

Dental Hygiene (A45260)

Official Program Description registered with the N. C. Community College System:

The Dental Hygiene curriculum prepares graduates to take patient histories, teach oral hygiene, clean teeth, take X-rays and apply preventive agents under the supervision of a dentist. Dental hygienists may be employed in dentists' offices, clinics, schools, public health agencies, industry and educational institutions.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Dental Hygiene program, the student will be able to:

- Perform medical histories and clinical patient assessments.
- Perform dental prophylaxis on patients with differing levels of difficulty at increasingly higher levels of competency.
- Perform prevention services with a variety of patients with diverse needs.
- Perform dental radiographic procedures including bitewings, full-mouth series and panoramic views of DXTR simulator and patients.
- Maintain required medical/legal documentation in accordance with the North Carolina Dental Practice Act.
- Provide dental health related education with appropriate patient assessment.
- Perform clinical office support duties.
- Manage medical emergency situations in the dental setting.
- Practice infection control throughout the Dental Hygiene program.
- Practice professionalism with patients, peers, community organizations and dental organizations.
- Plan, implement, and provide dental health education to diverse community groups.
- Discuss and experience different types of dental practice settings and professional roles.

Degree Awarded

The Associate in Applied Science Degree-Dental Hygiene is awarded by the College upon completion of this program.

Graduates are eligible to take the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, which is administered by the American Dental Association, Joint Commission on Dental Examinations; and the Regional Clinical Exam, which is administered by the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies. A passing grade on both examinations is required in order to apply to the State Board of Dental Examiners for licensure and become a Registered Dental Hygienist in North Carolina.

Program Accreditation

The Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

Note

Students must earn a grade of C or better in all curriculum courses in order to progress in the program. Information about the progression and readmission policy is outlined in the dental Hygiene Admission Policies and Procedures packet available in the Office of Admissions and Records.

In addition to tuition and textbooks, costs of this program include a laboratory fee, shoes, instruments, physical and dental examinations, immunizations, health insurance, cost of licensure exams and miscellaneous other fees.

For More Information

The Dental Hygiene program is in the Allied Health and Public Services Division. For more information, call (919) 735-5151, ext. 6773 or visit us at our web site at <http://www.waynecc.edu>.

Admissions

- Individuals desiring a career in Dental Hygiene should take biology, algebra, and chemistry courses prior to entering the program.

- Individuals seeking admission to the program must follow the admissions procedures outlined on pages 9 and 10 of this catalog and in the Dental Hygiene Application Policies and Procedures packet available on the WCC website, at <http://www.waynecc.edu/alliedhealth/dentalhygiene.pdf>

- Applicants must present evidence of good physical and mental health.

- Students must demonstrate competency in computer skills by attaining a minimally acceptable score (78) on CIS 070 placement test or completion of CIS 070 or CTS 080 with a grade of "C" or better prior to applying to the program.

First Step To Enroll:

Call the Admissions and Records Office at (919) 735-5151, ext. 6720.

		Contact Hours	Semester Credit Hours
FIRST SEMESTER			
DEN 120	Dental Hygiene Preclinical Lecture.....	2	2
DEN 121	Dental Hygiene Preclinical Lab.....	6	2
DEN 110	Orofacial Anatomy	4	3
DEN 111	Infection/Hazard Control	2	2
DEN 112	Dental Radiography	5	3
CHM 130	General, Organic & Biochemistry	3	3
CHM 130A	Lab.....	3	1
ACA 111	College Student Success.....	1	1
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SECOND SEMESTER			
DEN 123	Nutrition/Dental Health.....	2	2
DEN 124	Periodontology.....	2	2
DEN 130	Dental Hygiene Theory I.....	2	2
DEN 131	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	9	3
DEN 223	Dental Pharmacology	2	2
BIO 168	Anatomy and Physiology I	6	4
ENG 111	Expository Writing.....	3	3
			18
SUMMER TERM			
DEN 140	Dental Hygiene Theory II	1	1
DEN 141	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	6	2
BIO 169	Anatomy and Physiology II	6	4
			7
THIRD SEMESTER			
DEN 220	Dental Hygiene Theory III	2	2
DEN 221	Dental Hygiene Clinic III	12	4
DEN 222	General and Oral Pathology ...	2	2
DEN 224	Materials & Procedures	4	2
BIO 175	General Microbiology.....	4	3
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting	3	3
			16
		Contact Hours	Semester Credit Hours
FOURTH SEMESTER			
DEN 230	Dental Hygiene Theory IV.....	1	1
DEN 231	Dental Hygiene Clinic IV.....	12	4
DEN 232	Community Dental Health.....	5	3
DEN 233	Professional Development.....	2	2
PSY 150	General Psychology.....	3	3

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Humanities/Fine Arts Elective..	3	3
		16
Total Credit Hours		74