

## Service Learning Assignment Mackenzie Chrimes

I have chosen to research the Greenbrier Dental Center because I am very familiar with the organization and I know that they have a very reputable and caring practice. In the Center, you can experience what it is like to be a Dentist or Dental Assistant by viewing all kinds of procedures from teeth cleanings to root canals. It is very evident that all personnel carry a very kind and caring attitude.

I have gone to Greenbrier Dental Center since I was 8 and they have always been very attentive and made me feel very comfortable at all times. Their main purpose/ mission is to ensure that patients receive the best dental care possible while also educating and making sure patients feel at home. The Greenbrier Dental center provides services such as preventative procedures, teeth cleanings, cosmetic procedures, and many more restorative services. This dentistry is very community oriented and has the patients' best interest in mind. They try very hard to eliminate fear in patients (young or old). In addition, their practice offers oral and IV sedation for those who need extra measures to relax during their appointments. Greenbrier Dental Center also works with people who may have financial complications by offering things like payment plans and other affordable options. This organization is extremely important to the community because dental care is not only essential for your health, but I believe that it can make a major impact on how someone feels about themselves. Overall, Greenbrier Dental Center is an extremely helpful organization that makes dental care possible for people no matter their circumstances.

### **Video explaining what Greenbrier Dental Center does and how they care for patients:**

<https://youtu.be/ofUQXg4-WKY>

After further researching and learning about the mission of Greenbrier Dental Center, I have a much greater understanding of why healthcare, and more specifically, dental care is so important. Most importantly, healthcare keeps people healthy and ready to live their lives. The human body is so complex and so many things can go wrong, so it's essential to have people who specialize in these things and who care about making sure the patient receives the best possible treatments. Healthcare is also important because when you are healthy and feel healthy, then most of the time you feel better about yourself and it is a major mental health booster. For example, the Greenbrier Dental Center offers some cosmetic services for people who may not be pleased by how their teeth look. This can be very helpful for day to day usage and for people who just want to feel better about themselves.

The services offered at Greenbrier Dental Center relate to what I want to do in the future (Athletic Training) because both are all about preventing possible complications while also taking care of whatever ailments do arise. As all health- related careers do, Athletic training and Dentistry both offer the support to the patient and try to comfort them during any

procedures. The practice of dentistry could also relate to nursing in that instead of being an aid to and taking care of the patient's whole body, dentists focus on issues inside the mouth and those connecting to it. Personally I don't think I could ever pursue a career in dentistry because I wouldn't want to work in peoples' mouths all day. I admire that some people have a passion for that and want to care for patients in that way, but I prefer to focus on the outside issues that don't involve the inside of mouths or large amounts of bodily fluids.