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The dental hygiene program at <u>Mesa Community College</u> is seeking patients who have not received dental care in three or more years to participate in its clinical education program.

Students will conduct complimentary oral health screenings at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, 5855 E. Still Circle in Mesa. Appointments can be made by calling 480-248-8195.

Anyone with untreated periodontal disease, "deep scale" cleaning needs or puffy and bleeding gums is encouraged to participate in MCC's clinical education program, according to a press release.

"Students in clinical health care fields such as dental hygiene can only progress in their education with participation of community members and through community partnerships," Debbie Holexa, dental hygiene director at MCC, said in the release.

Anyone participating in the screenings must agree to have a full set of x-rays taken, according to the release. Patients who wish to receive a copy of their x-rays will need to pay a \$20 fee.

The MCC Dental Hygiene Clinic offers a full range of services during evening hours at the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health Clinic. Students provide care using the latest technology and at fees lower than most private dental practices, according to the release.

All students treat patients under the supervision of licensed dental hygienists and supervising dentists.

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