

## **Transitioning from Student to Dental Professional (Student Program 1-2 hours)**

You've spent years in school, reading, studying, completing prerequisites, core courses, pre-clinic, clinic, rotations, practicing, practicing and practicing your classroom knowledge and clinical skills, and then it happens... You graduate!

The transition from student to practicing dental professional can seem abrupt, even after years of preparation. Making a smooth transition from the college campus to the "real world" of your first dental hygiene position can be difficult.

This program is designed to focus on the value of continuing education, available resources regarding evidenced-based dentistry and career options.

### **Learning Objectives:**

- Recognize that completing a professional program is only the beginning. Continuing education is key to lifelong professional success.
- Identify resources and tools to locate available continuing education opportunities
- Identify resources and tools to make evidence based product recommendations.
- Identify alternative dental careers and potential career paths in addition to clinical practice