



**North Idaho College**

## **Dental Hygiene Program**

### **Program Vision, Mission, Goals, and Competencies**

#### **Vision Statement**

The improvement of access to oral health care in our communities.

#### **Mission Statement**

To provide increased access to preventive and therapeutic oral health care in the community by providing dental hygiene graduates. These Dental Hygiene professionals will possess the education and preparation to successfully implement preventive and therapeutic services in the community oral health setting, as well as a variety of dental practice settings.

#### **Core Program Goals and Competencies**

##### **I. Core Goal (C)**

The dental hygienist must possess the ethics, values and skills integral to all aspects of the profession.

##### **Competencies**

- C.1 Apply a professional code of ethics in all endeavors
- C.2 Adhere to state and federal laws, recommendations and regulations in the provision of dental hygiene care
- C.3 Communicate effectively with individuals and groups from diverse populations
- C.4 Provide accurate, consistent and complete documentation for services
- C.5 Provide care to all clients using an individualized approach

##### **II. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Goal (HP)**

The dental hygienist must emphasize the prevention of disease through effective health care delivery.

##### **Competencies**

- HP.1 Promote the values of oral and general health and wellness to the public
- HP.2 Respect the goals, values, beliefs, and preferences of the patient while promoting optimal oral and general health
- HP.3 Identify individual and population risk factors and develop strategies that promote health related quality of life
- HP.4 Evaluate factors that can be used to promote patient adherence to disease prevention and health maintenance strategies

### **III. Community Involvement Goal (CM)**

The dental hygienist must influence access to dental care and services.

#### **Competencies**

CM.1 Assess the oral health needs of the community and the quality and availability of resources and services

CM.2 Provide community oral health services in a variety of settings

CM.3 Evaluate reimbursement mechanisms and their impact on the patient's access to oral health care

CM.4 Evaluate the outcomes of community-based programs and plan for future Activities

### **IV. Patient Care Goal (PC)**

The dental hygienist must utilize an Assessment Diagnosis Plan Implementation Evaluation (ADPIE) format in the delivery of care.

#### **Competencies**

Assessment: PC.1 Systematically collect analyze and record data on the general oral and Psychosocial health status of a variety of patients using methods consistent with medical legal principles

Diagnosis: PC.2 Use critical decision making skills to reach conclusions about the patient's dental hygiene needs based on all available assessment data.

Planning: PC.3 Collaborate with the patient and or other health care professionals to formulate a comprehensive dental hygiene care plan that is patient centered and based on current scientific evidence.

Implementation: PC.4 Provide specialized treatment that includes preventive and therapeutic services designed to achieve and maintain oral health

Evaluation: PC.5 Evaluate the effectiveness of the implemented clinical, preventive, and educational services and modify as needed

### **V. Professional Growth and Development Goal (PGD)**

The dental hygienist must demonstrate professional growth.

#### **Competencies**

PGD.1 Develop practice management and marketing strategies to be used in the delivery of oral health care

PGD. 2 Access professional networks to pursue professional goals