

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Dental Hygiene Program
Fall River, MA

Bristol Community College Dental Hygiene Program Policy Related To Individuals Who Have Blood-borne Infectious Diseases

Bristol Community College Dental Hygiene Program conforms to the policies, guidelines, and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Dental Hygiene Program has the responsibility to ensure a safe environment for all involved. Any prospective applicant, student, faculty member, staff member, or patient who chooses to self identify his/her infectious health status will not be denied an education, employment, or treatment.

Patients will receive treatment, as long as treatment is not contraindicated at the time of the appointment and would not be harmful to their health. All decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis with the patient's consent in consultation with the patient's physician. When an applicant, student, faculty member, or staff member discloses his/her infectious health status certain modifications may be made to patient treatment, clinical assignments, reassignments, and retraining. A decision will be made on a case-by-case basis rather than an application of a strict approach.