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CNC Dental Clinic offers affordable care while supporting student learning

Prince George, B.C.

The College of New Caledonia (CNC) is inviting community members to book appointments at its student dental clinic, offering affordable dental hygiene services while providing students with valuable hands-on learning opportunities.

The clinic is currently accepting patients and will operate until late spring 2027. Open to both adults and children, the clinic is particularly interested in welcoming individuals who may not have received dental care in several years.

For a one-time fee of $50 for adults and $25 for children under 18, patients can receive dental hygiene services, including X-rays and cleaning. Depending on their individual needs, patients typically require more than one appointment, but the fee remains the same.

"Regular dental care is an important part of maintaining overall health, but we recognize that cost can be a barrier for many individuals and families," said Diane Horita, Dental Hygiene Faculty and DS Program Coordinator at CNC.

"Our clinic provides an opportunity for people to access affordable care while helping our students develop the clinical skills and confidence they need to become successful dental hygiene professionals. We especially welcome patients who haven't had a dental appointment in a long time, as these experiences provide important learning opportunities for our students."

Because services are provided by students under faculty supervision, appointments take longer than those at a traditional dental clinic. Patients should expect each visit to last between 1.5 and three hours, and some treatments may require multiple visits.

While the additional time commitment is important to consider, the clinic offers patients an opportunity to receive dental hygiene care at a significantly reduced cost while contributing directly to the education of future health-care professionals.

"At CNC, we are committed to providing learning experiences that prepare students for successful careers while making a meaningful difference in our communities," said Stephanie Takeda, Associate Dean, School of Health Sciences and Human Services. "This clinic is a wonderful example of how education and community service come together.

“Every patient who books an appointment is helping our students gain essential experience while accessing an important health service at an affordable price."

For students in CNC's Dental Hygiene program, working with patients of different ages and dental health needs is an important part of their education. Each appointment provides opportunities to strengthen their technical abilities, develop patient communication skills and gain experience delivering individualized care.

The clinic also provides an accessible option for families, seniors and individuals who may have postponed dental care due to financial constraints.

Community members are encouraged to book appointments now and take advantage of this opportunity before the clinic closes at the end of April.

Dental Clinic Information

Location: College of New Caledonia, Prince George campus

Dates: Now through April 2027

Cost: $50 for adults; $25 for children under 18

Services: Dental hygiene services, including X-rays and cleaning

Appointments: 250-561-5810

For more information, visit https://cnc.bc.ca/services/prince-george/dental-services

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