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**Dental Hygiene Program**

- The graduating dental hygienist must be able to discern and manage the ethical, legal and regulatory issues of dental hygiene practice.
- The graduating dental hygienist must be able to acquire, synthesize and communicate information in a critical, scientific and effective manner.
- The graduating dental hygienist must contribute to the enrichment of the dental hygiene profession.
- The graduating dental hygienist must possess the life-long learning skills necessary to maintain competency and quality assurance in all dental hygiene endeavors.
- The graduating dental hygienist must be able to provide planned educational services using appropriate interpersonal communication skills and educational strategies to promote optimal health.
- The graduating dental hygienist must be able to initiate and assume responsibility for health promotion and disease prevention activities for diverse populations.
- The graduating dental hygienist must be able to systematically collect, analyze and accurately record data on the general, oral and psychosocial health status of patients using methods consistent with medico legal principles.
- The graduating dental hygienist must be able, through collaboration with the patient and other health professionals, to use critical decision making skills to formulate an evidence based and patient centered comprehensive dental hygiene care plan.

- The graduating dental hygienist must be able to provide care designed to promote and maintain oral health and assist the patient in achieving oral health goals.
- The graduating dental hygienist must be able to evaluate the effectiveness of planned clinical and educational services and modify as necessary.