The Dental Hygiene Education Program

Commendations

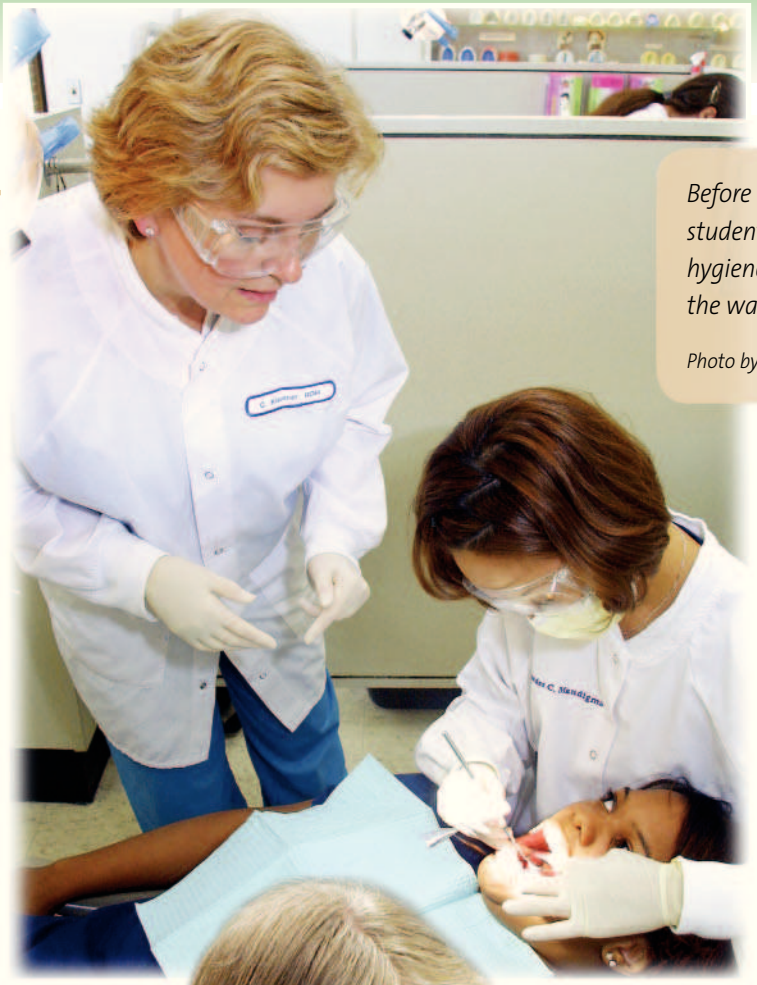
"The administration and faculty of the program are commended for their well-conceived, proactive, and inclusive strategic planning process and product."

"The administration and faculty are commended for their commitment to the delivery of quality patient care within a mutually respectful environment, which extends throughout the three years of the dental hygiene students' clinical educational experiences."



Providing oral health care information and education to patients is an important service dental hygiene students provide patients. After reviewing a patient's medical and dental histories, a student examines a patient and then discusses the findings. Here, fourth-year dental hygiene student Katrina Stanfield uses a model and toothbrush to show a patient the proper way to brush.

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Before they begin using instruments on patients, dental hygiene students develop their skills on mannequins and each other. Dental hygiene students Maria Mandigma and Dana Sutton practice under the watchful eye of Christine Klausner, clinical assistant professor.

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Professor Wendy Kerschbaum, director of the dental hygiene program, uses colored pipe cleaners to show third-year dental hygiene students Nicole Maynard (center) and Carol Amlog the path of the trigeminal nerve between teeth and the brain. Many branches of this nerve are anesthetized by a hygienist prior to dental treatment.

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