Dear Applicant,

Ethical behavior should take place in all classrooms; however, in dental hygiene even higher standards apply due to the professional nature of the program and the serious responsibilities of health care providers.

The following are guidelines for ethical behavior and information needed for students in the dental hygiene program at Athens Technical College. The statement of understanding at the end of these guidelines includes understanding and acceptance of these standards and guidelines.

As a student in the Athens Technical College Dental Hygiene Program, you are ethically obligated to:

1. Adhere to Principles of Ethics of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association by:
   - Providing oral health care utilizing highest professional knowledge, judgment, and ability.
   - Serving all patients without discrimination.
   - Holding professional patient relationships in confidence.
   - Utilizing every opportunity to increase public understanding of oral health practices.
   - Generating public confidence in members of the dental health profession.
   - Cooperating with all health professions in meeting the health needs of the public, including exchange of professional knowledge.
   - Recognizing and upholding the laws and regulations governing this profession.
   - Representing dental hygiene with high standards of personal contact.

2. Adhere to ethical scholarly standards by:
   - Avoiding plagiarism and all other breaches of academic honesty.
   - Avoiding approval, acceptance, or encouragement of, or participation in fellow students’ dishonesty, and bringing any such instances to the attention of the faculty.
   - Engaging in discussion with other students and faculty about ethical issues in the profession.
3. Student assigned to a patient who is or may be infectious and faculty members scheduled to provide supervision for such a patient are expected to provide treatment for that patient according to the guidelines stated in this protocol. Failure to maintain confidentiality in all aspects of this matter or refusal to treat such a patient after the guidelines of this protocol have been satisfied may result in dismissal from the ATC Dental Hygiene Program for student, faculty, or staff members involved.

4. Georgia Board of Dentistry shall have authority to refuse to grant a license to an applicant who has been convicted of any felony or any crime involving moral turpitude. This law is further defined in 43-11-47 of the Georgia Board of Dentistry Laws. Because of the inability of these persons to become or remain registered dental hygienists, persons to whom this law applies may not be admitted into or may be dismissed from the program.

I have read and understand all above policies, guidelines and standards and will abide by them. I understand that this signed form will be kept in my file in the Dental Hygiene Department.

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Print Name                                    Signature                          Date