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PRESS RELEASE

Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama Announces the Alabama Dental Hygiene Program (ADHP) Recommended for College Credit by the American Council on Education

July 10, 2023 – The Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama, responsible for licensure, monitoring, and ensuring the safe practice of dentists and dental hygienists in their service to the people of Alabama, today announced that American Council on Education (ACE) Learning Evaluations has evaluated and recommended college credit for the Alabama Dental Hygiene Program (17 semester credit hours). This credit award will begin with the 2023-2024 class and will include free transcripts and support services for transferability to universities.

ACE, the major coordinating body for all the nation's higher education institutions, seeks to provide leadership and a unifying voice on key higher education issues and to influence public policy through advocacy, research, and program initiatives.

"We are very appreciative of the ACE evaluators' time and professionalism and are ecstatic at this endorsement of the quality of the ADHP program," said the Executive Director of the Board, Blake Strickland. He also stated, "We would like to thank Dr. Mary Beth Finn, Dr. Hussein Basma, Gina Latham, RDH, and the faculty of the ADHP program for all their hard work to make this evaluation and award become a reality for our students."

ACE Learning Evaluations helps adults gain academic credit for courses and examinations taken outside traditional degree programs. For more than 30 years, colleges and universities have trusted ACE to provide reliable course equivalency information to facilitate their decision to award academic credit. For more information, visit the ACE Learning Evaluations website at www.acenet.edu/credit.

For a breakdown of the credit awarded and more information regarding ACE, please refer to the Board's website at www.dentalboard.org/adhp.