



## **UTAH COLLEGE of DENTAL HYGIENE**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Utah College of Dental Hygiene (UCDH) is a private student-centered institution devoted to providing quality education to women and men from diverse geographic locations and backgrounds that will be prepared academically, technically, and ethically to meet the challenges of dental hygiene and contribute to improved access to oral healthcare. The College is committed to excellence with a dedicated focus on developing a well-rounded graduate with effective interpersonal skills; a graduate who values education and is capable of critical thinking, leadership, professional judgment, and possesses the ability to assume appropriate responsibility for their professional role. The mission will be accomplished through meeting the following goals in the areas of education, patient care, creative and scholarly activity, and professional service:

#### **GOAL #1 (EDUCATION)**

**Prepare students, through appropriate academic and clinical education, to be qualified dental professionals.**

1. Recruit students from diverse locations and backgrounds, including students of differing academic capabilities, who can reasonably be predicted to successfully complete the educational programs of the College within specified time frames.
2. Provide appropriate didactic and clinical instruction through an interactive, competency-based curriculum that is reviewed regularly and modified as necessary to address the dynamics of a constantly changing profession.
3. Provide didactic and clinical instruction in a positive learning environment that leads to social and ethical development.
4. Create and provide opportunities for learning beyond graduation and professional growth through relevant continuing education.
5. Incorporate relevant innovations in technology and management, consistent with available resources, as an integral facet of the College's goals in the areas of teaching, patient care, research, and student/faculty service.

#### **GOAL #2 (PATIENT CARE)**

**Provide comprehensive dental hygiene treatment to those communities served by the College through a complete, sequential, and fully monitored system of oral health care delivery.**

1. Provide comprehensive patient-centered care throughout the clinical education programs as an integral component of the College's teaching and service missions.
2. Develop and implement program standards of care based on measurable criteria that facilitate reliable and valid assessment.

### **GOAL #3 (CREATIVE & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY)**

**Create a positive and rewarding academic environment that facilitates continued growth and enrichment of all students and faculty.**

1. Provide opportunities for faculty development and recognition.
2. Encourage participation by faculty and students in scholarly activities that lead to the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge in the art and science of dental hygiene and dental hygiene education.

### **GOAL #4 (PROFESSIONAL SERVICE)**

**Foster opportunities, utilizing resources both locally and nationally, for faculty and student involvement in service activities that are consistent with personal development goals and that promote dentistry as an integral component in the overall health and welfare of the community.**

1. Identify new and strengthen existing relationships between the College, the public and organized dentistry and dental hygiene.
2. Promote programs and activities that emphasize an interdisciplinary approach between dental hygiene, dentistry and other health profession components.
3. Encourage student and faculty participation in and support of professional service organizations that promote the service mission of the College and the dental hygiene profession.

The goals are a living document sensitive to the changing needs of the profession. Goals are reviewed, evaluated, and revised annually by administration, faculty, and the Dental Hygiene Professional Advisory Committee.