

# DENTAL HYGIENIST



*Associate of Applied Science Degree  
10-508-1*

This associate degree program prepares individuals for a career as a dental Hygienist. The dental hygienist is a member of the dental team and helps individuals maintain oral health and prevent oral diseases. Under the supervision of a dentist, the hygienist inspects the mouth, removes stains and deposits from teeth, applies preventative agents, prepares clinical and diagnostic tests, completes dental x-rays, and performs many other services related to oral care. Dental hygienists counsel patients about preventive measures such as nutrition, oral hygiene and dental care.

After graduating from an accredited program, dental hygienist graduates are required to successfully complete comprehensive written and clinical examinations given under the direction of the State Dentistry Examining Board, the American Dental Association's Joint Commission.

Model dental hygiene professional code of ethics

Counsel clients/patients to reduce health risks

Provide community oral health services in a variety of settings

Manage infection and hazard control

Assess data on all aspects of patient/client health using methods consistent with dental hygienist scope of practice and legal principles

Formulate a comprehensive dental hygiene care plan in collaboration with the client and other health professionals

Provide preventive and therapeutic services that promote oral health according to the needs of the patient/client

Evaluate the effectiveness of the implemented client/patient dental hygiene care plan

Courses taken before semester 1		Credits
806-177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4
806-186	Introduction to Biochemistry	4
806-197	Microbiology	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Semester 1</b>		
508-103	Dental Radiography	2
508-113	Dental Materials	2
508-102	Oral Anatomy, Embry, Histology	4
508-101	Dental Health Safety	1
508-105	Dental Hygiene Process I	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
508-106	Dental Hygiene Process 2	4
508-108	Periodontology	3
508-109	Cariology	1
508-110	Nutrition & Dental Health	2
801-136	English Composition 1	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
508-111	General & Oral Pathology	3
508-112	Dental Hygiene Process 3	5
508-114	Dental Pharmacology	2
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
508-107	Dental Hygiene Ethics and Professionalism	1
508-115	Community Dental Health	2

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508-117	Dental Hygiene Process 4	4
508-118	Dental Anxiety and Pain Management	2
801-198	Speech	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>66</b>

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General Education Courses

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801-136	English Composition 1	3
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806-177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4
806-197	Microbiology	4
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3