

## **TCC DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM GRADUATE COMPETENCIES / STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

To be prepared to begin the practice of dental hygiene, graduates of Tulsa Community College Dental Hygiene Program must acquire the following knowledge, skills and values. Refer to each dental hygiene course syllabus for the applicable graduate competencies/student learning outcomes.

### **A. Ethics, Professionalism and Communication**

1. Adhere to the American Dental Hygienists' Association code of ethics, state and federal laws, recommendations and protocols in the provision of dental hygiene care by assuming responsibility and accountability for dental hygiene actions and services.
2. Communicate effectively using verbal, nonverbal, written and electronic skills.

### **B. Dental Hygiene Process of Care**

3. Provide evidenced-based individualized dental hygiene education and care that includes patient centered assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis, planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation of provided services for the child, adolescent, adult, geriatric, and/or medically/physically/mentally compromised patient based on the periodontal condition as defined by the American Academy of Periodontology.
4. Utilize methods to ensure the health and safety of the patient and the dental hygienist in the delivery of dental hygiene care.

### **C. Community Involvement**

5. Provide oral health services in a variety of settings.
6. Assess, plan, implement and evaluate community-based oral health programs.

### **D. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention**

7. Evaluate elements that can be used to promote patient adherence to disease prevention and/or health maintenance strategies.
8. Identify individual and population risk factors for oral disease.

### **E. Professional Growth and Development**

9. Demonstrate commitment to lifelong learning, utilizing current scientific literature and self-assessment skills.
10. Identify the role of the dental hygienist within health-care, such as: industry, education, research and public health.

**PROGRAM Alumni/Graduate Survey**

Satisfactory rating on Alumni/Graduate survey

**PROGRAM Dental Hygiene Employer Survey**

Satisfactory rating on the Dental Hygiene Employer Survey

PROGRAM Projects: research, planning, presentations

Pass PROJECTS: research, planning, presentations with 75% or above