

**University of Pittsburgh
School of Dental Medicine
Dental Hygiene Program**

Mission Statement

The mission of the University of Pittsburgh, School of Dental Medicine, Dental Hygiene Program is to graduate highly skilled practitioners who are dedicated to providing the highest quality, evidence-based patient treatment; preventative dental health education; community service; and are committed to lifelong learning and the promotion of dental research to advance the profession.

Dental Hygiene Program Goals

- a. To educate students in the ethical, legal, evidence-based, and competent practice of dental hygiene.
- b. To prepare students with the knowledge, skills, and values to provide optimal and compassionate patient care and disease prevention to a diverse population.
- c. To promote professional growth, development, and an appreciation of scholarly activity that contributes to the advancement of the profession.
- d. To facilitate students' participation in providing oral health care in community settings.