

Dental Hygiene Degree

Degree: Associate in Applied Science

Total Required Credits for Degree: minimum of 83

Program Requirements: 78

General Education Credits: 5*

Code: 3117

About the Program

The Dental Hygiene program prepares its graduates to provide comprehensive oral health care services in a variety of settings. Upon successful completion of the program and passing of the National Dental Hygiene Examination and Regional Board Examination, graduates are eligible to apply for mandatory state licensure.

Program web site: www.cod.edu/denthygiene

Health Sciences Admissions

The majority of Health Sciences programs require either a separate admissions process (in addition to the standard college application form) and/or the completion of specific prerequisites before acceptance into a program. The Health Sciences Admissions office is located in the Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 2046. For more information, check out the Health Sciences Admissions web site at: www.cod.edu/hsadmissions/

Program Notes

1. The Dental Hygiene program at College of DuPage admits one class per year. It is two years in length, not including the prerequisites that must be taken prior to starting in the program.
2. Those interested in the program must:
 - a. Attend a mandatory Dental Hygiene information session in the year they apply.
 - b. Present proof of identification/picture identification at the information session.
 - c. Complete an application to College of DuPage AND an application to the College of DuPage Dental Hygiene program.
 - d. Complete the health occupations test (PSB-HOAE exam).
 - e. Complete placement tests in English and/or Math (if applicable).
 - f. Complete all prerequisites (see General Education Requirements).
 - g. Send official high school and college transcripts to the C.O.D. Records office, SRC 2015.
 - h. All transcripts will be sent to the Dental Hygiene office AFTER evaluation by the Records office.
 - i. Submit a letter stating proof of employment (position and number of years) from dentist if working or have worked in the dental profession.

3. Students must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better in all prerequisite science courses for admission into the program.
4. Preference for program admission is given to College of DuPage district residents. Proof of CPR (Level C) certification is needed upon admission into the Dental Hygiene program.
5. The following is a list of probable fees students must pay. These figures are ESTIMATES: Dental Hygiene instrument kit (for two years), \$3,000; uniforms, \$275; Dental Hygiene Aptitude Test (PSB-HOAE), \$25; medical exam (C.O.D. Allied Health), \$25; eye exam, \$150; HBV immunization, \$45 each injection; X 3 (optional), \$135; HBV titer, \$30; membership: Students American Dental Hygiene Association, \$100 (\$50 per year); Dental Hygiene Board Review Course (optional), \$450; Nitrous Oxide Course at UIC Dental School, \$250; National Dental Hygiene Board Exam, \$150; Regional Board Exam (NERB), \$650; State Licensure application, \$175; safety equipment, \$400; tuition, \$103 per credit hour; lab fees, \$2,600; and malpractice insurance, \$52. In addition, students must purchase textbooks, but those costs are difficult to predict.
6. Mandatory drug testing is performed at C.O.D. Health Services at \$25 for one year.
7. All applicants must submit official high school transcripts or a GED or its equivalent.

Program Requirements

Anat& 1551	Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4
AND		
Anat& 1552	Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4
OR		
Anat& 1571	Anatomy and Physiology with Cadaver I	4
AND		
Anat& 1572	Anatomy and Physiology with Cadaver II	4
Chemi 1211	General Chemistry	5
OR		
Chemi 1551	Principles of Chemistry I	5
Dehyg 1101	Principles in Dental Hygiene I	3
Dehyg 1102	Principles in Dental Hygiene II	2
Dehyg 1105	Dental Materials/Expanded Functions	3
Dehyg 1112	Dental Radiology I.....	2
Dehyg 1115	Dental Tooth Anatomy and Morphology	2
Dehyg 1120	Preclinical Dental Hygiene I.....	1
Dehyg 1121	Clinical Dental Hygiene I.....	1
Dehyg 1125	Head and Neck Anatomy: Histology and Embryology	2
Dehyg 1135	Applied Nutrition and Biochemistry for the Dental Hygienist.....	2
Dehyg 1136	General and Oral Pathology.....	2
Dehyg 1145	Medical Emergencies in a Dental Office	1
Dehyg 2201	Dental Hygiene Theory I.....	2
Dehyg 2202	Dental Hygiene Theory II.....	2

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Dehyg 2211	Periodontics I	2
Dehyg 2212	Periodontics II	2
Dehyg 2213	Dental Radiology II	2
Dehyg 2222	Clinical Dental Hygiene II.....	2
Dehyg 2223	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	2
Dehyg 2224	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	2
Dehyg 2225	Review of Dental Literature.....	1
Dehyg 2232	Community Dental Health I	2
Dehyg 2233	Community Dental Health II	2
Dehyg 2235	Dental Pharmacology and Local Anesthetics	2
Dehyg 2245	Ethics and Jurisprudence: Practice Management for the Dental Hygienist	2
Engli 1101	English Composition I	3
Math 1102	Mathematics for Health Sciences	3
Micro 1420	Microbiology	4
Psych 1100	General Psychology	3
Socio 1100	Introduction to Sociology	3
Spec 1100	Fundamentals of Speech Communication.....	3
Total		78

*General Education Requirements

Each candidate for an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 18 credits in General Education. For the Dental Hygiene degree, most General Education courses are already listed under program requirements. Therefore, students only need 5 General Education credits besides those listed under program requirements.

Use the *Student Planning Worksheet* or consult a list of General Education categories and courses for the A.A.S. degree to decide what needs to be taken. Links can be found on the Dental Hygiene online program guide (go to www.cod.edu/denthygiene).

NOTE: It is highly recommended that potential candidates complete as many or all of the General Education courses required for graduation prior to entrance into this program.

Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are recommended for the Dental Hygiene degree:

Communications: 6 credits required

Required courses: English 1101, Speech 1100 (already listed under Program Requirements)

English 1101 MUST be completed prior to April 1 of the year in which the applicant applies.

Physical/Life Sciences: 3 to 5 credits required

Required courses: Anatomy and Physiology 1551 and 1552 OR Anatomy and Physiology 1571 and 1572; Chemistry 1211 or 1551; Microbiology 1420 (already listed under Program Requirements)

Anatomy and Physiology AND Chemistry courses MUST be completed prior to April 1 of the year in which the applicant applies. Microbiology 1420 is a prerequisite for Dental Hygiene 1125.

Mathematics: 3 to 5 credits required

Required course: Mathematics 1102 (already listed under Program Requirements)

Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 credits required

Recommended course: See the *Student Planning Worksheet*.

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 credits required

Required courses: Psychology 1100, Sociology 1100 (already listed under Program Requirements)

Additional A.A.S. Degree Requirements

A minimum of 2 credits must be completed from the list of courses in the Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills category. Courses taken under Program Requirements or General Education can satisfy this requirement.

Recommended course: Computer Information Systems 1110

Advisers

If you are considering this program as an area of study, consult with a faculty adviser in this field:

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Total hours for degree with

Humanities.....	3 cr. hrs.
Global Multicultural.....	2 cr. hrs.
Total.....	83 cr. hrs.