

Dental Hygiene

Associate of Applied Science Degree Program

Contact Hours: 1,810

Semester Credits: 88.5

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 70

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 17 Months

Program Overview

Dental Hygienists are licensed, professional oral clinicians and dental health educators who prevent and treat oral disease, promote and encourage preventive aspects of dental care, and assume responsibility for patient care in the dental office. They provide a variety of services to patients, including comprehensive examination of the oral cavity, radiographs, prophylaxis, fluoride treatments, patient education, and preventive services. They are required to pass written and clinical examinations before they apply for licensure to practice. Dental Hygienists are integral members of the dental team who use their dental, clinical, and social sciences to aid individuals in achieving optimum oral health. Besides working in a private dental practice, Dental Hygienists also work as educators, administrators, and researchers.

Program Mission

The mission is to provide a supportive learning environment in which the student acquires theoretical knowledge, technical skills, and professional attributes necessary to qualify for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist and entry-level employment as a Dental Hygienist. The program strives to instill the importance of personal growth, professional commitment, community involvement, and continued research. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination. Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing this examination are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take this exam, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

Program Delivery

The Dental Hygiene program is delivered in a blended format. Some courses will be delivered entirely online, entirely on-ground or with an appropriate blend of both online and on-ground hours in the same course. Of the 1810 program hours, a maximum of 779 course hours (43.0%) may be offered online (including general education courses). Campuses may have the option to deliver general education courses either online or on-ground depending on local need and availability.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
ENGL1310 *	English Composition I	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
SOCI1310 *	Introduction to Sociology	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
BIOL1330 *	Microbiology	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
BIOL1405 *	Anatomy & Physiology	60 (0 / 60)	0	0	4
CHEM1310 *	Chemistry	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
MATH Elective*	MATH1310 Contemporary Mathematics or MATH1320 College Algebra	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
PSYC1310 *	General Psychology	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
COMM1310 *	Elements of Human Communication	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3

DH101	Dental Hygiene I	30 (25 / 5)	90 (80 / 10)	0	5
DH102	Dental Hygiene II	30 (15 / 15)	60 (45 / 15)	80 (80 / 0)	5.5
DH103	Dental Radiography	30 (30 / 0)	30 (20 / 10)	0	3
DH104	Dental Materials	15 (10 / 5)	30 (30 / 0)	0	2
DH105	Dental Anatomy/Tooth Morphology	60 (30 / 30)	0	0	4
DH110	Oral Embryology & Histology	45 (20 / 25)	0	0	3
DH111	Dental Office Emergencies	15 (10 / 5)	0	0	1
DH201	Dental Hygiene III	30 (15 / 15)	0	135 (120 / 15)	5
DH202	Dental Hygiene IV	30 (15 / 15)	0	185 (165 / 20)	6
DH203	Periodontology	45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3
DH206	Dental Pharmacology	45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3
DH207	Dental Hygiene Seminar	30 (15 / 15)	0	0	2
DH209	Nutrition	45 (20 / 25)	0	0	3
DH224	Dental Public Health	45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3
DH226	Dental Law/Ethics	30 (6 / 24)	0	0	2
DH227	Board Review	45 (15 / 30)	0	0	3
DH228	Oral Pathology	45 (25 / 20)	0	0	3
DH300	Dental Office Management	30 (10 / 20)	0	0	2
DH301	Dental Hygiene V	30 (10 / 20)	0	150 (130 / 20)	5
Total		1050 (361/689)	210 (175/35)	550 (495/55)	88.5

* These courses may be offered entirely online or entirely on-ground at the campus.