CGTC Dental Hygiene Program Purpose

The Dental Hygiene program of study encourages each Dental Hygiene program student to benefit and contribute as a partner in the economic development and stability of Georgia. The Dental Hygiene program is an occupational program that provides the knowledge and skills to prepare participants for the dental hygiene profession. Program graduates are trained in the fundamentals of dental hygiene and are well prepared for licensure and therefore employment and subsequent upward mobility in the field of dental hygiene.

CGTC Mission Statement

The Mission of Central Georgia Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is to provide traditional and distance learning educational programs and services. Through credit instruction, adult education, and customized business and industry workforce training, the College contributes to economic and workforce development within its eleven-county service area and throughout the State of Georgia.

CGTC Dental Hygiene Program Mission Statement

To provide the (Dental Hygiene) student with the knowledge, skills, and experiences to become a registered Dental Hygienist and secure employment in the competitive and demanding field of dentistry. This Department seeks to maintain a strong working relationship with area dentists and their office staff to assure that the curriculum, training equipment, and techniques used in the Program mirror local needs.

CGTC Dental Hygiene Department Institutional Goals

The goals of the CGTC Dental Hygiene Program are to:

1. Provide current curriculum, instructional material, and equipment (in accordance with available funding) which teaches knowledge, skills, and attitudes appropriate to industry needs.

2. Provide educational facilities which foster learning and provide safe, healthy environments available and accessible to all students who can benefit from the program.

3. Provide academic instruction which supports effective learning within the program and which enhances professional performance on the job.

4. Provide employability skills, which foster work attitudes and work habits that will enable graduates of the program to perform as responsible employees.

5. Nurture the desire for learning so that the graduates will pursue their own continuing education as a lifelong endeavor.
6. Provide an educational atmosphere, which promotes a positive self-image and a sense of personal well-being.

7. Provide education that fosters development of appropriate safety habits.

8. Provide admissions, educational and placement services without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicapping condition, academic disadvantage, or economic disadvantage.

9. Provide information to the public regarding the program that will facilitate recruitment and enrollment of students.


11. Promote faculty and student rapport and communications to enhance student success in the program.

12. Work with individuals and communities to improve oral and general health.

13. Advance the profession through service activities and affiliations with professional organizations.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the CGTC Dental Hygiene Program are:

a. Students will be able to provide appropriate dental hygiene care based on assessment results.
   1) 90% of students will score a 50 (out of maximum 60) or higher on the Scale portion of the CRDTS exam (Spring semester)
   2) 90% of clinic Instrumentation grades will be 80% or higher. (Summer, Fall, Spring semesters)
   3) 90% of Employer Surveys will indicate that graduates plan and provide appropriate dental hygiene care based on assessment results (Spring semester following graduation).

b. Students will be able to systematically collect and utilize diagnostic data to assess the status and needs of the dental patient.
   1) 90% of students will score 12 or higher (out of maximum 14) on the Central Regional Dental Hygiene Examinations, Inc. (CRDTS) Oral Evaluation Score (Spring Semester)
   2) 90% of students will score 11 (out of maximum 12) or higher on the Central Regional Dental Hygiene Examinations, Inc. (CRDTS) Periodontal Probing Score (Spring Semester)

   c. Students will be able to initiate and assume responsibility for health promotion, health education and disease prevention for diverse populations.
      1) 100% of students will have completed the graduation requirements of: 4 children, 2 Adolescents, 28 Adults, 8 Geriatric, and 6 Special Needs patients by graduation (End of Spring 2018 Semester).
2) 100% of students will have completed the graduation requirements of: 3 Oral Hygiene Instruction Competencies (which stresses why brushing/flossing are important to overall health) by graduation (End of Spring 2018 Semester).

3) 100% of students will have completed the graduation requirement of: Providing a Health Promotion/Health Education (ADPIE: Assessment, Diagnosis, Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation) Project for a Provider Group (Teachers, New/Expecting Parents, High School Coaches, LPNs, CNAs, etc.) in DHYG 2070 Community Dental Health course (End of Fall 2017 Semester).