

**LAKE SUPERIOR COLLEGE
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY, MISSION, AND OUTCOMES**

Philosophy

The Lake Superior College Dental Hygiene Program believes that the dental hygienist is an extremely important member of the dental health team who makes a significant contribution to the total health of all people. It is believed that guided experiences in didactic, laboratory and clinical aspects of the dental hygiene curriculum combined with general courses will prepare the student for his or her role as an effective dental hygienist as well as a knowledgeable and responsible citizen.

Mission

The mission of the Lakes Superior College Dental Hygiene Program is to educate and prepare competent students, to provide the public with quality dental hygiene care and to educate these students in sufficient numbers to meet the demand for dental hygiene services of the region.

Implicit in the fulfillment of this mission, is the understanding that the strength of the program lies in the College administration, the quality of the faculty and students, and the support of the parent profession.

Outcome

1. Prepare graduates with the knowledge and clinical competence required to provide current comprehensive dental hygiene services.
2. Interact effectively with patients, peers and dental health care members utilizing professional written and oral communication.
3. Develop an identity of self, supportive of continuous learning and professional endeavor.
4. Exhibit ethical behavior consistent with professional conduct.
5. Initiate and assume responsibility for health promotion and disease prevention activities.
6. Acquire and synthesize information in a critical, scientific and effective manner.