorative dentistry, crown preparations, fixed/removable prosthodontics, endodontics, extractions, and emergency treatment.
- Diagnosed oral conditions and developed individualized treatment plans; educated patients on preventive care and oral hygiene.

Dentist Intern | Public Health Department of Mexico, Tijuana, Mexico

Aug 2010 – Jul 2011

- Completed mandatory one-year public health dental internship serving underserved communities; treated approximately 740 patients.
- Performed extractions, composite and amalgam restorations, pulpotomies, periodontal treatment, and preventive care.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) | Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA

2026

Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) | Universidad Rosaritense, Tijuana, Mexico

2011

- Recipient, "Humanity & Quality" Award

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- California Dental License 113030
- NPI
- Basic Life Support (BLS/CPR)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

CDA Foundation – CDA Cares | Anaheim & San Diego, CA

2018

- Assisted dentists during oral surgeries and provided Spanish-English interpretation for Spanish-speaking patients.

CDA Foundation Dental Fair | Pomona, CA

2015

- Delivered patient-facing presentation on oral hygiene; answered patient questions on dental disease and treatment options.

CDA Cares | San Diego, CA

2014

- Assisted dentists during procedures and provided Spanish-English interpretation for patients.

Elder Care Facility Volunteer

2015

- Provided companionship and support to residents through activities and conversation.

LANGUAGES

English • Spanish (Fluent)