

Convocation Oath

Now being admitted to the profession of dentistry/dental hygiene, I pledge myself to the service of humanity. I recognize my obligation to serve my patients, my community, and my profession.

The health and well being of my patients will be my first consideration.

I will place the interests of my patients and those dependent upon me above any desire for *personal or monetary gain*. I will hold in confidence all that my patients entrust to me.

I recognize that I have responsibilities to my community: to promote its welfare and speak out against injustice. I will use my skills to serve those in need, with openness and without bias. The high regard of my profession is born of society's trust in its practitioners; I will strive to merit that trust.

I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor of the oral health professions. I will faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics of my profession and will promote its integrity through honest and respectful relations with fellow health professionals. At all times I will maintain the highest standards of personal and professional behavior and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

I am indebted to those who have taught me the art and science of my profession. I pledge to improve my skills through a continuous commitment to learning. I will strive to advance my profession by seeking and sharing new knowledge and by reexamining the ideas and practices of the past.

I recognize that the ability of my profession to serve patients and society relies upon the well being of each professional. I promise to maintain my own well being and will assist my colleagues to do the same. Through this mutual support, we will preserve the highest standards of professionalism as set forth by this oath.

I take this oath freely and upon my honor.