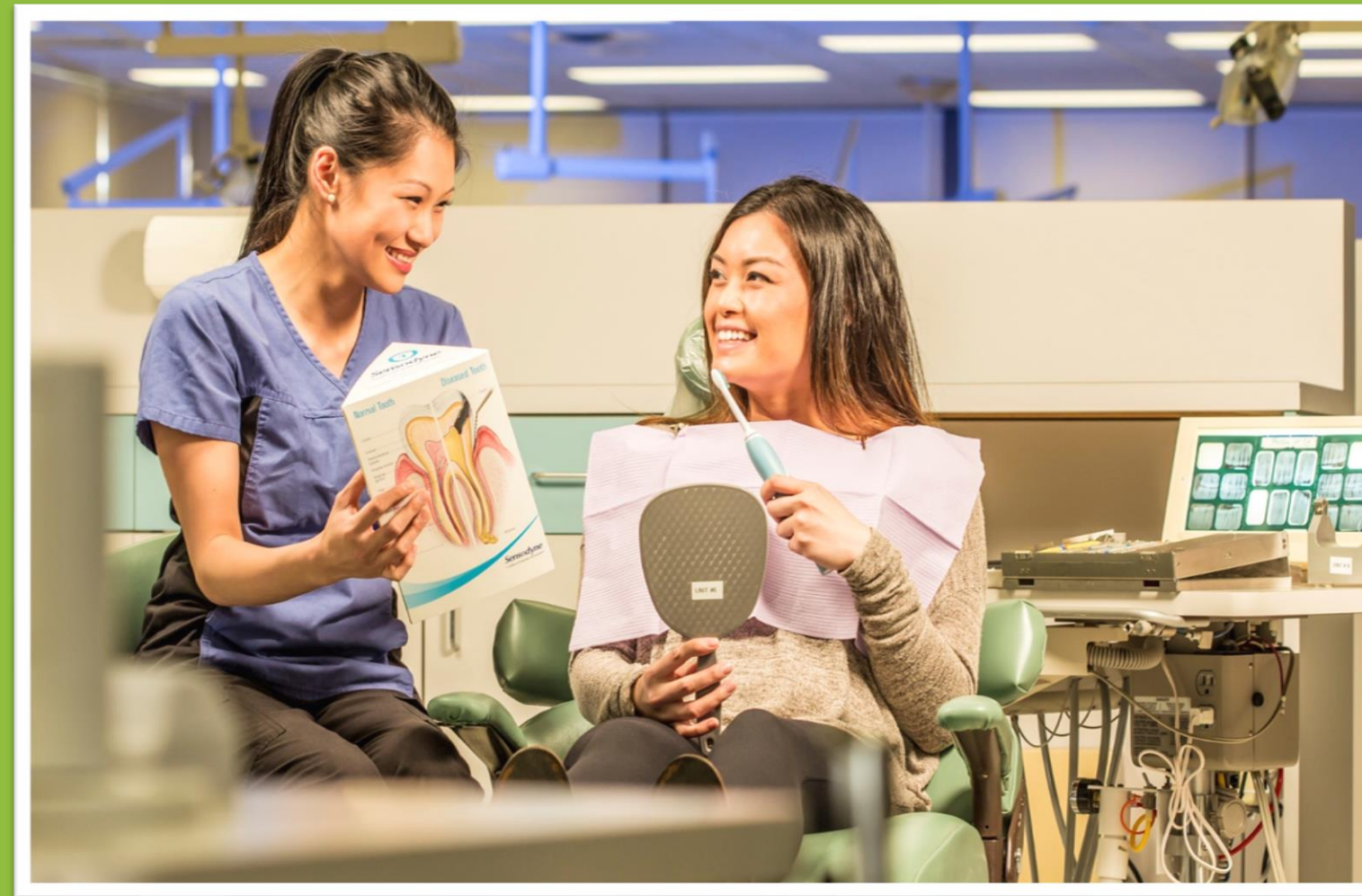


# Dental Hygiene (DHYG) Diploma Program



Welcome to the Information Session







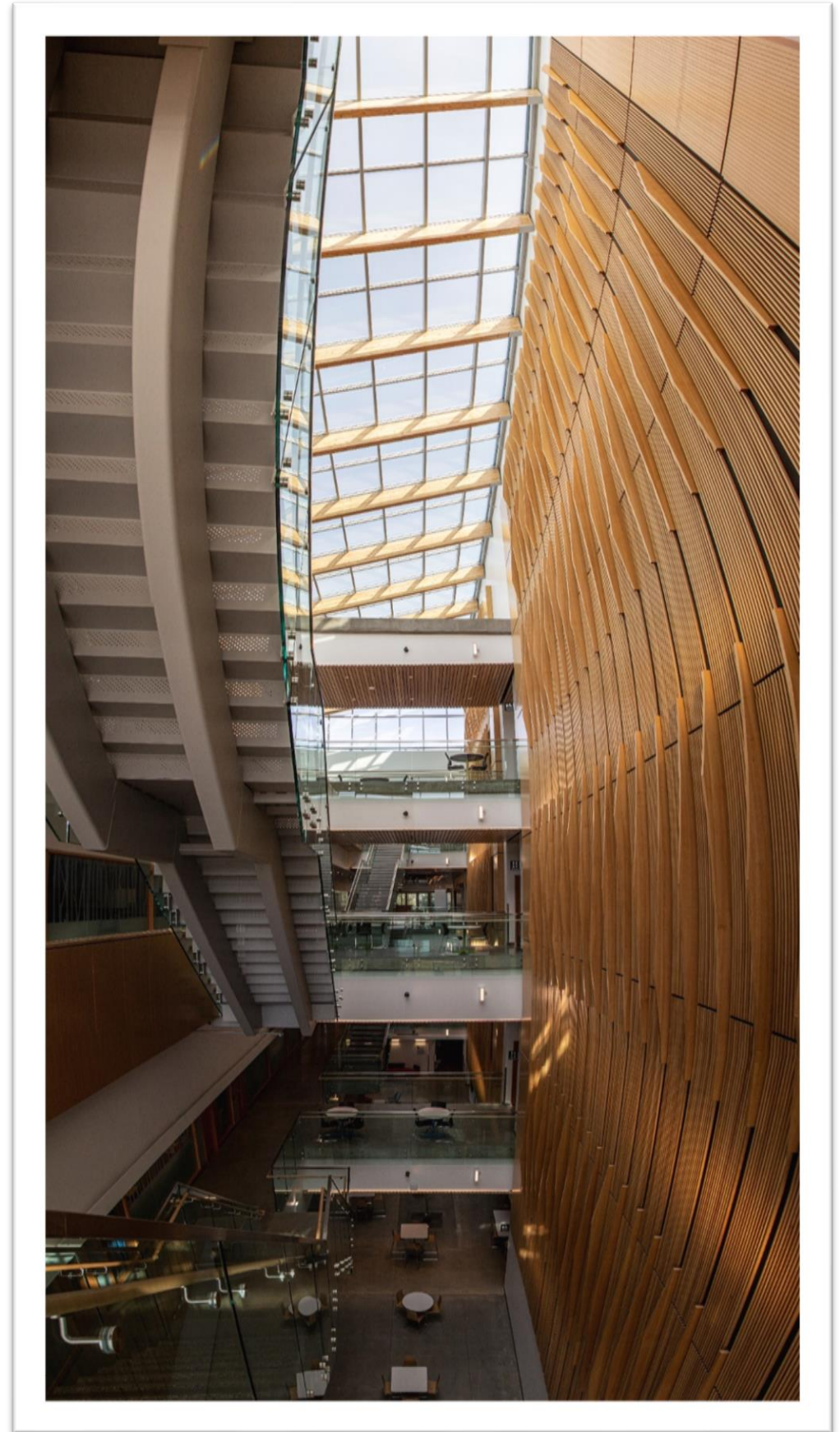
## Territorial Acknowledgement

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We honour their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.



# Camosun College

- Camosun College is B.C.'s largest public college
- 19,000+ students
- 1,200+ faculty and staff
- Programs range from arts and business to tech and trades to university transfer and continuing education
- Credentials include dual credits, certificates, diplomas, degrees, post-degree diplomas



# School of Health & Human Services (HHS)

It is a great pleasure to work alongside the faculty, staff and students of HHS who strive to improve the health and wellbeing of people and our communities.

**Carly Hall, RN, BSN, MEd**  
Dean  
School of Health and  
Human Services

Camosun College offers more than 15 health and human services programs, including degrees, post-degree diplomas, certificates, diplomas and university transfer courses



# Chair's Welcome

*Thank you for your interest in the dental hygiene diploma program at Camosun College. It is always wonderful to be able to connect with our prospective students! The following PowerPoint has been developed to assist in answering your questions and to provide information on our excellent program.*

*I look forward to welcoming you to our program!*

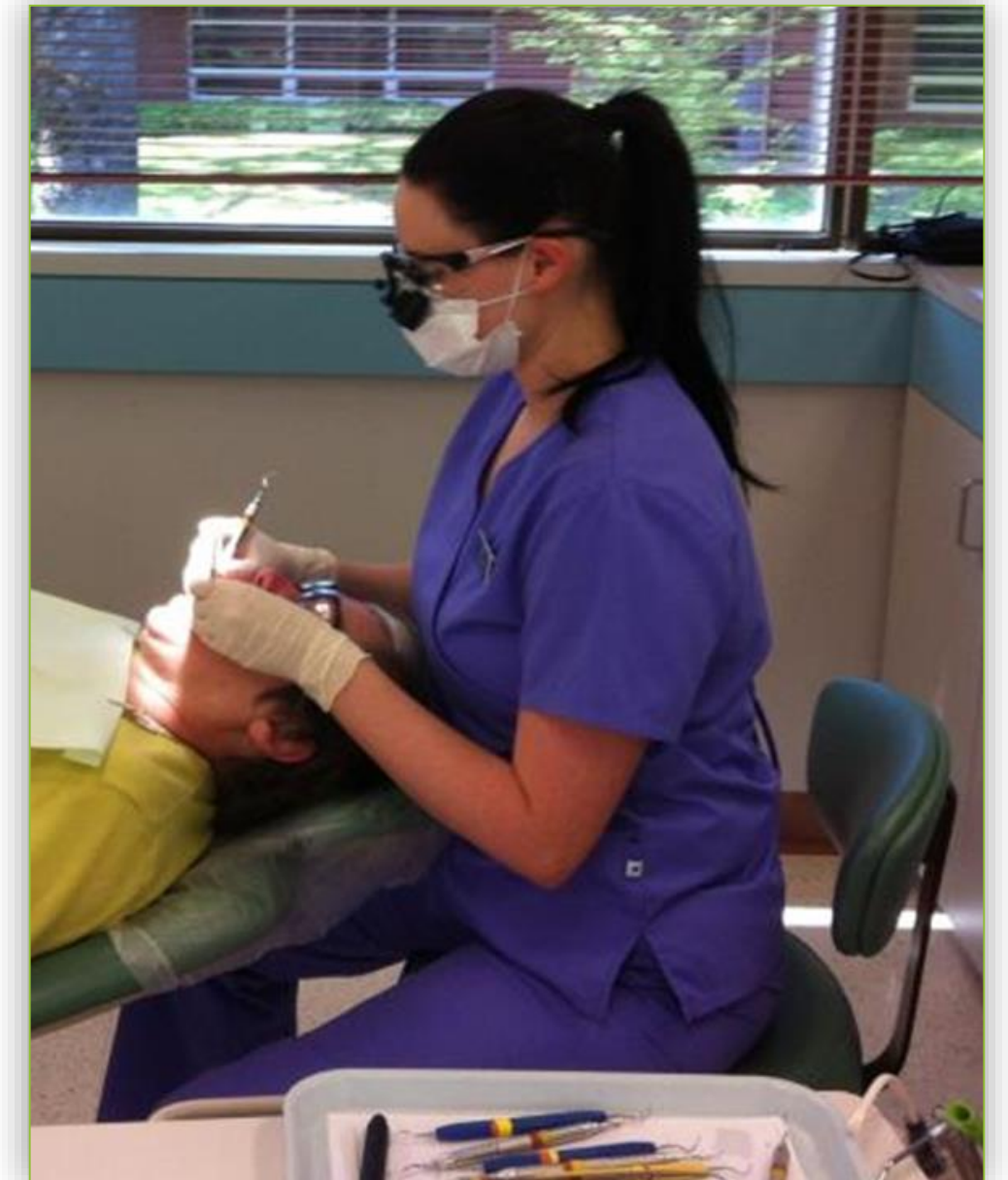
*Mandy Hayre*

*Chair Camosun College Dental Programs*



# Camosun College Dental Hygiene

- A three year program
- First year consists of university transferable courses
- Years two and three are in the Dental Hygiene program onsite at Camosun College
  - Lansdowne Campus



# Prerequisite Year One Courses

Requirement	Camosun options
<b>Human Anatomy and Physiology</b> <i>one pair of:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">BIOL 143</a> and <a href="#">BIOL 144</a></li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">BIOL 150</a> and <a href="#">BIOL 151</a></li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">BIOL 152</a> and <a href="#">BIOL 153</a></li> </ul>
<b>Chemistry</b> <i>two of:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">CHEM 110</a></li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">CHEM 112</a></li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">CHEM 120</a></li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">CHEM 121</a></li> </ul>
<b>English</b> <i>two of:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">ENGL 151</a>*</li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">ENGL 161</a></li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">ENGL 163</a></li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">ENGL 164</a></li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">ENGL 251</a>*</li> </ul>
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<b>Elementary Statistics for Social Sciences</b> <i>one of:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">STAT 116</a></li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">STAT 216</a></li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">STAT 218</a></li> <li>•C+ in <a href="#">BUS 230</a></li> </ul>
<b>UT Elective</b> <i>one of:</i>	C+ in a university transferable 100 lev

- To check if you have the high school prerequisite courses for these university transferable courses, click on the course link and enter the subject and number eg. ENGL 151

- Questions: contact Admissions [admissions@camosun.ca](mailto:admissions@camosun.ca)

# What You Will Study in Year Two

In year two you will learn the foundational knowledge to be a dental hygienist, practice on one another and see your first clients!

Course #	Course Name	Credits
BIOL 161	Principles of Microbiology for Dental Hygiene	3
DHYG 219	Head & Neck Anatomy	3
DHYG 220	Dental Anatomy	1.5
DHYG 225	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
DHYG 245	Professional Practice 1	3
DHYG 270	Clinical Theory 1	3
DHYG 271	Clinical Practice 1	6

Course #	Course Name	Credits
BIOL 260	General Pathophysiology	3
DHYG 221	Oral Sciences 1	1.5
DHYG 222	Introduction to Periodontology	1.5
DHYG 231	Radiology in Dental Practice	3
DHYG 246	Professional Practice 2	3
DHYG 280	Clinical Theory 2	3
DHYG 281	Clinical Practice 2	6



# What You Will Study in Year Three

In year three, you will continue to learn more of the science of dental hygiene as well as see clients with increasingly complex conditions in our clinic and in the community.

Course #	Course Name	Credits
DHYG 310	Pharmacology	3
DHYG 321	Oral Sciences 2	1.5
DHYG 370	Clinical Theory 3	3
DHYG 371	Clinical Practice 3	6
DHYG 390	Community Oral Health 1	1.5

Course #	Course Name	Credits
DHYG 322	Oral Sciences 3	3
DHYG 328	Nutrition	1.5
DHYG 345	Professional Practice 3	3
DHYG 380	Clinical Theory 4	3
DHYG 381	Clinical Practice 4	6
DHYG 391	Community Oral Health 2	3







# You Will Learn How To:

- Be a professional primary health care provider
- Provide quality comprehensive patient care
  - Take a good health history
  - Take and interpret vital signs
  - Assess the teeth, gums and all structures of the head and neck
  - Identify significant findings
  - Develop a care plan setting priorities and goals
  - Provide freezing to facilitate patient comfort
  - Take and interpret digital radiographs
  - Use dental management software
- Communicate with other professionals in the health field
- Understand the relationship of oral health to general health
- Understand the importance of health advocacy
- Analyze professional research
- And so much more .....



**Graduate as a confident competent hygienist ready to practice**

# The Workload

- 4 full semesters (14-16 weeks long)
- Average of 30 hours of class & clinic per week (6-8 different courses per semester)
- Out of class work: 3 - 4 hours/evening + time on weekends
- Hands on – 35% plus





# Why Camosun?



- Fully accredited by the Commission of Dental Accreditation of Canada allowing you to register in most provinces
- Excellent pass rate on the Canadian National Dental Hygiene Board Exam
- One of the lowest tuition costs for dental hygiene education in the province
- High employment rates after graduation, high remuneration
- Positive feedback from our graduates
- Spacious modern dental clinic, operator space for each student

# Learn in a Modern 24 Chair Clinic



Current equipment, digital radiography, digital dental software





# Why Camosun?

- Timetable is Monday – Friday 8:00-6:00
- Program is delivered September – April
- Strong relations within the community and internationally
- Excellent reputation nationally and internationally
- Opportunities to travel for field school experiences in San Pancho, Mexico and Sendai, Japan



# Travel and learn



# Study Abroad Studies: Mexico Field School



# Why Camosun? Portability



- Graduates of the program are eligible for registration in all other Canadian provinces
- Canadian graduates are highly regarded throughout the world
- Past graduates have worked in Switzerland, Australia, USA, Bermuda, Mexico, Sweden, Jamaica and more.



# Why Camosun?

- Highly qualified experienced faculty
  - All fulltime faculty are Master's prepared
  - All faculty have extensive clinical experience
- Faculty involvement in the profession as board members of provincial, national and international associations



# You Will Provide Care in the Community

## Community Health Activities:

- New parents groups
- Daycare facilities
- Elementary Schools
- Recreation Centres
- Residential Care
- W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Secondary School
- Our Place Clinic (mobile equipment)



# You Will Collaborate with Students in Other Camosun Programs

- Nursing Program
- Health Care Assistant Program
- Community, Family & Child Studies Program



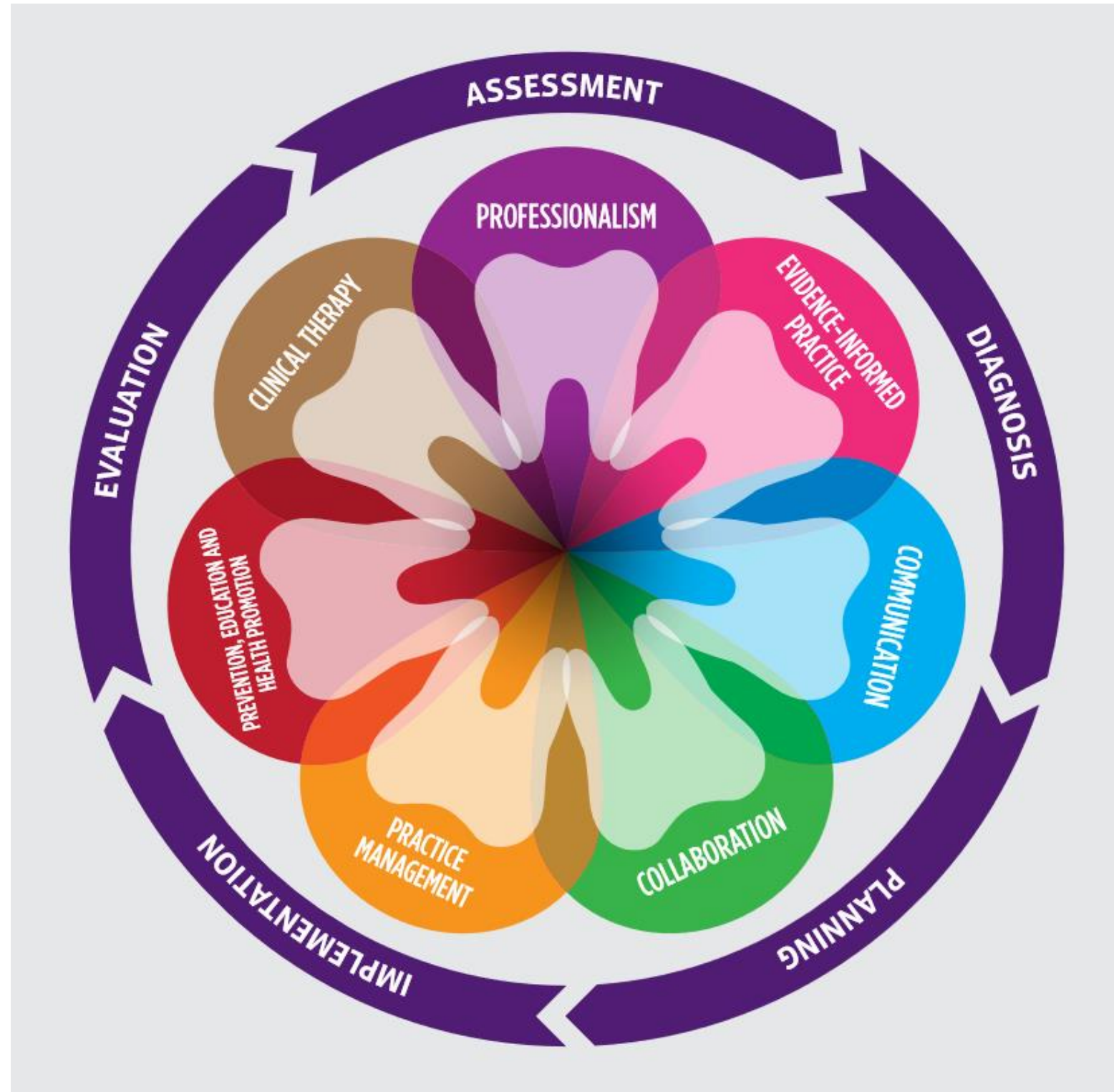
# Employment Opportunities for Graduates

- Practice in Private Dental Offices
- Alternate practice settings – general and specialty
- Independent Practice
- Research
- Community Health
- Teaching and others





# Domains of Expertise of Dental Hygienists in Canada





# Dental Hygienists at Work







## Go on to Complete More Education:

- Complete a fourth year at
  - UBC – Bachelor of Dental Hygiene online
  - TRU – Bachelor of Health Science online
  - Dalhousie – Bachelor of Dental Hygiene onsite
  - Camosun College (beginning 2025/2026)
- Masters and PhD opportunities in dental hygiene and other related fields

Further education possibilities



# How to Apply

- Check to ensure all prerequisite courses meet entrance requirements with a minimum C+ grade
- Several of the required courses for admission can be taken online, such as first-year English and sometimes Psychology courses, and an elective.
- If you are a Camosun student, apply in the final year of your prerequisite courses
- If transferring, apply after you complete your prerequisite courses



# New Application Process Information

- **Applications accepted between Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - Please note the class for 2024 is currently full
- After that date Camosun will begin to admit students in the order that they were fully qualified from the students that applied during that 8 month period
- 24 seats are offered each year
  - 2 designated seats are available for an Indigenous student
  - Up to 4 additional designated International seats may be offered
- This program has a high demand, so apply early to increase chances of admission. Once the class for September is full, the waitlist is dissolved and a new waitlist will begin for the subsequent year
  - If you are not selected for admission, you will need to re-apply the following year
  - <https://camosun.ca/application-deadlines-domestic-students>



## Indigenous Limited Priority Admissions

The School of Health & Human Services (HHS) offers Priority Seating for Indigenous students in all Health related programs.

Visit [Eyē? Sqâ'lewen - Centre for Indigenous Education & Community Connections \(IECC\)](#) for information on how to apply.

Any questions about the application process, please contact [hhsindigenoussupport@camosun.ca](mailto:hhsindigenoussupport@camosun.ca)

The **Indigenous Limited Priority Admissions** process, approved by the Board of Governors, supported by the Education Council, and approved by the BC Human Rights Tribunal, welcomes applications from all qualified Indigenous applicants.



# Indigenous Support Coordinator

Artemis Fire is Red River Métis and grateful to be a visitor on the unsundered territories of the ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples.

Artemis is passionate about walking with people on their journeys.

As the Health and Human Services Indigenous Support Coordinator, Artemis supports students in various ways, including assisting applicants to confirm their Indigenous identity.

[firea@camosun.ca](mailto:firea@camosun.ca)



# Things You Should Know If Accepted

- If accepted, registration will advise you of deposit requirements and key college dates
- The program has additional documentation required on or before the first day of classes, including but not-limited to:
  - Follow the process provided by the college to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC)
  - Complete CPR - Basic Life Support Course that will not expire for the duration of your studies.
    - The course must be taken in Canada
    - The course must have a hands-on component
    - This is a relatively new offering and remains so it is recommended not to complete until after June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year you will be starting the program in September
  - Provide personal record of all Immunization and Booster Information.
    - If you do not have access to your immunization records, a report from your physician with titre results for each vaccine-preventable disease will be accepted.
  - Current TB test (within 6 months of the program start date)
- Generally, a package of forms are sent to the in-coming cohort in August and are required to be received by the program by Orientation Day in September



# What Graduates Say Contributes to Success



- Above average academic skills
- Good organizational skills and a pro-active learner
- Good communication skills
- Empathetic
- Ability to think critically
- Team player
- Manual dexterity/fine motor control,  
eg. art, sewing, piano playing, needlepoint, woodworking
- Good spatial perception



# Previous Experience Can Be Helpful

- Working with the public (customer service)
- Knowledge of the dental environment
- Experience in the health field
- Observe/interview practicing dental hygienists



## Review Dental Hygiene program pages online:

Program Overview



Costs

Select Money Matters



Courses



# Tour of the Facilities



Let's take a tour





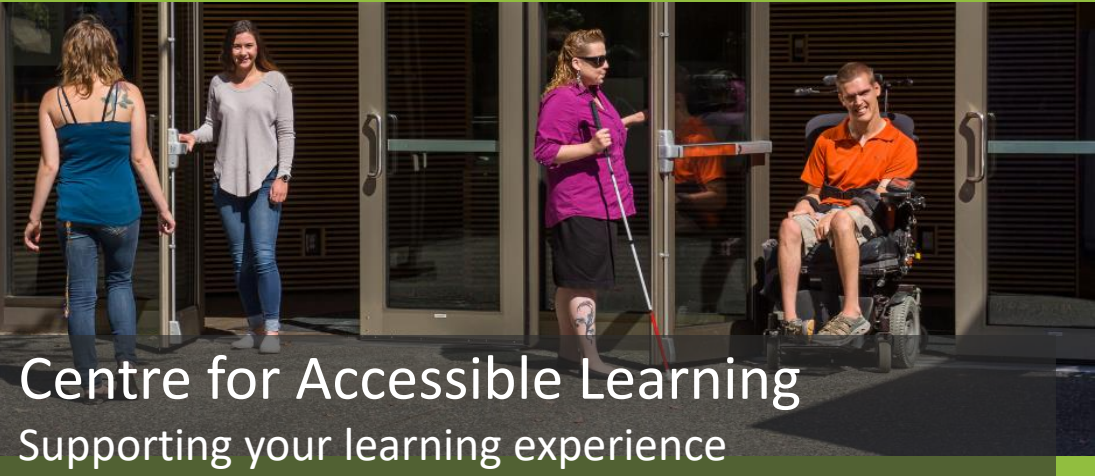
# Student Services at Camosun



**Admissions & Recruitment**  
The right start at Camosun



**The Writing Centres**  
How can we help?



**Centre for Accessible Learning**  
Supporting your learning experience



**Academic Advising**  
Guiding you on your educational journey



**Academic Upgrading**  
Whatever your need, we have an option for you



**Indigenous Student Support**  
Find your way and feel like you belong – with our help



**Fitness & Recreation**  
Make time for your well-being



**Financial Aid & Awards**  
Funding your education



**Counselling Centre**  
Supporting you through life's challenges



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE STUDENT SOCIETY**  
STANDING UP FOR STUDENT RIGHTS SINCE 1990



**Child Care Services**  
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# Come to Camosun, Meet New People, and Have Fun Learning :)



# Thank you



We look forward to seeing you soon!

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**If you have additional questions about the program, please don't hesitate to contact the Program Lead, Tika Brown [brownt@camosun.ca](mailto:brownt@camosun.ca)**

