<u>Teaching Philosophy</u>

My objective as an educator is to prepare professional dental hygienists who exhibit the highest level of care to their patients and use critical thinking to solve problems. I hope the students enjoy learning since they will learn more effectively if less stressed. Also, I challenge students to achieve their best in class, and I want them to feel confident approaching me with questions or concerns. However, through continuous self-assessment based on students' performance and feedback, I will give an exceptional education to my students. I will facilitate student learning by creating an effective learning environment and an engaging classroom. In addition, it is essential to involve students in the learning process. Therefore, they must be active in the classroom by asking questions and participating in-class activities and outside of class by doing their assignments. For example, students will be separated into small groups, with each group receiving its own set of critical thinking questions to keep them engaged in the learning process. In addition to tests and quizzes, I will evaluate the students' performance in various ways, including group work, presentations, case studies, and individual projects. I guide students through self-directed learning, and I will use multimedia learning to keep them engaged. They are responsible for engaging in interactive learning both in and outside of class by utilizing Blackboard's extra resources, so the students will be able to study and comprehend the topic efficiently. Nevertheless, a portion of class time is spent in a practical way that will be critical-thinking or solving problems. For example, I will provide a case of an ethical issue, and each student must express their opinion, then the students will search and read about the dental hygiene ethic outside the class, and in the next lesson, they should provide evidence from the dental hygiene professional code of ethics to support their opinion. Finally, my teaching goals for the upcoming year are to create a welcoming classroom environment and help students develop their abilities and gain new skills.