



# DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

## Associate in Applied Science in Dental Hygiene

### Program Description

The Dental Hygiene Program is an Associates Degree program that is five semesters in length and is comprised of didactic, clinical, and laboratory courses offered at the Health Science Campus. Students will experience real-life patient interactions through clinical courses and will have the opportunity to work with a variety of patients of diverse backgrounds. Students will also have the opportunity to hone their clinical skills in an on-site, fully-functioning, dental hygiene clinic. Dental hygiene students will be able to study and practice all procedures they will be licensed to perform, including scaling (cleaning) teeth above and below the gum-line, polishing structures above the gum-line, performing infiltration anesthetic procedures, teaching oral hygiene instruction, nutritional counseling, and performing all duties of an Expanded-Duty Dental Assistant.

### Is it for you?

The qualified candidate will have excellent manual dexterity, effective communication skills, the ability to maintain a professional demeanor and function well in a clinical setting, and work well in a team environment. Dental hygienists must have extensive knowledge of head and neck anatomy, pharmacology, and clinical procedures.

### Career Description

As a dental hygienist, an individual has the opportunity to work in a variety of settings, including:

- Being employed in a general dental practice under the general supervision of the dentist.
- Being employed in a periodontal practice under the general supervision of a periodontist.
- Being employed to provide services in hospitals, nursing homes, and public health clinics.
- Furthering their education to teach dental hygiene in dental schools or dental hygiene education programs.
- Research of dental-related products,
- Office management and business administration.
- Sales and marketing of dental-related equipment and materials

## Entry requirements and other program information

- ▶ High school diploma or GED
- ▶ Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- ▶ You must have taken BIO 210, BIO 211, CHM 105, ENG 101
- ▶ Medical examination
- ▶ CPR, background check, and drug screen
- ▶ Hepatitis B Immunization or Titer, MMR Immunization or Titer, Chicken Pox Vaccination or Titer, Two-Step PPD/Chest X-Ray

## Dental Hygiene Curriculum

			<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>LAB</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
<b>PRE-REQS</b>	BIO 210	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	4
	BIO 211	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	4
	CHM 105	General, Organic & Biochemistry	3	3	4
	ENG 101	English Composition I	3	0	3
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER FALL</b>	AHS 113	Head & Neck Anatomy	0	3	1
	DHG 115	Medical & Dental Emergencies	2	0	2
	DHG 125	Tooth Morphology & Histology	2	0	2
	DHG 154	Preclinical Dental Hygiene	2	6	4
	SPC 205	Public Speaking	3	0	3
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER SPRING</b>	BIO 115	Basic Microbiology	2	3	3
	DHG 140	General & Oral Pathology	2	0	2
	DHG 121	Dental Radiography	2	3	3
	DHG 165	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	2	9	5
	DHG 141	Periodontology	2	0	2
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SEMESTER SUMMER</b>	DHG 239	Dental Assisting for the DHGs	1	3	2
	DHG 143	Dental Pharmacology	2	0	2
	DHG 175	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	2	9	5
	DHG 241	Integrated Dental Hygiene I	0	3	1
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER FALL</b>	MAT 107	Contemporary Statistics & Probability	3	0	3
	DHG 231	Dental Health Education	0	3	1
	DHG 243	Nutrition & Dental Health	2	0	2
	DHG 255	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	1	12	5
	SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3	0	3
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER SPRING</b>	DHG 230	Public Health Dentistry	3	0	3
	DHG 242	Integrated Dental Hygiene II	0	3	1
	DHG 265	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	1	12	5
	Elective	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	0	3
	PSY 201	General Psychology	3	0	3

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