



October 2, 2023

Re: Dental Hygiene Program at Virginia Peninsula Community College

Dear Community Partner,

Thank you for your interest in the vitality of the Dental Hygiene Program at Virginia Peninsula Community College. We are proud of the success rates of our graduates, who remain in our community to provide critical health services. We know their impact on the dental hygiene profession and the patients they serve, and understand the importance of high-quality training for this critical health care field.

Ensuring academic excellence and consistent instruction is a college imperative. To that end, we are working with the dental hygiene faculty to evaluate programmatic needs, strengths, and challenges, and explore options to address them. Some of the identified needs and challenges have resulted in uncertainty for our enrolled students. It would be irresponsible for the College to admit new dental hygiene students until we can eliminate further disruptions to students who have entrusted us with their futures.

As the evaluation work is conducted internally, there are ways that our external community of dental professionals can help. Our program requires clinical sites, a robust program advisory board, and a pool of qualified adjunct instructors and dentists. A meeting of dental professionals in positions to establish strong partnership with VPCC to address these needs will be convened on Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the VPCC Historic Triangle Campus, 4601 Opportunity Way, Williamsburg, VA 23188, room 317G (3rd floor). We welcome your attendance and look forward to meeting you in person.

We remain your points of contact for any questions. Please RSVP to Ms. Barbara Mason at masonb@vpcc.edu to confirm your attendance on November 1st.

Sincerely,

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