

**SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
INFECTIOUS DISEASE GUIDELINES**

The Shawnee State University Dental Hygiene Program is committed to protecting patients, students, faculty, and staff from exposure to bloodborne infectious diseases such as AIDS and Hepatitis. The program also is committed to protecting the rights of individuals who may have a bloodborne infectious disease.

The SSU clinical faculty and students must attend a bloodborne pathogen training session each year. In addition, the program faculty, and students are informed of the risk of bloodborne infectious diseases through documents such as the Dental Hygiene Program Student Manual, the Adjunct Faculty Manual, appropriate course outlines and workbooks, and the university's Bloodborne Pathogens Policy.

Patients are informed of their rights and responsibilities at their initial and re-care appointments in the clinic. They are asked to read the "Dental Hygiene Patient Information" document which includes the "Patient Bill of Rights" and "Standards of Patient Care". Patient responsibilities are also outlined in the "Scope of Care". The patients are asked to sign a consent for treatment form, indicating that they have received and read a copy of the Patient Information document.

Faculty and students infected with a bloodborne pathogen such as HIV or HBV and directly involved in patient care should be under the care of a qualified physician. The physician should provide guidance on preventing the spread of infection. Individuals must be accountable and act responsibly in the provision of patient care.

The Dental Hygiene Program respects the right of confidentiality and will make every effort to maintain an individual's rights. A student will be allowed to continue his/her education as long as their medical condition permits and patient care and other individual's health are not jeopardized or at risk. In the event that an individual poses a risk to others, the Dental Hygiene Program Leader and the Dean of the College of Professional Studies will assist the individual in obtaining counseling and advisement regarding their health and education.