Chabot College Institutional Core Values and Framework

A. Vision

Chabot College is a learning-centered institution with a culture of thoughtfulness and academic excellence, committed to creating a vibrant community of lifelong learners.

B. Mission Statement

Chabot College is a public, comprehensive community college that prepares students to succeed in their education, progress in the workplace, and engage in the civic and cultural life of the global community. The college furthers student learning and responds to the educational needs of our local population and economy. The college serves as an educational leader, contributing its resources to the intellectual, cultural, physical, and economic vitality of the region. Recognizing that learning is a lifelong journey, the college provides opportunities for intellectual enrichment and physical well-being of all community members who can benefit.

C. Values

LEARNING AND TEACHING
• Supporting a variety of teaching philosophies and learning modalities.
• Providing an environment conducive to intellectual curiosity and innovation.
• Encouraging collaboration that fosters learning.
• Engaging in ongoing reflection on learning by students and by staff.
• Cultivating critical thinking in various contexts.
• Supporting the development of the whole person.

COMMUNITY AND DIVERSITY
• Building a safe and supportive campus community.
• Treating one another with respect, dignity, and integrity.
• Practicing our work in an ethical and reflective manner.
• Honoring and respecting cultural diversity.
• Encouraging diversity in our curriculum and community of learners.

INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY
• Taking individual responsibility for our own learning.
• Cultivating a sense of social and individual responsibility.
• Developing reflective, responsible, and compassionate citizens.
• Playing a leadership role in the larger community.
• Embracing thoughtful change and innovation.
The Mission of the Chabot College Dental Hygiene Program is to educate students who will positively impact the oral health status of the community. This education will include courses in the basic sciences, social sciences, dental science, liberal arts and public health with emphasis on the clinical aspect of dental hygiene practice. This education will provide the student with a foundation to pursue life long learning.

The two-year dental hygiene program at Chabot College is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the council on Post-secondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. Through this special admission program, students are exposed to primary oral health care, clinical practice, research, educational theory, adult learning concepts and communication.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections, Dental Hygiene is expected to be one of the top five health professions (2002-2012) anticipating a 43% increase. The job market for dental hygienists is expected to grow through 2012 with increased emphasis on disease prevention. Chabot’s dental hygiene program fills this demand for dental hygienists while also providing valuable dental care to members of the local community. It is the only dental hygiene program in Alameda County and its clinical facility provides low-cost dental hygiene services for the uninsured, the underserved and those lacking access to traditional dental hygiene care. It is one of the 1% of dental providers that accepts Medi-Cal. In addition, there is a significant student demand for this exceptional program whose Class of 2007 ranked 5th in the nation on the National Dental Hygiene Board Exam.