

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM COMPETENCIES

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Professional, Respectful Conduct for a Diverse and Ethical Practice

1. PRDE1 Demonstrate the concepts of professionalism, ethics, law, and practice regulations to the provision of oral health care services and personal conduct.
2. PRDE2 Utilize mindfulness to explore inequities surrounding social justice, diversity, and inclusion to embrace respectful behavior in interpersonal communications, conduct, and patient care.
3. PRDE3 Integrate awareness of mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual health pertaining to self and others' overall well-being.
4. PRDE4 Investigate career path opportunities within the scope of the dental hygiene profession.
5. PRDE5 Appreciate lifelong learning and personal growth within career development.

Interprofessional Educational Opportunities

6. IPEO1 Engage in intra- and interprofessional educational opportunities that foster a collaborative learning environment to appropriately address patient/client's health care needs.

Dental Hygiene Patient Care

7. DHPC1 Integrate general education, biomedical, dental hygiene, and dental sciences concepts to the provision of oral health care services.
8. DHPC2 Employ the dental hygiene process of care which includes assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation components that are both evidence-based and patient/client-centered.
9. DHPC3 Utilize critical thinking skills to personalize dental hygiene care with appropriate modification of delivery services to children, adolescents, adults, geriatrics, and patients/clients with special needs.
10. DHPC4 Accurately identify, develop, and implement individualized dental hygiene treatment plans based on clients' periodontal classification which may include moderate to severe periodontal disease.
11. DHPC5 Perform evidence-based and patient/client-centered dental hygiene supportive treatment and expanded function procedures as permissible in West Virginia and other states' dental hygiene scope of practice.

12. DHPC6 Recognize medical and dental emergencies that may be encountered in dental hygiene practice and provide appropriate interventions, including basic life support.
13. DHPC7 Enhance social awareness, knowledge, and skills through enriching clinical experiences involving dental specialties, hospital dentistry, underserved populations, innovation center for education and technology, and other learning opportunities.

Tobacco Treatment Specialist Certification

14. TOBC1 Obtain tobacco treatment specialist certification utilizing curricular content and the 5 A's (Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, & Arrange) to execute evidence-based tobacco/vaping cessation strategies for all tobacco users.

Community Dental Health Coordinator Certification

15. CDHC1 Obtain Community Dental Health Coordinator certification utilizing curricular content, interprofessional communication, and participation/organization of community health service projects.

Community Health Promotion

16. CMHP1 Assess, plan, implement, and evaluate community-based oral health programs to promote health and prevent disease among diverse population groups.
17. CMHP2 Encourage a culture of action through outreach, community service, and experiential learning experiences.

Critical Thinking and Research

18. CTRS1 Utilize critical thinking skills to evaluate scientific literature and new innovations for implementation into dental hygiene profession.
19. CTRS2 Design, execute, analyze, and present a research project utilizing the scientific method.

Dental Hygiene Educational Methods

20. DHED1 Develop didactic, clinical, and laboratory course materials through integration of educational methodologies for application within allied dental education programs.