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## Bloodborne Pathogens and Infectious Disease

**No student or patient is discriminated against due to a past or present history of infectious or blood-borne pathogen disease.** All students will be required to use PPE and standard precautions when providing patient treatment, as stated in the *Clinical Asepsis & Safety Manual SOP Standard Operating Procedure.*

Students in the dental hygiene program, in the course of their clinical duties have exposure to blood, tissue, secretions or body fluids of patients potentially containing infectious diseases. Unintentional punctures of the skin with a contaminated sharps/instrument could occur despite all precautions and could pose an increased risk of disease for the student. Policies have been developed to reduce risks in accordance with occupational risk abatement procedures. Training in blood-borne pathogens and communicable diseases is given at the beginning of the pre-clinical course.