



DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS / INFECTIOUS DISEASES POLICY

The policy applies to all Dental Hygiene Degree students, faculty, staff and patients who present with a medical history positive for infectious diseases. Any persons in this category will be served following all the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act. All Occupational Safety and Hazard Association (OSHA) guidelines will be strictly enforced and standard precautions will be followed in all cases.

An individualized treatment plan is developed for every patient. The decision to treat patients with a medical condition, infectious or non-infectious, will be handled on a case by case basis depending on the ability of the student to deliver the appropriate standards of care, the approval of the patient's physician and the stability of the condition. Patients will be referred appropriately if their dental needs are greater than the educational clinic at Lanier Technical College can provide.

Faculty, staff, students and patients will be managed no differently than standard procedures indicate unless at some point in their disease state, they have a negative impact on the health of others they come in contact with, or are unable to adequately fulfill their responsibilities.