

DENTAL HYGIENE

Associate in Science

Career/Technical (Major Code: 02380)

Prepares students for a career in dental hygiene through the study of humanities, social and natural sciences, and the field of dental hygiene. Emphasis is on clinical practice in the context of dental hygiene care. Graduates are eligible to apply to take both regional and national examinations for licensure.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

- Analyze and evaluate dental hygiene theory to achieve a minimum of 75% on the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination.
- Assess patient needs, coordinate dental hygiene treatment and demonstrate clinical skills to pass state licensing examination.

Code	Title	Units
Prerequisites		
BIOL 260	HUMAN ANATOMY	
BIOL 261	PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY	
BIOL 265	GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	
CHEM 100	INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL CHEMISTRY	
CHEM 110	ELEMENTARY ORGANIC AND BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY	
COMM 103	ORAL COMMUNICATION	
or COMM C100	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC SPEAKING	
ENGL C1000	ACADEMIC READING AND WRITING	
or ESL 115A	COLLEGE COMPOSITION FOR MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS	
HLTH 204	FUNDAMENTALS OF NUTRITION	
PSYC C1000	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	
SOC 101	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
or SOC 110	CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL PROBLEMS	
Math proficiency as evidenced by earning a "C" or better in STAT C1000 or PSYC 270.		
First Semester		Units
DH 101	INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL CONCEPTS	2
DH 108	INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PRACTICE	2.5
DH 109	DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY	3
DH 114	HEAD AND NECK ANATOMY	3
DH 123	ORAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	2
DH 125	ORAL HEALTH	2
Units		14.5
Second Semester		
DH 112	CLINIC I	4
DH 113A	CLINICAL CONCEPTS I	1
DH 115	PERIODONTICS	2
DH 121	PAIN CONTROL	2
DH 203	PATHOLOGY	2
DH 206	DENTAL PHARMACOLOGY	2
SUMMER SESSION		

DH 118	TRANSITIONAL CLINIC	1.5
Units		14.5
Third Semester		
DH 106	SPECIAL NEED PATIENT CARE	2
DH 113B	CLINICAL CONCEPTS II	1
DH 122	CLINIC II	4
DH 116	DENTAL MATERIALS	3
DH 200A	COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH I	2
DH 205	ADVANCED PERIODONTICS	2
Units		14
Fourth Semester		
DH 113C	CLINICAL CONCEPTS III	1
DH 202	CLINIC III	4
DH 200B	COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH II	2
DH 211	ETHICS AND JURISPRUDENCE	2
DH 214	SEMINAR	2
Units		11
Total Units		54

Department Acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program

First Semester		Units
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DH 108	INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PRACTICE	2.5
DH 109	DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY	3
DH 114	HEAD AND NECK ANATOMY	3
DH 123	ORAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	2
DH 125	ORAL HEALTH	2
Units		14.5
Second Semester		
DH 112	CLINIC I	4
DH 113A	CLINICAL CONCEPTS I	1
DH 115	PERIODONTICS	2
DH 121	PAIN CONTROL	2
DH 203	PATHOLOGY	2
DH 206	DENTAL PHARMACOLOGY	2
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Note: A grade of 75% ("C") or better is required in all dental hygiene courses for progression in the Dental Hygiene program and to graduate.

To earn an associate degree, additional general education and graduation requirements (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/certificates-certifications-degrees-csuuc-requirements/>) must be completed. An Arts/Humanities general education course of three units must be completed by the end of the fourth semester. It is highly recommended to complete this general education and graduation requirement prior to the start of the Dental Hygiene program.

Dental Hygiene courses are sequential in the program. Please consult the individual course listings for prerequisites and any other limitations on enrollment.