The Dental Hygiene Program at the College of Southern Nevada is located at the
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The Dental Hygiene student must be able to:
in clinical and academic experience.
highly qualified dental and dental hygiene professionals with diverse backgrounds rich
offer state-of-the-art visual equipment and laboratory facilities. Faculty members are
equipped with the latest in radiology facilities, dental units, ultrasonic scaling devices,
hospitals, military installations and schools. Graduates of the Dental Hygiene Program
infectious diseases; for example, hepatitis, STD and HIV.
the profession of dental hygiene must be committed to
providing care to all patients including those with current or past histories of
infectious diseases; for example, hepatitis, STD and HIV.
Career Opportunities
Most registered Dental Hygienists work as integral members of the dental team in
private dental offices, but many provide preventive and educational services in hospitals,
clinical practical examinations.
Independently prepare papers, clinical notes, and take written, computer, and
medical and oral conditions.
Effectively, confidentially, and sensitively converse with patients regarding
comprehensive evidence-based dental hygiene process of care for diverse
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move safely within a dental operatory and laboratory setting.
Reach laboratory benches and shelves.
Travel to various clinical sites for observations and clinical experiences.
Perform moderate and complex physical work often requiring prolonged
sitting over several hours.
Maneuver portable dental, radiology, and nitrous oxide equipment to safely
utilize equipment when working on patients.
Control precision dental, and dental hygiene instruments, to safely remove calcified
deposits from teeth, or add therapeutic antimicrobials to oral tissues.
Use a computer keyboard to calculate, record, and transmit clinical information.
Read and comprehend technical and professional materials.
Follow verbal and written instructions in order to correctly and independently
perform clinical procedures on patients.
Effectively, confidentially, and sensitively converse with patients regarding
medical and oral conditions.
Communicate with faculty members, fellow students, staff, and other healthcare
professionals verbally and in written and typed format.
Independently prepare papers, clinical notes, and take written, computer, and
clinical practical examinations.
Be able to manage the use of time and be able to systemize actions in order to
complete professional and technical tasks within realistic constraints.
Possess the emotional health necessary to effectively employ intellect and exercise
appropriate judgment.
Be able to provide professional and technical services while experiencing the
stresses of task-related uncertainty.
Be flexible and creative and adapt to professional and technical changes.
Recognize potentially hazardous materials, equipment, and situations and proceed
safely in order to minimize risk of injury to patients, self, and nearby individuals.
Note: Specialized dental stools have a maximum weight capacity of 300 lbs. Candidates
who exceed this capacity will be responsible for providing their own dental stool that
meets the standards for clinical performance.

Approximate Program Costs
Tuition:
88 credits x $90.00 per credit hr.......................................... $7920.00
Books................................................................................ $1700.00
Lab Fees............................................................................. $500.00
Uniforms/Equipment.......................................................... $7500.00
CPR Certification................................................................. $50.00 - $75.00
Physical Exam................................................................. $50.00 - $75.00
Dental Exam................................................................. $35.00 - $55.00
Immunizations................................................................. $0 - $600.00
Drug Screening................................................................. $30.00
Medical Insurance........................................................... $20.00-$190.00/month
Applies only if you are presently uninsured.

College Admission Fee....................................................... $10.00
One time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only.
SADHA Professional Association Fee................................ $145.00
Typhon Student Tracking Program.................................... $75.00
Certified Background Check............................................ $35.00
National Certification & Examinations................................ $390.00
** Laser Certification......................................................... $500.00
Licensure:
Background Check............................................................ $400.00
State or Regional Examination........................................ $1450.00
Nevada Licensing Application......................................... $600.00
Licensing Fees............................................................... $350.00
Pre-admission Spatial/Dexterity Testing Fee...................... $25.00
TEAS Testing Fee............................................................ $35.00
Non-resident Fee........................................................... $3322.50 per semester
This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is

Program Goals
The Dental Hygiene Program positively impacts the delivery of dental hygiene services
by fulfilling the following goals:
• Maintain an educational program that meets current dental hygiene practice and
education standards with an adequate number of graduates to respond to the state’s
manpower needs.
• Provide comprehensive evidence-based dental hygiene process of care for diverse
clients of all ages while recognizing the client as an individual with particular needs.
• Seek collaborative partnerships within the community to provide enrichment and
clinical experiences for all level of learners.
• Foster learners with critical thinking skills and research methodology to promote
life-long learning.

Accepted Students
Students accepted into the program will be required to show proof of CPR certification,
health insurance, immunization against Hepatitis B, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella,
Tetanus, Diptheria, and proof of a negative TB skin test prior to the first scheduled
practicum clinical experience. A physical examination must also be completed. Students
may also be required to submit to an official background check. Medical insurance may
be purchased through CSN student Government.

All states require that Dental Hygienists be licensed. In addition to successfully
completing the course of study in an accredited Dental Hygiene Program and passing the
written National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, the Nevada Dental Practice Act (NRS 631.290)
requires that candidates for licensure be of good moral character and be
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Dental Hygienist in Nevada (NAC 631.050)

Accreditation
• American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation
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