

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. 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 to apply to this program. Students in the Dental Hygiene Program will be qualified to take the Dental Hygiene National Board and upon graduation the State Board examination. Upon passing both examinations, the graduate is licensed as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) in the State of Florida.

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 954-201-2890. Applicants should call the Associate Dean at (954) 201-6904 for additional information. Program is offered at Health Sciences, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus.

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

- Applicants must fulfill the requirements for admission to the Health Science Programs. See page 32.
- 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 degree GPA, effective for Fall 2006 class.
- 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 applicant who has completed all pre-requisite Dental Hygiene general education courses with a “C” or higher and has successfully completed an accredited ADA Dental Assisting Program within the current academic year, but has not received national certification as a 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.
- Applicant must show verification of current CPR (BCLS) Certification.
- All prerequisite and general education courses must be completed with a grade of ‘C’ or higher prior to admission to the Dental Hygiene program.
- 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
- Complete 22 clock hours of coursework through the Continuing Education for Health Related Professions Department, 954-201-6783. These 22 clock hours include: CAE0382, AIDS; CAE0476, TB/OSHA; CAE0299, CPR; CAE0474, Domestic Violence and CAE0528, Medical Errors. These courses must be complete prior to the first day of classes.

Requirements for the Associate in Science Degree in Dental Hygiene:

- Completion of 88 semester hours with a degree grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
- Completion 22 clock hours of course work through the Continuing Education for Health Related Professions Department (954) 201-6783 within one of year of entering the program. These 22 clock hours include: CAE 0382, AIDS; CAE 0476, TB/OSHA; CAE 0299, CPR; CAE 0474, Domestic Violence and CAE0528, Medical Errors.
- Completion of all courses in the degree program with a grade of “C” or higher.
- Completion of an ADA accredited Dental Assistant Program will provide credits in the following courses (an experiential learning fee may be charged):

DES 1021	Dental Anatomy and Physiology	3
DES 1100	Dental Materials	2
DES 1100L	Dental Materials Lab	1
DES 1200	Dental Radiography	2
DES 1200L	Dental Radiography Lab	1
DES 1840	Preventive Dentistry	2
DES 1830	Expanded Functions I	2
DES 1831	Expanded Function II	1
***ENC 1101	Composition I	3
***SPC 1024	Introduction to Speech Communications	3
Total Semester Hours		20

Complete the following general education courses:

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
##CHM 1032	Chemistry for Health Sciences	3
##BSC 1085	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
##BSC 1085L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
##	Open elective	1
HUN 1202	Essentials of Nutrition	3
Total Semester Hours		28

Complete the following Dental Hygiene Courses:

***DEH 1003	Preclinical Dental Hygiene I	2
***DEH 1003L	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 1051	Pain Control and Dental Anesthesia	1
***DEH 1130	Oral Histology and Embryology	2
***DEH 1602	Periodontology	3
***DEH 1602L	Periodontology Laboratory	1
***DES 2050	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
Total Semester Hours		40

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*Requires a pre- or co-requisite. See the course description in this catalog or online.

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Students who have not completed ENC 1101 or SPC 1024 in their Dental Assisting Certificate Program shall be required to enroll in these courses prior to entering the Dental Hygiene Program.

#Pre-requisite course for entry to the program.

Students not succeeding on the computer literacy test will be required to complete CGS1060C in lieu of the BCC open elective.

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