

# TRANSFORMING TOMORROW

## Northern Michigan's First Dental Hygiene Program



### Why It Matters

**Northern Michigan is experiencing a critical shortage of Registered Dental Hygienists:**

- Local dental offices have had job postings open for **over a year**.
- Residents are waiting **12+ months** for basic preventive care.
- Untreated oral health issues raise long-term health risks—especially for low-income, uninsured residents.

**Median Registered Dental Hygienist Salary in Northern Michigan: up to \$50/hour**

*Pending CODA and HLC Accreditation Approvals*  
**Estimated Launch Date: Fall 2028**

**Clinic Approximate Square Footage: 12,000 sq ft**

### By The Numbers

- Students per Cohort: 15 to start (25 max)
- Estimated Patient Visits Annually: 5,000
- Avg. Visit Cost: \$50
- Wide range of affordable preventative dental care: Pediatric to adult services
- NCMC will be the **only provider of dental hygiene education north of Big Rapids**
- Create access to high-wage, year-round careers



### Funding the Future

- \$2.5 Million - Building purchase
- \$5 Million - Renovation
- \$2.5 Million - Equipment and other startup costs

**Estimated Start-Up Cost:  
\$10 Million**

For more information or to support this program, contact the NCMC Foundation via phone 231-348-6621 or email at [foundation@ncmich.edu](mailto:foundation@ncmich.edu)

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Dental Hygiene Clinic Conceptual Rendering

