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BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT OFFER FREE TEETH SCREENINGS AS PART OF FINAL TRAINING.

Bellingham Washington – March 14, 2014 – Bellingham Technical College (BTC) second year dental hygiene students are holding free teeth screenings as an a vital final step in their final training before their examinations. BTC's dental hygiene students are issuing an appeal to the community to help the dental hygiene students find individuals that qualify for a very specific teeth cleaning procedure.

BTC's second year dental hygiene students are required to take 7 board examinations in the last two quarters of their program. Finding qualifying board patients is an extremely difficult task and it can take an average of about 200 screenings to find enough qualified patients for the board exam.

During one of these board examinations, the students will take patients to a test site to demonstrate competence in cleaning teeth.

Patient Requirements include:

Very heavy calculus (tarter), must have molar teeth, no large cavities, no latex allergies, and no gum pockets over 6mm.

Call the BTC Dental Clinic at 360-752-8349 for a free screening appointment if it has been at least 5 years since your last cleaning. Patients who qualify for the board exam will receive the following services at no cost: full mouth x-rays, teeth cleaning, and exam.

Those individuals who do not qualify *may* receive low-cost dental hygiene services at the clinic depending on availability of appointments.

“We are so proud of our Dental Hygiene program students, and how hard they work for this degree. This is an exciting but stressful time for our students and everyone here at BTC works to support them through this process. The good news is that they have all passed the first board exam and only have 6 more exams to go! We really need community support to help our students with this exam, which is required in order for them to become licensed.” said Christine Harwood, BTC Dental Hygiene Instructor.

Where & When:

Bellingham Technical College Campus
BTC Dental Clinic, Building C
Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 3:00 - 6:00 pm and on
Thursday or Friday from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.
Screenings take only about 15-20 minutes.
Contact phone number: 360.752.8439

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers 37 associate degree and 51 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.ctc.edu

Directions to BTC Campus:

<http://www.btc.ctc.edu/welcome/CampusDirectory.asp>

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