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Horry Georgetown Technical College

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Our State of the Art Dental Education Facility is now open at Horry Georgetown Technical College’s Grand Strand Campus!

As we expand our services, we look forward to also offering Dental Fillings and Minor Dental Surgical Procedures as part of our reduced fee service options.*

*These new services will initially be offered on a limited basis with primary focus to meet the needs of community children, seniors and qualifying veterans.
Thank you for your interest in participating in our Dental Hygiene Patient Program. HGTC’s Dental Education Center is a low cost alternative for dental cleanings and radiographs (X-rays). Our fees are based on the fact that students are performing the services and your treatment will take longer.

All prospective patients are advised of the commitment they make to their student clinician. All students must follow the same protocol for all of our patients. By accepting an appointment, you acknowledge that the appointments are 3-4 hours long, and may require more than one appointment.

As a new patient, here is what you can expect at the Dental Education Center at Horry Georgetown Technical College:

**Upon Arrival** – Complete the medical and dental history forms and sign the Informed Consent. Required information will also include prescription medications, over-the-counter remedies and herbal supplements that you are taking.

Our **Supervising Dentist must be on site** prior to beginning any invasive procedure. Every attempt is made to have patients seated in the clinic chair at the start of their appointment time. Your patience is appreciated if we experience any delay in getting you seated.
Your student clinician will go through a series of steps prior to getting started on your cleaning:

**STEP #1** Review of your Medical and Dental Health History - Students will review your forms and medications for further clarification.

**STEP #2** Blood Pressure Screening - In the best interest of our patients’ overall health, students will only proceed with the dental cleaning on patients whose blood pressure is within normal ranges.

**STEP #3** Extraoral/Intraoral Exam (EO/IO) - This is a thorough inspection in and around the mouth, gum and jaw. This identifies the normal and possibly abnormal landmarks that may be present.

**STEP #4** Periodontal Exam - Students will perform a thorough examination of the supporting structures of the teeth. This will determine how many appointments will be needed for treatment.

**STEP #5** Instructor Supervision - Our students are supervised by Professors of Dental Hygiene who are Licensed Dental Hygienists. During the course of your treatment, instructors will periodically check to determine the progress of the treatment. It may be necessary to wait a short time for check-in or check-out as instructors may be with other patients.

**STEP #6** Upon completion of these preliminary steps, your dental cleaning treatment will proceed and may also include x-rays, polishing, and a fluoride treatment.

Certain medical procedures such as heart valve or joint replacement or medical concerns such as a history of a heart murmur or blood thinner therapy may likely require a signed medical authorization from your primary physician.

No periodontal examination or cleaning can occur until this important form is on file.
Please feel free to ask questions or address concerns as they arise. The students and faculty members are committed to ensuring that you are a well-informed patient at our clinic. It is through our partnership with you, our patient, that we are able to work towards improving your overall dental health.

Thank You For Allowing Us This Opportunity To Serve You!!

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The Grand Strand Campus is located approximately one mile south of the Myrtle Beach International Airport.

The Dental Clinic entrance is on Mallard Lake Drive.

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CANCELLED OR RESCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

All patients must be fully committed to their scheduled appointments. Students must acquire enough clinical hours and patient care experience in order to graduate. Dental Hygiene treatment must be fully completed for the student to receive clinical credit. Some patients require multiple 3-hour appointments in order to be completed. Please fully consider this factor beforehand.

We understand that issues arise in everyday life that may prevent you from keeping your scheduled appointments. We ask that you limit these cancellations to true and honest emergencies. Failure to provide 48 hours notice to cancel an appointment may result in the postponement of treatment.

Your understanding and commitment is truly appreciated.

GENERAL FEES

Cleanings*

Adults $35.00
Seniors (Over 65) $25.00

X-Rays (in addition to Cleaning Fee)

Full Mouth $30.00
Bite Wing $15.00
Panoramic $35.00

*Deep Scale Periodontal Cleaning is subject to additional $5.00 surcharge, per additional appointment.