

### **Program Goals of the Dental Hygiene Program are:**

1. **Patient Care:** Provide students the opportunity to gain the necessary knowledge, skills and values to become a licensed Dental Hygienist in the State of Alabama.
2. **Teaching:** Support faculty development and Teaching Effectiveness.
3. **Service:** Provide oral health services and education to the community.
4. **Research:** Promote evidence-based teaching and patient care.

The primary Student Achievement Outcomes of the Dental Hygiene Program are as follows.

1. Provide the dental hygiene student opportunity to gain the necessary knowledge, skills and values to enter the registered practice of dental hygiene.
2. Prepare the student to pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination.
3. Prepare the student to pass the clinical dental hygiene examinations in dental hygiene.

The Student Learning Outcomes of the Dental Hygiene Program are as follows.

1. Apply principles of ethical reasoning, ethical decision making and professional responsibility as they pertain to the academic environment, research, patient care and practice management that includes demonstrating competent knowledge and self-assessment skills necessary for life-long learning.
2. Demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving related to comprehensive care and management of patients that includes providing oral health care to individuals at all stages of life and for all periodontal classifications.
3. Practice interpersonal and communication skills to effectively interact with diverse population groups along with other members of the health care team.
4. Assess, plan, implement and evaluate community-based oral health programs including health promotion and disease prevention activities.