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It's that time, again! Del Mar College Dental Hygiene Program currently offering clinical services "at no cost"

Cleanings, blood pressure screenings among several available services

You've been putting off getting your teeth cleaned for quite some time ... maybe because the cost of everything else is making it difficult to stretch your budget or maybe because you don't like going to the dentist. Either way, Del Mar College's (DMC) Dental Hygiene Program is currently offering some ways to help Coastal Bend residents smile a little brighter while keeping their wallets a little "greener" by providing clinic hours and services at no charge during the fall 2025 semester.

The Dental Hygiene Clinic offers a variety of services including medical history reviews, blood pressure screenings, intra-oral examinations, dental preliminary assessments, periodontal assessments, dental hygiene education, oral cancer screenings, radiographs (x-rays), fluoride treatments (as needed), selective polishing, conservative periodontal therapy, dental hygiene therapy and dental sealants.

Services are underway and run through early December, but now is the time to sign up due to an extended commitment from patients receiving student-provided services.

"The Dental Hygiene Clinic meets a vital need in the Coastal Bend while giving our students critical clinical experience," said Eva Sepulveda, Director of DMC Dental Programs. "Offering no-cost dental hygiene care ensures residents receive essential services and students graduate fully prepared for the workforce."

The clinic gives Dental Hygiene students the hands-on experience and required hours needed to complete the program. Students performing procedures are under the supervision of program faculty, and patients' care usually requires more than one visit.

Patient selection is based on the educational and clinical requirements of Dental Hygiene students. DMC faculty will determine acceptance of patients after a "qualifying appointment."

For full details about patient selection, appointments and other pertinent information, visit the clinic web page at delmar.edu/offices/dental-clinic/index.html.

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The clinic is located in Room 125 of Health Sciences Building 1 on Del Mar College’s Windward Campus at 4101 Old Brownsville Road (78405). [Access directions and the online campus map](#). Operational hours are Mondays and Tuesdays 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. as well as Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon with appointments required.

To schedule a “qualifying appointment,” call 361-698-2854 or email dentalclinic@delmar.edu.

Sepulveda noted, “For multiple decades, Del Mar College has prepared dental care professionals who now serve patients across the Coastal Bend. Chances are, when you visit a dental office in our community, you’re being treated by a DMC graduate.”

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