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MCC Dental Hygiene students offer free dental services

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Mesa, Arizona -- Jan. 24, 2019 -- Mesa Community College Dental Hygiene students seek individuals for complimentary oral health screenings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, 5855 E. Still Circle in Mesa. Screenings will take place, on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis.



Ideal screening candidates are individuals who have not received dental health care for three years or longer or who have been diagnosed with dental health issues. Screenings are not comprehensive exams and treatment will not be provided during the event. Although the screening is complimentary, those selected as patients for the program will be charged for the customized oral health care services provided.

Screening participants must agree to have a full set of x-rays taken. Copies of x-rays may be purchased for \$20 and picked up the following week during hygiene clinic hours: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays.

“Dental hygiene students only progress in their education through the participation of community members through events such as this. The students’ clinical requirements state that care must be provided for individuals who have been diagnosed with periodontal (gum) disease and never had it treated, have been told they need a deep-scale cleaning, or have other dental hygiene issues such as puffy and bleeding gums,” said Debbie Hoxea, director of the MCC Dental Hygiene Program.

Some patients will be invited to participate in the program and will receive personalized fee-for-service care provided by MCC dental hygiene students. Students provide quality care using the latest technology in comfortable surroundings at fees less than most private dental practices. All patient care is provided under the supervision of licensed dental hygienists and supervising dentists.

The Mesa Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic provides a full range of dental hygiene services offered during convenient evening hours at the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health Clinic. To schedule an appointment outside of this screening event, please contact the clinic at 480-248-8195.

Additional information about the MCC Dental Hygiene Program and the dental clinic is available online at [mesacc.edu/departments/applied-sciences-and-technology/dental-hygiene](https://www.mesacc.edu/departments/applied-sciences-and-technology/dental-hygiene) (<https://www.mesacc.edu/departments/applied-sciences-and-technology/dental-hygiene>).

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Serving Institution with a diverse student body, including more than 400 international students representing over 60 countries, who enrich campus learning experiences. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success, providing the education and training to empower MCC students to compete locally and globally. Located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, MCC is one of the 10 colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District. Learn more at mesacc.edu (<http://mesacc.edu/>).

Mesa Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) (<https://www.hlcommission.org/>).

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