

## Health, Safety and Privacy

With concern for your health and safety, and in accordance with accepted practices, we follow standard precautions for all patients and we continuously monitor compliance. We have developed policies to provide a safe environment and to maintain the confidentiality of information pertaining to the health status of each individual. By request, our written policy regarding blood-borne and infectious diseases is available.

With concern for your privacy, we have a system in place to ensure that we maintain confidentiality of information for each patient. We may use information for educational purposes as specified on the patient registration/consent form. Any information that we request or send to any other health care professional or agency will be done so according to our HIPAA Privacy Policies and Practices. We will not transmit information electronically without consent.

## Location

Stark State College is conveniently located on Frank Avenue, off the Portage street exit (Exit 111) from I-77. The College is also accessible by public transportation using SARTA bus routes. Once you reach the campus, follow the signs for the Dental Hygiene Clinic, which is located adjacent to the Student Services building. Free parking (including parking for those with disabilities) at the Clinic entrance is reserved for Clinic patients only.



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## Quality Care

Welcome to the Dental Hygiene Clinic at Stark State College of Technology (SSCT). Our dental hygiene students and our highly-qualified dental professionals are looking forward to providing you with educational, preventive and therapeutic dental hygiene services at a nominal fee. Our services are available to all area residents age three and older.

Due to the educational nature of a clinic, your treatment will progress at a slower pace than in a dentist's office. You can be assured that the instructor/student interaction, that requires more time during your appointments, also means that your care meets the highest standards of quality.

Thank you for participating in a program that benefits both our patients and our dental hygiene students who will become your future dental hygiene professionals.

**For additional information or to make an appointment, call 330-305-6610.**

**[www.starkstate.edu](http://www.starkstate.edu)**

A graphic advertisement for the dental hygiene clinic. It features a background of colorful toothbrushes (green, red, orange, pink) and a blue curved banner at the bottom. The Stark State College logo is visible in the upper right corner of the graphic. The text 'dental hygiene clinic' is written in a large, white, serif font, with 'dental' and 'hygiene' stacked above 'clinic'. Below this, the words 'PATIENT INFORMATION' are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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## PATIENT INFORMATION

### Becoming a Patient

The Dental Hygiene Clinic is open to any interested adults and children (age three and up) in the community.

The Clinic is open throughout the year, including summers. Daytime and evening hours vary each semester. Please contact the Clinic receptionist at 330-305-6610 for exact times or to schedule an appointment. **Appointments are required.**

You will first be appointed for a screening visit (about 45 minutes) and then matched with the student who will provide your care. You should expect appointments to last 1-3 hours. You often need to return two or more times for treatment that would require only one or two visits in private practice. The number of appointments necessary will be determined by the complexity of your dental hygiene needs.

*Note: Children typically do not need a screening visit and have shorter appointments.*

### Patient's Bill of Rights

Dental Hygiene Clinic patients have the right to:

- Be treated in a considerate, respectful and confidential manner
- Expect reasonable continuity of care
- Receive complete, current and accurate information about their oral health condition
- Be informed in advance of the fees for service
- An explanation of recommended treatment plan, treatment alternatives, risk of no treatment, expected outcomes of various treatments and the option to refuse treatment
- Give informed consent prior to the initiation of treatment
- Treatment that meets professional standards of care
- Expect a safe, clean health care setting
- Be referred for other needed treatment for the promotion of oral health and well-being.

### Patient Responsibilities

Our dental hygiene students have a limited amount of time set aside to complete their clinical requirements. They depend on YOU to help them graduate. Their time, like yours, is very valuable. If you must cancel an appointment, please call us at 330-305-6610 at least 24 hours in advance. Excessive missed appointments, cancellations or tardiness may result in your dismissal as a Clinic patient. Your cooperation will enable us to serve you better.

All minors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to provide consent for treatment. The parent/guardian must remain in the dental hygiene clinic during the minor's entire appointment.

### Services

Our dental hygiene students perform the following services under the supervision of licensed dental professionals. Please note that our services are not intended to replace comprehensive dental care provided by your dentist. Our services are limited to preventive services only. We do not offer fillings, extractions, etc., nor do we treat dental emergencies.

### Preventive Services Include:

- Health screening (blood pressure check, oral cancer screening)
- Dental examination
- Oral prophylaxis (cleaning and polishing the teeth)
- Oral health instruction (with home care kit)
- Necessary radiographs (X-rays)  
(may be duplicated for your dentist upon request)
- Fluoride treatment
- Denture/removable appliance cleaning
- Sealants (when indicated)
- Polishing existing fillings (when indicated)

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### Fees

Our fees are minimal to compensate for increased time required to have your dental care completed at our Clinic. They cover some of the expense of supplies used during treatment. There is no fee for the screening visit. *Payment is expected at check-in on the day services are provided.*

### Comprehensive Preventive Care

Examination, oral prophylaxis (cleaning), radiographs (X-rays) if indicated, fluoride treatment, oral health instruction, home care kit, and appliance care.

Senior citizens (60 and over) . . . . .	\$8.00
Adults (15 to 59 years) . . . . .	\$10.00
Children (14 years and under) . . . . .	\$6.00
SSCT faculty/staff/current students . . . . .	\$8.00

### Additional Services

(available only with comprehensive care)

Sealants . . . . .	\$5.00 per tooth/ \$15.00 max. per patient
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### Radiographic (X-ray) Services

Duplicate radiographs . . . . .	\$5.00
Panoramic radiograph only . . . . .	\$5.00 (dentist prescription required)

***Please note: Not all services are available every semester.***

***The Clinic reserves the right to revise fees at any time for treatment which is not in progress.***

*The dental hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body of the American Dental Association, recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at 312-440-4653; at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611; [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org).*