



Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene - 2145

Career Pathway: [Health Sciences](#)

Location(s): [General Education Courses are offered at all BC location. Program specific courses are only available at Central Campus.](#)

Program Entrance Requirements: This is a limited access program. Students are required to complete a supplemental application and meet specific criteria. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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 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).

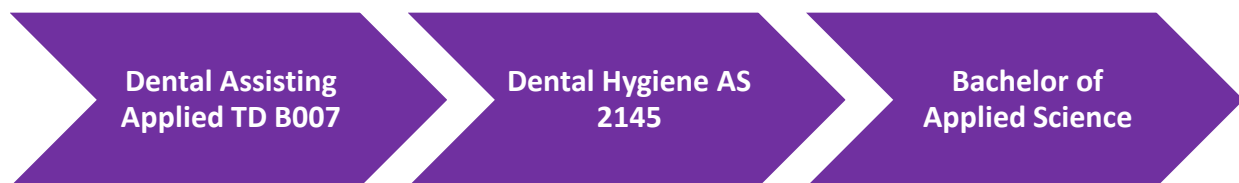
With the completion of the Dental Assisting ATD Program and the appropriate course pre-requisites, the CDA student may apply to the 12-month Dental Hygiene Program. The student has up to three years from the date of graduation from the dental assisting program for first time application to this program. 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. Visit the program's [website](#) for additional information.

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. 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.

Build Your Education



Recommended Course Sequence

Full Time	Part Time	Course ID	Description	Credits
Term 1	Term 1	ENC1101	Composition I	3
		GE Course	General Education Mathematics	3
	Term 2	BSC2085	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
		BSC2085L	Anatomy & Physiology Lab I	1
		GE Course	General Education Humanities	3
Term 2	Term 3	PSY2012	General Psychology	3
		BSC2086	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
		BSC2086L	Anatomy & Physiology Lab II	1
	Term 4	SPC1024 or	Introduction to Speech Communications or	3
		SPC1608	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
CHM1032	Chemistry for Health Sciences	3		
Term 3	Term 5	SYG2000	Principles of Sociology	3
		HUN1202	Essentials of Nutrition	3
Term 4	Term 6	MCB2010	Microbiology	3
		MCB2010L	Microbiology Lab	1
Apply to the Program (By June 30th)		Student must have completed an ADA CODA accredited Florida Dental Assisting program, and earned the CDA certificate before submitting the application		
Term 4	Term 7	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
Term 5	Term 8	DEH1802	Dental Hygiene II	3
		DEH1802L	Dental Hygiene II Clinic	4
		DES1054	Pain Control and Dental Anesthesia	2
		DEH1130	Oral Histology and Embryology	2
		DEH1602	Periodontology	3
		DEH1602L	Periodontology Laboratory	1
		DEH2701	Community Dental Health	2
Term 6	Term 9	DEH2701L	Community Dental Health Lab	1
		DEH2804L	Dental Hygiene III Clinic	4
		DEH 2806	Dental Hygiene IV	2
		DEH2806L	Dental Hygiene IV Clinic	4
		Elective*	Elective Course	11
Total Program Credit Hours				88

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 (a Prior Learning Assessment fee may be charged). This program has mandatory course sequencing.

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an [advisor](#) to create an educational plan.

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES

Program Highlights



Credit for Prior Learning: Accelerate your path to completion with these options:

- Credit by exam
 - Industry Certifications
 - Prior Learning Assessment
 - And much more...
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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
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Externship Experience: 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.



Median Wage and Job Growth Outlook: Broward College has [Career Coach!](#) It is designed to help you find a good career by providing the most current local data on wages, employment, job postings, and associated education and training.



Fund Your Education:

This Program is [Financial Aid](#) eligible. [Scholarships](#) may be available. This program is part of the [Career Source Broward ITA List](#).

Get Started Today!

START APPLICATION

