

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Overview

Dental Hygienist Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Code: 10-508-1

For more information: www.wctc.edu/dental-hygiene (<http://www.wctc.edu/dental-hygiene/>)

Dental hygienists educate patients on good oral hygiene, and they perform preventive dental care, such as teeth cleaning to remove tartar, stains and plaque; apply sealants and fluoride treatments; and develop x-rays. In this program, learn to provide therapeutic/preventive services with a dentist and become involved in dental health counseling.

The minimum required course grades and program grade point average (GPA) for students under this catalog are:

- Core Courses = C
 - Exceptions B- required for the following courses: 806-186, 806-197 and 806-177
- General Studies Courses = C
- Program GPA = 2.0

This WCTC program prepares students to obtain the required licensure to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. The College does not guarantee its curriculum matches the requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure for other states.

Learning Outcomes

Program Outcomes

1. Model dental hygiene professional code of ethics.
2. Counsel clients/patients to reduce health risks.
3. Provide community oral health services in a variety of settings.
4. Manage infection and hazard control.
5. Assess data on all aspects of patient/client health using methods consistent with dental hygiene scope of practice and legal principles.
6. Formulate a comprehensive dental hygiene care plan in collaboration with the client and other health professionals.
7. Provide preventive and therapeutic services that promote oral health according to the needs of the patient/client.
8. Evaluate the effectiveness of the implemented client/patient dental hygiene care plan.

Critical Life Skills

To help our students prepare for success in a workplace and society that is **increasingly global, multi-cultural, and collaborative**, all students are given opportunities to develop and demonstrate Critical Life Skills, both in and out of the classroom. The following Critical Life Skills are learning outcomes for WCTC students.

- **Communication:** Demonstrate appropriate communication.
- **Critical Thinking/Problem Solving:** Demonstrate critical thinking skills to analyze situations and solve problems.
- **Relationships:** Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills.
- **Self-management:** Demonstrate responsible and respectful behavior.

Required Courses

Listed below are the required courses for the program. To view the recommended sequence for taking courses click on the plan of study tab(s) above. Work with your Academic Advisor to design a program plan!

To support your success in the program, we recommend credits earned in A&P, Microbiology, and Biochemistry be relevant within the last 5 years.

View your **Program Matrix** to find out when each course will be offered (term and time of day).

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
508-101	Dental Health Safety	1
508-102	Oral Anatomy, Embry, Histology	4
508-103	Dental Radiography	2
508-105	Dental Hygiene Process 1	4
508-106	Dental Hygiene Process 2	4
508-107	Dental Hygiene Ethics & Profes	1
508-108	Periodontology	3
508-109	Cariology	1
508-110	Nutrition and Dental Health	2
508-111	General & Oral Pathology	3
508-112	Dental Hygiene Process 3	5
508-113	Dental Materials	2
508-114	Dental Pharmacology	2
508-115	Community Dental Health	2
508-117	Dental Hygiene Process 4	4
508-118	Dental Anxiety and Pain Management	2
General Studies		
801-136	English Composition 1	3
Approved Substitute: 801-223		
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
Approved Substitute: 801-198		
806-177	Gen Anatomy & Physiology	4
806-186	Intro to Biochemistry	4
806-197	Microbiology	4
809-172	Intro to Diversity Studies	3
Approved Substitute: 809-235		
809-196	Intro to Sociology	3
809-199	Psychology of Human Relations	3
Approved Substitute: 809-198		
Total Credits		69

Full-time Plan

First Year

Fall Term 1		Credits
801-136	English Composition 1	3
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
Credits		6

Fall Term 2

809-172	Intro to Diversity Studies	3
806-186	Intro to Biochemistry	4
Credits		7

Spring Term 1

806-177	Gen Anatomy & Physiology	4
809-196	Intro to Sociology	3
Credits		7

Spring Term 2

806-197	Microbiology	4
809-199	Psychology of Human Relations	3
Credits		7

Second Year**Summer Term**

508-101	Dental Health Safety	1
Credits		1

Fall Term 1

508-102	Oral Anatomy, Embry, Histology <small>This course will run 16 weeks.</small>	4
508-105	Dental Hygiene Process 1 <small>This course will run 16 weeks.</small>	4
Credits		8

Fall Term 2

508-103	Dental Radiography	2
Credits		2

Spring Term 1

508-106	Dental Hygiene Process 2 <small>This course will run 16 weeks.</small>	4
508-108	Periodontology <small>This course will run 16 weeks.</small>	3
508-110	Nutrition and Dental Health	2
Credits		9

Spring Term 2

508-109	Cariology	1
Credits		1

Third Year**Fall Term 1**

508-111	General & Oral Pathology <small>This course will run 16 weeks.</small>	3
508-112	Dental Hygiene Process 3 <small>This course will run 16 weeks.</small>	5
508-114	Dental Pharmacology <small>This course will run 16 weeks.</small>	2
508-113	Dental Materials	2
Credits		12

Fall Term 2

508-118	Dental Anxiety and Pain Management	2
Credits		2

Spring Term 1

508-107	Dental Hygiene Ethics & Profes	1
508-115	Community Dental Health	2
508-117	Dental Hygiene Process 4 <small>This course will run 16 weeks.</small>	4
Credits		7

Total Credits		69
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