

MSU-Great Falls College of Technology Dental Hygiene Program

Program Outcomes **Revised and Approved March 2011**

Graduates are prepared to:

- Formulate comprehensive dental hygiene care plans that include accurate, consistent and complete documentation for assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation that are dental client centered and based on current scientific evidence based treatment.
- Employ professional judgment and critical thinking to identify, assess, analyze and creatively address situations in a safe and ethical manner.
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills through verbal and written communication with all individuals and groups from various populations.
- Demonstrate leadership skills and provide service to the community through health promotion activities and oral health prevention education while respecting their values and beliefs.
- Apply the concepts of oral health prevention and promotion to improve overall wellness by understanding the link between oral and systemic health.
- Provide safe and competent dental hygiene services to all individuals who seek treatment regardless of age, physical status, or intellectual ability with an individualized approach that is humane, empathetic, and caring.
- Demonstrate appropriate cultural, legal, ethical and professional values at all times while practicing within the standards established by the professions code of ethics and identify parameters of accountability.
- Determine when the collaboration with other healthcare professionals is required to ensure safe appropriate comprehensive dental hygiene care is provided.
- Demonstrate the ability to develop goals based on continuous self assessment to ensure lifelong learning and professional growth.