

## **Program Goals**

1. To provide didactic and experiential learning environments that will enable students to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to:
  - Assist in chairside, four-handed dentistry procedures in a clinical practice
  - Perform a variety of clinical supportive treatments and dental laboratory procedures
  - Perform basic business office procedures
  - Use critical thinking to solve problems and communicate effectively with patients
  - Provide support functions and dental emergency care
  - Maintain principles of appropriate safety management and practices
  - Demonstrate professional and ethical behavior as a member of a dental team
2. To maintain accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association as a benchmark of program quality.
3. To support professional development to ensure continuation of faculty competency.
4. To support technical innovation by securing funds for program instructional needs.
5. To sustain the partnership between the college and its service area by using advisory committee input, job placement feedback, and evaluative outcomes to provide qualified dental assistants