



Dental Hygiene



The Dental Hygiene curriculum prepares individuals with the knowledge and skills to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate dental hygiene care for the individual and the community. Students will learn to prepare the operator, take patient histories, note abnormalities, plan care, teach oral hygiene instruction, clean teeth, provide non-surgical periodontal therapy, administer local anesthesia, take radiographs, apply preventive agents, complete necessary chart entries, and perform other procedures related to dental hygiene care. Dental Hygiene, AAS employment opportunities include dental offices, clinics and public health agencies.



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- Apply the dental hygiene process of care using evidence-based practices for the child, adolescent, geriatric, medically-complex and periodontally-involved patient.
- Complete radiographic images.
- Prepare oral health strategies for diverse groups.
- Apply ethical, legal and regulatory concepts to the provision of oral health care services.
- **Graduates of this program may be eligible to take national and state/regional examinations for licensure which are required to practice dental hygiene.**
- **Credits required for a degree: 74-77**