

## **DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**

### **PHILOSOPHY**

Realizing that the demands of society and the needs of the individual require post-high school education for an increasing number of the population, Broward Community College has designed its programs to prepare individuals for vocations in which they can make their greatest contribution to society and in which they can gain personal satisfaction.

The Administration, Faculty, and the Dental Assisting/Hygiene Advisory Board of Broward Community College have established specific goals for the achievement of this objective within the Dental Hygiene Program.

### **GOALS**

The goals are as follows:

To prepare individuals who have the capability to sustain the professional, moral and ethical obligations associated with being a member of the dental health team.

To prepare those individuals who have the capability and desire to perform those duties approved for the dental hygienist by the State Board of Dentistry. The level of competency established for these duties will be determined by the faculty utilizing the resources of the Dental Hygiene National Board, Florida State Board and the area employers.

To prepare learning opportunities for students to qualify for examination and licensure as a registered dental hygienist in which passing rates for National Boards and Florida State Boards meet or exceed national and state averages.

To prepare individuals who have the capability and desire to keep abreast of new developments and changes in the field of dentistry through the American Dental Hygienist Association and professional dental literature.

To prepare individuals capable of performing the clinical skills that may be appropriately delegated to a dental hygienist.

To prepare those individuals pursuing a higher degree with the educational foundation for higher academic achievement.

To adhere to the accreditation standards for dental hygiene education programs set forth by the Commission on Dental Accreditation recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education.