

DENTAL HYGIENE
Associate in Science Major Code 2145

Program Description

The Dental Assisting/Hygiene Program is a two-phase curriculum that gives the student two career options. This career ladder curriculum was designed to offer students employable skills as a dual trained dental auxiliary. You must first complete the 10 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 Program and the appropriate course pre-requisites, the CDA student may apply to continue 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 Florida State Board examination. Upon passing both examinations, the graduate is licensed as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) in the State of Florida. 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 A student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a Dental Hygiene course shall refer to College Policy 6Hx2-5.33 and Procedure A6Hx2-5.33 on Re-entry into a Health Sciences Program and/or program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.

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

Admission information can be obtained at 954-201-6111. Applicants should call the Associate Dean at (954) 201-6904 for additional information. Program is offered at Health Sciences, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus.

General Entrance Requirements

- HS Diploma or GED
- PERT‡

‡ The PERT test places students into preparatory level reading, writing and math courses designed to prepare them for college coursework. The PERT test may be replaced by other test or coursework: see the College catalog for more details. All preparatory courses must be completed in order to graduate.

Criteria for Admission to the Dental Hygiene Program Associate in Science Degree:

- Applicants must fulfill the requirements for admission to the Health Science Programs.
 - Students must have completed all College Preparatory courses.
 - Minimum grade of "C" or higher for all postsecondary adult vocational and college degree courses with a minimum 2.5 overall GPA. Student selection is based on highest GPA.
 - First time applicant must be a graduate within the past 3 years from a Dental Assisting program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and have received a grade of 'C' or higher in each course of the 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.
 - The applicant who has completed all pre-requisite Dental Hygiene general education courses with a "C" or higher and has successfully completed a dental assisting program as described above within the current academic year, but has not received national certification as a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) may submit an application to the program. A copy of the Dental Assisting National Board Certificate must be submitted prior to application being processed and admission to the program. Failure to do so shall result in loss of the applicant's admission status and require re-application to the program.
 - The Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) must be earned within three years of graduating from the above dental assisting program.
 - Applicant must show verification of current CPR (BCLS) Certification.
 - Complete the following pre-requisite courses with a grade of "C" or higher in order to submit application:
BSC 1085 Anatomy and Physiology I 3
BSC 1085L Anatomy and Physiology I Lab 1
CHM 1032 Chemistry for Health Sciences 3
 - **All pre requisite and general education courses** must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher prior to admission to the Dental Hygiene program.
 - Complete 22 clock hours of coursework through the Continuing Education for Health Related Professions Department, 954-201-6783. These 22 clock hours include:
HSC 0591, HIV/AIDS;
HSC 0522, Tuberculosis/OSHA/Hepatitis;
HSC 0405, Basic Life Support (CPR);
HSC 0691, Domestic Violence **and**
HSC0692/CAE0528, Medical Errors.
- These courses must be complete prior to the first day of dental hygiene classes.

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Program Graduation Requirements

- Completion of all courses in the degree program with a grade of “C” or higher.
- Completion of 88 semester hours with a degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
- Completion of the 22 clock hours of HSC/CAE course work required by the first day of dental hygiene classes (HSC0591, HSC0522, HSC0405, HSC0691 and HSC0692/CAE0528)

Complete an ADA accredited Dental Assistant Program that is listed in the database of the Florida Department of Education. This will provide credits for the following courses (an experiential learning fee may be charged):

DES 1021	Dental Anatomy and Physiology	3
DES 1103	Dental Materials	2
DES 1103L	Dental Materials Lab	1
DES 1205	Dental Radiography	2
DES 1205L	Dental Radiography Lab	1
DES 1844	Preventive Dentistry	2
DES 1830	Expanded Functions I	2
DES 1831	Expanded Function II	1
Total Semester Hours		14

Complete the pre requisite courses prior to submitting an application to the program:

*CHM 1032	Chemistry for Health Sciences	3
*BSC 1085	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
*BSC 1085L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
Total Semester Hours		7

Complete the following general education courses prior to admission into the program:

*ENC 1101	Composition I	3
SPC 1024	Introduction to Speech Communications OR	
SPC 1608	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
SYG 2000	Principles of Sociology	3
*BSC 1086	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
*BSC 1086L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
*MCB 2010	Microbiology	3
*MCB 2010L	Microbiology Lab	1
Elective	Humanities (with writing requirement)	3
HUN 1202	Essentials of Nutrition	3
Total Semester Hours		26

Complete the following Dental Hygiene Courses:

*DEH 1002	Preclinical Dental Hygiene I	2
*DEH 1002L	Preclinical Dental Hygiene I Lab	3
*DEH 1800	Dental Hygiene I	2
*DEH 1800L	Dental Hygiene I Clinic	2
*DEH 1802	Dental Hygiene II	4
*DEH 1802L	Dental Hygiene II Clinic	3
*DES 1050	Pain Control and Dental Anesthesia	1
*DEH 1130	Oral Histology and Embryology	2
*DEH 1602	Periodontology	3
*DEH 1602L	Periodontology Laboratory	1
*DEH 2300	Dental Pharmacology	2
*DEH 2400	General and Oral Pathology	2
*DEH 2701	Community Dental Health	2
*DEH 2701L	Community Dental Health Lab	1
*DEH 2804L	Dental Hygiene III Clinic	4
*DEH 2806	Dental Hygiene IV	2
*DEH 2806L	Dental Hygiene IV Clinic	4
*DEH 2840L	Advanced Dental Technology Lab	1
Total Semester Hours		41
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* Requires a pre- or co-requisite. See the course description in this catalog or online at www.broward.edu.

It is strongly recommended that students see an academic advisor or counselor every semester