

Dental Hygiene

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE(AS)

2025 - 2026

Student's Name: _____

Student's ID Number: _____

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Pathway Navigator: _____

General Education (30 hours)

This Associate in Science degree consists of a minimum of 88 college-level semester hours with at least 30 semester hours of General Education Core courses. The General Education Core courses are chosen for their appropriateness for each degree and represent courses from each of the following disciplines: humanities/fine arts, natural science/mathematics, behavioral science/social science and communications. Consult with your Faculty Advisor if you have any questions.

Communications (3/4 credits)

- ENC1101 English Composition I●+* 3
- ENC1101C Enhanced English Comp. I●+* 4

Humanities (3 credits) Select one Humanities course

Humanities 1–Visual & Performing Arts

- ARH2000 Understanding Visual Arts●* 3
- MUL2010 Understanding Music●* 3
- THE2000 Understanding Theater●* 3

Humanities 2–Philosophy/Religion

Prerequisite ENC1101 or ENC1101C with grade "C" or higher.

- HUM2020 Introduction to Humanities●+* 3
- PHI2010 Intro. to Philosophy●+* 3

Humanities 3–Literature

Prerequisite ENC1102 with grade "C" or higher.

- LIT2000 Literature and Culture●+* 3

Mathematics (3 credits) Select one Mathematics Course

- MGF1130 Mathematical Thinking●* 3
- STA2023 Statistics●+* 3
- MAC1105 College Algebra●+* 3
- MAC2311 Calculus with Geometry I●+* 4

Natural Sciences (12 credits)

Biological Sciences

- BSC2085 Anatomy & Physiology I●+* 3
- BSC2085L Anatomy & Physiology I Lab+* 1
- BSC2086 Anatomy & Physiology II+* 3
- BSC2086 Anatomy & Physiology II Lab+* 1
- MCB2004 Microbiology+* 3
- MCB2004L Microbiology Lab+* 1

Social Sciences (9 credits)

Behavioral Science

- PSY2012 General Psychology●* 3
- SYG2000 Principles of Sociology* 3

Select one of the Following

History

- AMH2010 United States History I●@%* 3
- AMH2020 United States History II●@* 3

Government

- POS2041 American Nat'l Government●@* 3

Key

- + = Prerequisite or co-requisite required
- * = Minimum grade of "C" required
- @ = Course meets Civic Literacy Requirement
- = General Education Core course
- # = Applies to A.S. and Certificate Programs
- % = Must be taken Fall 2024 or later

Major Courses (58 hours)

The dental hygiene program is a limited access, selective admissions program designed to assist students in developing and mastering basic clinical competencies and theoretical concepts of dental hygiene practice. Graduates will receive an A.S. degree in Dental Hygiene and will be eligible to apply for the national and state board examinations in any state. The dental hygiene program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. Students are encouraged to complete as many of the general education courses as possible prior to seeking admission into the program. Because of limited enrollment, students are encouraged to prepare application requirements in the fall for the next year's class.

Successfully completed with a grade of "C" or higher prior to acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program.

Courses that may be taken prior to entering or during the Dental Hygiene Program. They must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. Strongly encouraged to complete as many of these courses as possible prior to entering the Dental Hygiene Program.

- HUN1201 Principles of Nutrition* 3
- SPC1608 Intro. to Public Speaking* 3
- DES1000 Dental Anatomy+*# 2
- DES1010 Head and Neck Anatomy+*# 2
- DES1100C Dental Materials+*# 3
- DES1200 Dental Radiology I+*# 2
- DES1200L Dental Radiology I+*# 1
- DES1201 Dental Radiology II+*# 1
- DES1201L Dental Radiology II+*# 1
- DES1832 Expanded Functions +*# 1
- DES1832L Expanded Functions Lab+*# 1
- DEH1002 Fund. of Dental Hygiene+*# 3
- DEH1002L Dental Hygiene Pre-Clinical Proced.+*# 3
- DEH1130 Oral Histology & Embryology+*# 2
- DEH1400 Oral Pathology+*# 2
- DEH1800 Dental Hygiene I+*# 2
- DEH1800L Dental Hygiene Clinical I+*# 4
- DEH1802 Dental Hygiene II+*# 1
- DEH1802L Dental Hygiene Clinical II+*# 2
- DEH2300 Pharmacology Dental Hygiene+*# 2
- DEH2602 Periodontology+*# 2
- DEH2702 Community Dental Health+*# 2
- DEH2702L Community Dental Health Lab+*# 1
- DEH2804 Dental Hygiene III+*# 2
- DEH2804L Dental Hygiene Clinical III+*# 4
- DEH2806 Dental Hygiene IV+*# 2
- DEH2806L Dental Hygiene Clinical IV+*# 4

Other AS Requirements

- General Education Core Requirement**
Successful completion of at least one dotted core course from each of the five major general education areas: Communications, Humanities, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences
- Civic Literacy Requirement (@)**
Successful completion of AMH 2010 OR AMH 2020 OR POS 2041 **AND** passing score on civic literacy exam (FCLE)

Developmental Courses

- ENC0022 Dev. Writing I & II Combined* 3
- REA0019 Dev. Reading I & II Combined* 3
- MAT0012 Dev. Arithmetic with Algebra* 3

Requirements After Provisional Acceptance:

- A. Completion of prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better prior to First year Fall – Term 2
 1. BSC2085, Anatomy & Physiology I
 2. BSC2085L, Anatomy & Physiology I Lab
 3. ENC1101, English Comp I
 4. HUN1201, Principles of Nutrition
- B. Report of Vaccination History to include:
 - Hepatitis B Surface Antigen test
 - Hepatitis B vaccine series, if surface antigen is positive (or signed declination waiver)
 - PPD Mantoux/TB Test (may require chest radiograph if previously positive PPD Mantoux/TB test)
 - MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
 - Varicella (Chickenpox)
 - Tetanus-Diphtheria (Tetanus every 10 years)
 - Influenza (or signed declination)
 - COVID-19 (or signed declination)
 - Polio (or signed declination)
- C. Copy of current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certificate (BLS for Healthcare Providers) by the AHA
- D. Satisfactory fingerprint/criminal background check
- E. Healthcare Interprofessional Training (every 2 years)
 - HIPAA
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Prevention of Medical Errors
 - Domestic Violence
 - Infection Control
 - Human Trafficking
 - Interprofessional Education
 - Airborne Precautions w/Mask Fit
- F. Satisfactory physical examination (signed by physician)
- G. Satisfactory drug screening results

Readmission Guidelines

1. A student who withdraws from or earns a grade lower than a "C" in one of the approved science courses and/or in a Dental Hygiene course will not be permitted to continue in the Dental Hygiene Program. A student who does not meet the Technical Standards of the program will not be permitted to continue in the program.
2. Applicants who wish to apply for readmission should do so prior to March 1 if planning to enroll in the Fall semester or October 1 if planning to enroll in the Spring semester.
3. Readmission to the Dental Hygiene Program will be dependent upon available resources.
4. In order to be considered for readmission by the Admissions Committee, the applicant must do the following:
 - a. Submit a written request letter (not e-mail) to the Dental Hygiene Coordinator presenting evidence to justify readmission. This may include letters of recommendation from a previous faculty member or coordinator, additional course work, work experience, etc.
 - b. Meet current guidelines for admission to the College and the Dental Hygiene Program.
5. Readmission may be contingent upon the candidate's agreeing to audit previously completed course work.
6. A student who applies for readmission to the Dental Hygiene Program must provide significant evidence which suggests the potential for future success in the program. This evidence may address such things as unusual circumstances, remedial study, and/or additional preparation.