

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

CIP Code 51.0602

Dental Hygiene

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CODE	COURSE	CREDITS	CODE	COURSE	CREDITS
First Year/Summer Semester			Second Year/Summer Semester		
ENG-101	English Composition I	3	ENG-102	English Composition II	3
BIO-117	Basic Anatomy and Physiology I or		SOC-101	Introduction to Sociology	3
BIO-211	Anatomy and Physiology I	4			6
HPE-181	Basic Life Support "C" AHA	1	Fall Semester		
		8	DHY-223	Dental Hygiene III Seminar	2
Fall Semester			DHY-233	Advanced Techniques in Periodontics	1
BIO-118	Basic Anatomy and Physiology II or		DHY-253	Dental Hygiene III Clinic	6
BIO-212	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	DHY-261	Pathology	2
DHY-111	Dental Hygiene I Seminar	2	DHY-271	Pharmacology and Anesthesiology	2
DHY-120	Dental Radiology	4			13
DHY-130	Dental Anatomy	2	Spring Semester		
DHY-151	Dental Hygiene I Pre-Clinic	2	DHY-212	Community Dentistry	2
DHY-170	Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office	1	DHY-224	Dental Hygiene IV Seminar	2
CHM-130	General/Organic/Biochemistry for Dental Hygiene ¹	4	DHY-252	Local Dental Anesthesiology	2
		19	DHY-254	Dental Hygiene IV Clinic	4
Spring Semester			DHY-262	Ethics, Jurisprudence and Practice Management	1
BIO-121	Basic Microbiology or		PSY-101	Basic Psychology	3
BIO-221	Microbiology I	4			14
DHY-122	Dental Hygiene II Seminar	2	Total Minimum Credits		
DHY-142	Periodontics I	2			78
DHY-152	Dental Hygiene II Clinic	3	NOTE: Clinical placements may be a required part of the curriculum and a requirement for graduation. Clinical placements may require a criminal background check, health clearance and/or drug testing before participation is allowed. Clinical sites may deny a student's participation in the event of a positive finding. Individuals who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may be denied certification or licensure as a health professional. Information regarding eligibility may be obtained from the appropriate credentialing body.		
DHY-162	Dental Lab Procedures	2	¹ Completion of General, Organic and Biochemistry (CHM-101), and General, Organic and Biochemistry II (CHM-102) will satisfy this requirement		
DHY-172	Head and Neck Anatomy	2			
FNS-106	Foundations of Nutritional Science	3			
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A licensed dental hygienist is a health care professional, oral health educator and clinician who utilizes scientific knowledge and methods to provide preventative, educational and therapeutic services to support the control of oral diseases and the promotion of oral health. Under the supervision of a dentist, the hygienist records the patient's dental history, charts the mouth for evaluation and diagnosis by the dentist, scales and polishes teeth, and functions as a dental health educator. The Dental Hygiene program is a two-year, full-time, daytime program that prepares students to take national, regional and state licensure exams in dental hygiene.

PROGRAM GOALS

- To provide an entry-level dental hygiene education that will prepare the student for licensure and to function effectively in a dental hygiene setting.
- To maintain a dynamic dental hygiene education that recognizes the complexity of a scientific and technologically oriented society.
- To provide quality, patient-centered dental hygiene care to all members of the community.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the program, the graduate will be able to:

- Integrate and apply basic science, dental science and dental hygiene knowledge and skills.
- Recognize sources of information and information gathering techniques that enable them to seek and obtain information when needed.
- Apply computer skills in order to find information, take intra-oral photographs, take digital radiographs, obtain periodontal charting information, and manage patient records.
- Provide humane and compassionate care to all patients with-

- out discrimination as outlined in the Patient's Bill of Rights.
- Provide dental hygiene care utilizing the dental hygiene process of assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis, treatment planning, implementation and evaluation.
- Present preventative educational programs in various settings.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must satisfy the following prerequisites:

- High school college preparatory course diploma or equivalent
- Biology course with lab (high school) - Grade "C" or better
- Chemistry course with lab (high school) - Grade "C" or better
- Placement into college-level English and mathematics courses based on the results of the College Placement Test (or other approved test)
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 for college transfer applicants. It is recommended that the applicant take as many core courses as possible included in the hygiene curriculum prior to applying.
- SAT scores of Math 500, Reading 500 (minimum). Applicants who have college experience do not have to submit SAT scores.

After completion of the above prerequisites, an application for admission to the Dental Hygiene program should be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records and Registration Services. The following will then occur:

- There will be an academic review of transcripts by the director of dental programs.
- Competitive candidates will meet with the director of dental programs.
- Candidates will receive written notification of the admissions committee decision.
- A physical exam, various immunizations, and proof of health insurance will be required prior to the beginning of class. The dental department has an extensive exposure control/

- infectious disease policy, which is available upon request.
 - The Office of Records and Registration will accept applications for the Dental Hygiene Program ONLY between September 1 and February 1.
 - All prerequisite courses and documentation must be completed prior to March 15. A class is accepted once a year for the fall semester.
 - All students must earn a grade of "C" or better in all DHY courses in order to graduate.
- Admission to the Dental Hygiene program is very competitive and completion of all prerequisites and core curriculum courses does not guarantee admission to the program. Since there are more applicants than there are positions, admission will be based on the applicant's documented record. Science courses that were completed five or more years prior to enrollment in the hygiene program will not be accepted for transfer credit. Preference will be given to students who have completed their core curriculum requirements at Camden County College.

ACCREDITATION

The program in Dental Hygiene is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. The Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-2719 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Clinical hygienist
- Dental office manager

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