

Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene Program Code 2145

Program Description: The Associate in Science Degree Dental Hygiene Program is designed to prepare the student for a career as a Registered Dental Hygienist. The goal of the Broward College Dental Hygiene Program is to prepare knowledgeable, considerate, and culturally sensitive dental hygiene graduates whose professional practice encompasses legal and ethical decision making. The Dental Department is committed to providing a dental hygiene program that is accessible to a diverse community of learners. The dedicated faculty provides a collaborative teaching-learning environment to promote critical thinking and lifelong learning.

The Dental Hygiene program is a unique 1 + 1 program format and is designed to offer students employable skills as both a Certified Dental Assistant and a Registered Dental Hygienist.

Students must first complete the 12-month American Dental Association (ADA) accredited Dental Assisting Program. The Dental Assisting program must be listed in the Florida Department of Education database of post-secondary courses at public vocational-technical centers, community colleges, colleges, universities and participating non-public institutions. Graduates from the Dental Assisting Program are qualified to take the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Examination. Upon successful completion of this examination, the graduate becomes a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA).

With the completion of the Dental Assisting ATD Program and the appropriate course pre-requisites, the CDA student may apply to the 12-month Dental Hygiene Program. The student has up to three years from the date of graduation from the dental assisting program for first time application to this program. Students in the Dental Hygiene Program will be qualified to take the Dental Hygiene National Board and upon graduation the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) state practical licensing examination. Upon passing both examinations, the graduate is licensed as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) in the State of Florida. Broward College awards an Associate in Science Degree in Dental Hygiene to each student who satisfactorily completes the required 12-month dental hygiene course of study.

The Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education.

Upon successful completion of the National Board Dental Hygiene and state licensure exam, the graduate will be awarded the Registered Dental Hygienist (R.D.H.) credential.

Career Pathway: Health Sciences

Program Requirements: The Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene is a limited access program. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission into the program. Students are required to complete a supplemental application and meet specific criteria. There are a limited number of students admitted to the program each year. Please refer to the Health Science Admissions information included in Appendix C of the catalog for specific admissions requirements. Students can also access admissions requirements online at www.broward.edu/healthsciences

- Enrolled in Broward College
- Possess a minimum transfer and Broward College GPA of 2.5

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- Complete a Florida ADA CODA accredited Dental Assisting program within the last three years, and earn the CDA certificate through successful completion of the Dental Assisting National Board Examination
- Complete a limited Access Health Science Application

Additional Program Information: One cohort of 16 students is admitted each August

A final grade of "C" or higher must be achieved in each Dental Hygiene course for continuance in the Program. A student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a Dental course shall refer to College Policy 6Hx2-5.33 and Procedure A6Hx2-5.33 on Re-entry into a Health Sciences Program and/or program guidelines. Reentry to a Program will be based upon space availability. Only one reentry will be allowed. The student who reenters must maintain a "C" or higher in each Dental Hygiene course to continue in a Program. The student receiving a grade of D OR F in any course after reentry will result in permanent dismissal from the BC Dental Programs.

The Dental Hygiene Program has affiliation agreements for externship experiences with Nova Southeastern University School of Dental Medicine, Broward Partnership for the Homeless, PACE Center for Girls, Broward House, Veteran's Administration Dental Clinic, United Cerebral Palsy of Broward County, Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, and Kids in Distress

After admission, students are required to complete the Basic Life Support (CAE0062) course. The due date for the course is given in the mandatory, general orientation meeting prior to the beginning of the program.

You will earn Technical Certificates related to your program of study as you earn your AA, AS, AAS or Bachelor's degree.

Related Industry Certifications: Upon completing this program, graduates will be eligible to sit for the following industry certifications/licenses: Florida State Dental Hygiene licensing examination

Location(s): General Education courses can be taken at any college location. The program specific courses are only taught on the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus. Please consult the course schedule for specific semester locations.

Contact information: Program contact information can be found at <http://www.broward.edu/academics/programs/dental/Pages/default.aspx>

Related Programs at Broward College:

Dental Assisting Applied Technology Diploma (B003)
Dental Assisting Associate of Science (2215)

General Education Credit Hours	22	
ENC1101	Composition I	3
SPC1608	Introduction to Public Speaking	or
SPC1024	Introduction to Speech Communications	3
PSY2012	General Psychology	3
SYG2000	Principles of Sociology	3

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BSC2085	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BSC2085L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
GE Course	General Education Mathematics	3
GE Course	General Education Humanities	3
Core Requirements Credit Hours		14
HUN1202	Essentials of Nutrition	3
BSC2086	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BSC2086L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
MCB2010	Microbiology	3
MCB2010L	Microbiology Lab	1
CHM1032	Chemistry for Health Sciences	3
Programmatic Electives Credit Hours		11
DES	Electives*	11
Programmatic Requirements Credit Hours		41
DEH2840L	Advanced Dental Technology Lab	1
DEH1002	Clinical Dental Hygiene Procedures	2
DEH1002L	Clinical Dental Hygiene Procedures Lab	2
DEH2400	General and Oral Pathology	2
DEH1800	Dental Hygiene I	2
DEH1800L	Dental Hygiene I Clinic	2
DEH2300	Dental Pharmacology	2
DEH1802	Dental Hygiene II	3
DEH1802L	Dental Hygiene II Clinic	4
DES1050	Pain Control and Dental Anesthesia	2
DEH1130	Oral Histology and Embryology	2
DEH1602	Periodontology	3
DEH1602L	Periodontology Laboratory	1
DEH2701	Community Dental Health	2
DEH2701L	Community Dental Health Lab	1
DEH2804L	Dental Hygiene III Clinic	4
DEH 2806	Dental Hygiene IV	2
DEH2806L	Dental Hygiene IV Clinic	4

Mandatory Course Sequencing (for the programmatic courses – students will have to work with an academic advisor to determine the sequencing of the general education and core requirement courses)

Year I Term I (Fall)

Session I (16 Weeks)

DEH2840L	Advanced Dental Technology Lab	1
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Session II (8 Weeks)

DEH1002	Clinical Dental Hygiene Procedures	2
DEH1002L	Clinical Dental Hygiene Procedures Lab	2

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DEH2400	General and Oral Pathology	2
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Session IV (8 Weeks)

DEH1800	Dental Hygiene I	2
DEH1800L	Dental Hygiene I Clinic	2
DEH2300	Dental Pharmacology	2
Total Term Semester Hours		13

Year I Term II (Spring)

Session I (16 Weeks)

DEH1802	Dental Hygiene II	3
DEH1802L	Dental Hygiene II Clinic	4
DES1050	Pain Control and Dental Anesthesia	2
DEH1130	Oral Histology and Embryology	2
DEH1602	Periodontology	3
DEH1602L	Periodontology Laboratory	1
DEH2701	Community Dental Health	2
Total Term Semester Hours		17

Year I Term III (Summer)

Session I (12 Weeks)

DEH2701L	Community Dental Health Lab	1
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Session II (6 Weeks)

DEH2804L	Dental Hygiene III Clinic	4
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Session III (6 Weeks)

DEH 2806	Dental Hygiene IV	2
DEH2806L	Dental Hygiene IV Clinic	4
Total Term Semester Hours		11

Notes: Many courses have specific pre-requisite and co-requisite requirements that must be followed. Students are encouraged to consult the Course Information Table for a detailed list of all requisite requirements.

*Students must complete 11 credits of any combination of DES courses. Completion of an ADA accredited Dental Assistant Program that is listed in the database of the Florida Department of Education will provide the 11 credits necessary to satisfy this area (an experiential learning fee may be charged).

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor to create an educational plan.