You will be classified for treatment in the Dental Hygiene Clinic by a dental hygiene student and faculty member. During the course of your dental hygiene treatment, you will be advised as to your future dental needs. Comprehensive dental hygiene treatment will be completed, unless otherwise specified during the treatment planning process. However, since we are authorized to provide only dental hygiene services, we are unable to complete all your possible dental treatment at the Dental Hygiene Clinic. You will be referred to a private practice dentist or a public health clinic for any additional care deemed necessary.

Items included within the scope of comprehensive dental hygiene care in the state of Florida that may also be experienced here at the Dental Hygiene clinic include:

1. Complete oral prophylaxis including preventive homecare instructions.
2. Application of preventive agents to oral structures.
3. Exposure and processing of radiographs.
4. Administration of medicaments prescribed by a licensed dentist.
5. Preparation of diagnostic aids.
6. Written records of oral conditions for interpretation by the dentist.

Additional functions may be performed as deemed appropriate during the treatment planning process. Functions will be performed as needed by an individual patient; therefore, not all students will perform all functions listed to clinical competency. Functions that may be delegated to a dental hygienist in the state of Florida include:

1. Taking impressions.
2. Sealant application.
3. Place and remove matrix bands.
4. Placement of cavity liners, varnishes, and bases.
5. Cementation of temporary crowns and bridges.
6. Prepare tooth surface with conditioning agents.
8. Pack and remove retraction cord.
11. Application of desensitizing solutions.
13. Subgingival exploration for or removal of hard or soft deposits.
15. Application of resorbable sulcular antimicrobial or antibiotic agents.
17. Polishing amalgam restorations.
18. Monitor the administration of nitrous oxide.
19. Apply topical fluorides.
20. Fabricate temporary crowns and bridges.
21. Place and remove rubber dams.