

I am reaching out to express my interest in joining your institution as a clinical professor. I am passionate about being in education and have two decades of experience as a clinical hygienist. I am now eager to transition to contributing to the growth and development of your students.

Since the fall of 2022, I have had the privilege of working closely with both junior and senior dental hygiene students in a clinical setting. I take great pride in supporting them through learning how to take vital signs to encouraging them while they complete their first patient at the end of the first semester.

My strengths include my ability to connect with my students and to meet the unique learning styles of each student. This makes it easier for me to encourage safe failure and growth with kindness. It is vital that I provide a secure environment for my students. It is immensely fulfilling to me to be able to foster a safe and supportive environment where students can thrive while encouraging mental health.

In my career as a clinical hygienist, I have taken many opportunities to increase my skills and knowledge. Being laser-certified is one example of how I stay updated on the latest advancements in preventative dental care and shows that I am committed to delivering the highest standard of care to both my patients and students. My dedication to continuous improvement and being a lifelong learner myself is reflected in my pursuit of a master's degree in Educational Leadership. I am ready to merge my passion for education with the effective leadership skills that I have spent my career curating.

A highlight of my time at NAU was when I was able to present a lecture as a guest speaker for DH 409 Restorative and Dental Materials. The focus of that lecture was on Silver Diamine Fluoride and other diagnostic tools for the dental practice.

Beyond my professional experiences, I have actively enjoyed a variety of leadership roles. I have served as President of the Friends of the Library in Pagosa Springs, and held positions on the boards of the Pagosa Springs Library Foundation and the Young Professionals of Pagosa Springs. My involvement has equipped me with valuable experience in teamwork, communication, and organization.

I am truly excited about the opportunity to bring my unique blend of clinical expertise, passion for education, and leadership experience to your institution. I am confident that my dedication to student success and my willingness to learn how to fully support my students and in your institution will make me a positive asset to your academic community.