

# Dental Hygiene Program

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# What is a...

- Dental Hygienist?
  - A licensed oral health care provider, that is focused on preventing and treating dental diseases to improve oral health in a variety of settings, under the supervision of a dentist.

# What are the duties of a ...

- Dental Hygienist?
  - Removal of calculus and plaque from tooth surfaces
  - Administering local anesthesia and nitrous oxide as needed
  - Examination of teeth and oral structures
  - Assessment of oral conditions
  - Exposing radiographs
  - Oral cancer and blood pressure screenings
  - Teaching oral hygiene techniques
  - Applying caries preventive agents
  - Nutritional counseling and tobacco cessation

# Where we work:

- Private Practice Dental Offices
- Temporary Staffing Agencies
- DSO (Dental Support Organization)
- FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Centers)
- Federal Government
- Insurance Companies
- Internationally

# Program Pre-requisites

## Dental Hygiene

- ENG 119
- ENG 120
- BIO 155\*
- BIO 240\*
- BIO 250\*
- BIO 295\*
- CHM 105\*
- CHM 155\*
- DEN 100
- PHL 201
- SPH 101
- PSY 101
- SOC 100
- PS 101
- HUM

\*Science classes must be within 5 years

- Criminal Background Check
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (good for 1 year)
- Successful completion of an Admissions Assessment Exam (TABE)

*We accept transfer credits.  
However, at least 12 credits  
must be from WCCCD.*

# Dental Hygiene Admission Assessment (TABE)

- Required for all admissions
- No charge currently for admission assessment
- Attempts
  - 4 attempts are allowed
  - Initial testing is conducted during DEN 100
  - If you are unsuccessful, you will need to sign up for a prep course
- Testing Eligibility
  - Be enrolled in DEN 100 or
  - Have successfully completed DEN 100 and prep course

# What's on the Admissions Assessment

- Language
  - Conventions of Standard English
  - Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
  - Text Types and Purposes
- Reading
  - Key Ideas and Details
  - Craft and Structure
  - Integration of Knowledge and Idea

# How To Calculate GPA (sample)

Course	Grade	Credit	Points
ENG 119	A	3	12
ENG 120	A	3	12
BIO 155	B	4	12
BIO 240	B	4	12
BIO 250	B	4	12
BIO 295	C	4	8
CHM 105	A	4	16
CHM 155	C	4	8
DEN 100	A	3	12
PHL 201	A	3	12
PS 101	B	3	9
PSY 101	A	3	12
SPH 101	B	3	9
SOC 100	A	3	12
Humanities Elective	B	3	9
Total Pre- requisites		51	<b>3.27</b>

4 Credits:

A = 16, B = 12, C = 8

3 Credits

A = 12, B = 9, C = 6

Divide total points by 51 to  
obtain your GPA

Example:  $167/51 = 3.27$



# How To Make Your File Complete For Admissions

- Complete the Application for Program Admission
- Complete all prerequisite courses with a “C” or better
- Complete a Plan of Work meeting with a program administrator
- Official WCCCD Transcript
- Official Transcripts from other institutions (if applicable)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (dated within the year of application)
- Criminal Background Check (dated within the year of application)
- Successful completion of the TABE

# When do I apply? When do I know if I'm accepted?

- You apply after all pre-requisite courses are complete
  - If you need to take a course(s) in the summer after the application deadline, you will not be eligible for admission that fall
- Application Deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>
- You will be notified via college email of your acceptance into the program, no later than July 4<sup>th</sup>

# After Acceptance (Additional Requirements)

- Instrument Kit (approximately \$4600.00)
  - Not covered by financial aid
- Malpractice Insurance
- Uniforms (as decided by the program...scrub pants)
- Medical/Dental Exam
- Immunizations
  - Hepatitis B
  - MMR
  - Tetanus
  - Varicella
  - TB
- Community Service Polo
- CPR
- Loupes (optional)
- Miscellaneous School Supplies

# Class/Instruction format

- Lecture
  - 1:24 ratio
- Team taught
  - 1:3 ratio (for Radiology)
  - 1:4 ratio (preclinical and clinical)

# What your schedule will look like:

## Semester I, 1<sup>st</sup> year

Semester I, Fall – August to December (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>DHY 120 Clinical Techniques (A)</b>	No Class	<b>DHY 120 Clinical Techniques (B)</b>	<b>DHY 101 Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene</b>	<b>DHY 110 Oral Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b>	No Class
	8:30-3:25		8:30 – 3:25	9:00-11:55	9:00-12:55	
				<b>DEN 112 Medical &amp; Dental Emergencies</b>		
			1:00-2:55			

This is a sample schedule

# What your schedule will look like:

## Semester 2, 1<sup>st</sup> year

Semester 2, Spring - January to May (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<b>DHY 130</b> Clinical Dental Hygiene I: Lab (A)	<b>DHY 130</b> Clinical Dental Hygiene I: Lab (B)	<b>DHY 221</b> Dental Biomaterials	<b>DHY 129</b> Clinical Dental Hygiene I: Lecture	<b>DHY 111</b> Oral Histology & Embryology	No Classes	
	8:00 – 5:00	8:00 – 5:00	1:00 - 4:55	9:00 – 10:55	9:00 – 11:55		
	<b>DEN 201</b> Dental Radiology Lab (A)	<b>DEN 201</b> Dental Radiology Lab (B)	<b>DEN 201</b> Dental Radiology Lab (C)	<b>DEN 200</b> Dental Radiology Theory			
	8:30 – 12:30	5:00 - 8:55	5:00 - 8:55	12:30 - 2:25			
	<b>DEN 201</b> Dental Radiology Lab (D)						
1:00 - 4:55							

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# What your schedule will look like:

## Semester 3, 1<sup>st</sup> year

Semester 3, Summer – May to August (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>DHY 132 Clinical Dental Hygiene II – Lab (A)</b>	<b>DHY 132 Clinical Dental Hygiene II – Lab (B)</b>	<b>DHY 131 Clinical Dental Hygiene II: Lecture</b>	No Class	No Class
		8:00 – 5:00	8:00 – 5:00	8:30 – 11:00		
	<b>DHY 213 Periodontology</b>			<b>DHY 211 Pharmacology</b>		
	5:00 – 7:43			5:00 – 8:45		
			<b>DHY 227 Radiology II</b>			
		Online				

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# What your schedule will look like: Semester 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> year

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Semester 4, Fall – August to December (2<sup>nd</sup> year)</b>	<b>DHY 209 Clinical Dental Hygiene III - Lecture</b>	<b>DHY 210 Clinical Dental Hygiene V – Lab (A)</b>	<b>DHY 121 Oral Pathology</b>	<b>DHY 210 Clinical Dental Hygiene III – Lab (B)</b>	<b>DHY 210 Clinical Dental Hygiene V – Lab (A)</b>	<b>DHY 210 Clinical Dental Hygiene III – Lab (B)</b>
	1:30 -3:30	8:00 – 4:55	9:00 – 11:55	8:00 – 4:55	8:00 – 4:55	8:00 – 4:55
	<b>DHY 214 Local Anesthesia &amp; Pain Control</b>		<b>DHY 223 Dental Health Education</b>			
	4:00 – 7:55		1:00 – 3:55			

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# What your schedule will look like:

## Semester 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Semester 5, Spring – January to May (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>DHY 219 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV: Lecture</b>	<b>DHY 225 Management of Special Patients</b>	<b>DHY 220 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV: Lab (A)</b>	<b>DHY 220 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV: Lab (B)</b>	<b>DHY 220 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV: Lab (A)</b>	<b>DHY 220 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV: Lab (B)</b>
	10:00a - 11:55a	9:00a - 11:55p	8:00a - 12:00p	8:00a - 12:00p	8:00a - 12:00p	8:00a - 12:00p
	<b>DHY 231 Community Dentistry</b> 1:00p - 4:55p					

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# What your schedule will look like:

## Semester 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Semester 6, Summer – May to August, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	DHY 229 Clinical Dental Hygiene V: Lecture	DHY 230 Clinical Dental Hygiene V: Lab <b>(B)</b>	DHY 230 Clinical Dental Hygiene V: Lab <b>(B)</b>	DHY 230 Clinical Dental Hygiene V: Lab <b>(A)</b>	DHY 230 Clinical Dental Hygiene V: Lab <b>(B)</b>	No Class
	8:30a - 11:13a	5:00 – 9:00	5:00 – 9:00	8:00 -5:00	8:00 -5:00	
	DHY 230 Clinical Dental Hygiene V: Lab <b>(A)</b>	DHY 226 Advanced Periodontology		DHY 233 Dental Hygiene Seminar		
	12:00 – 9:00	Online		5:30 – 8:00		

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# Can I work while I'm in the program?

- Not recommended
- Class times vary from semester to semester
- Study time
- Various community services assignments
- Lunch and Learns

# Licensure/Examinations

- Must take licensure examinations to practice legally
  - National Board
  - CDCA (The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments)
    - CSCE (Computer Simulated Clinical Examination)
    - SPTCE (Simulated Patient Treatment Clinical Examination)
    - Local Anesthesia (*optional*)
    - Nitrous Oxide (*optional*)



# Fall Classes Begin

**Mid August of Every Year**



Questions????

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