



Welcome to the Dental Hygiene Clinic at Lanier Technical College! As an educational institution, we provide services to patients that are required for students to learn the correct procedures and techniques to become successful dental hygienists. We are glad you have chosen to seek care with us and we would like you to be aware of our clinic policies.

- ◆ Our clinic provides services related to dental hygiene care. Services that are only provided by a dentist, such as extractions, fillings, crowns and dentures, are not taught at this facility and not provided in our clinic. Patients are screened and scheduled in our clinic based upon the current needs of our students. We encourage you to maintain your relationship with your dentist for complete dental care because the LTC Dental Clinic will not function as the patient's primary dental care provider.
- ◆ Dental hygiene appointments are available Tuesday through Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Appointments may last until 12:00 noon. Please plan to be here for the entire appointment time. Arrive at 7:45 to allow time to park and update paperwork.
- ◆ Treatment in the Dental Hygiene Clinic proceeds more slowly than in a private office as the services are rendered by students and are then carefully evaluated by faculty. Completion of procedures cannot be guaranteed in any specific period of time. Please be patient with our student hygienists!
- ◆ The clinic's Administrative Assistant is available Monday—Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and may be reached by calling 770-533-6936.
- ◆ The first appointment for all new patients over the age of 21 will be a one hour screening appointment.
- ◆ Current radiographs are required for patient treatment.
- ◆ Please bring a list of all medications and the dosage that you are taking to each appointment. Certain medical conditions may require the patient take an antibiotic pre-medication prior to the dental appointment.
- ◆ Patients with diabetes must have taken their medication and eaten prior to the dental appointment.
- ◆ Patients with a blood pressure of greater than or equal to 160/100 will not be seen in the clinic. A referral letter will be sent for a medical consultation. The patient may be rescheduled in the clinic once the blood pressure is stabilized.

- ◆ Children may not be left unaccompanied on the Lanier Technical College campus. The Dental Hygiene Clinic's Child Patient Policy is available upon request.
- ◆ As a courtesy to our student hygienists, cell phones must be turned OFF in the clinical area during treatment.
- ◆ Payment by cash or check is required at the time of treatment. We do not accept credit or debit cards.

Summer Semester (End of May – End of July)

Students begin to see patients. Appointments last from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Students typically see patients who have had their teeth cleaned within the last year to year and a half and have little tartar or periodontal (gum) disease. This is an excellent opportunity to get adolescents and children into the clinic.

Fall Semester (End of August – mid-December)

Students begin to see all patients and are able to use ultrasonics & air polish the teeth. Appointments last from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and shorter procedures can be scheduled from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Spring Semester (January- April)

Students are completing graduation requirements and patients are scheduled based on each student's needs. In order to graduate, students need to see patients of all ages, with tartar build up ranging from very light to very heavy, and with periodontal disease ranging from mild to severe. Students are also completing treatment for patients for whom treatment has already begun. Availability for appointments varies depending on what each student needs in order to complete graduation requirements. Appointments are from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Again, we appreciate your patience as the students adjust to a shorter appointment time.

Special Note:

Occasionally, additional appointments are necessary in order for the student to complete your treatment. Sometimes this is because the student has not developed the speed needed to complete treatment. Other times it is because of your periodontal disease level. This is a teaching facility and your cooperation is imperative to the students' educational experience. We make every effort to treat each patient in a timely manner at the lowest possible cost. We appreciate your willingness to become a patient here at Lanier Technical College and hope you will continue your support of our clinic for years to come.