

*Allied Health Technology*

# Dental Hygiene

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*As a dental hygienist, you'll serve two major functions: provide direct patient care to improve oral health and educate patients and groups about dental health. You may decide to specialize in education, research, administration, dental product sales, or in a single clinical area. Dental hygiene practice provides a variety of avenues for employment and educational advancement while also being an integral part of the health care team.*

## **What You'll Learn...**

- Comprehensive patient care and how to manage patients
- Organizational and communication skills
- Assessment of patient's oral health needs
- Subject matter covered on dental hygiene licensure examinations
- Additional knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to your success on the job

## **What You'll Earn...**

- An excellent salary
- The opportunity for a flexible work schedule, part or full-time
- A choice of work environments including private dental offices, hospitals, public health clinics, schools, and health care facilities
- Career growth potential through further certification and education

## **Why You'll Succeed...**

- A career where your skills are in demand – employment opportunities for skilled dental hygienists have consistently exceeded supply
- Employees with degrees tend to be more eligible for promotion\*
- Associate degree holders generally earn more than high school graduates\*
- College credit may be awarded for relevant work experience
- Many credits from an associate degree may be applied toward a bachelor's degree

*\*Statistics from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census*

## DENTAL HYGIENE

Delaware Tech operates on a semester system with new terms beginning in late August and mid-January, plus summer terms beginning at the end of May and in mid-June. Non-technology courses may be taken on a part-time or full-time basis during any semester or the summer term. Some students may need refresher courses at the basic or pre-tech level; others may receive transfer credit for prior educational experiences or credit for work experience. Dental Hygiene Technology is available to students meeting the minimum admission criteria through a competitive selection process. Technology courses are open only to those students who have been selected to enter the technology. These courses are sequential and are offered only one time per year.

Dental Hygiene Technology Terry/Owens Extension is an extension location of the Wilmington Campus Dental Hygiene Program. **It is available to students residing in Kent and Sussex counties** who have been selected to enter the technology. These courses are sequential and are offered only one time per year.

**People interested in entering Dental Hygiene Terry/Owens extension must make an appointment to meet with the Dental Hygiene Advisor on the Owens Campus at 302-856-5400, Ext. 2890. February 1st deadline to apply for the Clinical Program.**

**Program Prerequisites - College Chemistry (CHM 110 - General Chemistry), Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 120), Critical Reading & Thinking (RDG 120)\* If applicable**

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## REQUIRED TECHNICAL COURSES

DHY 101 Clinical Dental Hygiene I  
DHY 102 Clinical Dental Hygiene II  
DHY 103 Clinical Dental Hygiene III  
DHY 111 Dental Hygiene Fundamentals I  
DHY 112 Dental Hygiene Fundamentals II  
DHY 121 Oral History and Embryology  
DHY 132 Dental Anatomy  
DHY 133 Head & Neck Anatomy  
DHY 141 Oral Radiography  
DHY 151 Periodontology/Cariology  
DHY 161 Oral Pathology  
DHY 204 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV  
DHY 205 Clinical Dental Hygiene V  
DHY 212 The Compromised Dental Patient  
DHY 213 Advanced Clinical Techniques  
DHY 214 Nutrition for Dental Care  
DHY 215 Practice Management  
DHY 271 Pharmacology for Dental Hygiene  
DHY 281 Operative & Specialty Dentistry  
DHY 290 Community Dental Health  
DHY 291 Community Dental Health Fieldwork

## RELATED COURSES

BIO 100 Medical Terminology  
BIO 120 Anatomy & Physiology I  
BIO 121 Anatomy & Physiology II  
BIO 125 Introductory Microbiology  
CHM 110 General Chemistry  
CIS 107 Intro to Computers & Applications  
ENG 121 Composition  
ENG 124 Oral Communication  
MAT 135 Biomedical Statistics  
PSY 121 General Psychology  
SOC 111 Sociology I

## HOW TO BEGIN –

1. Obtain, complete, and submit an Application for Admission with a \$10 non-refundable fee to the Admissions Office. Make check payable to Delaware Technical & Community College. Applications are available via the Web ([www.dtcc.edu/admissions](http://www.dtcc.edu/admissions)), by phone or mail, or from a high school counselor.
2. Develop a financial plan to identify resources, such as financial aid, SEED, and other scholarships, to help pay for college.
3. Request that your official high school, GED, and/or college transcript be sent immediately to the Admissions Office.
4. Participate in the college testing and placement program, if required. Official scores from SAT/ACT tests or previous college credit may satisfy this requirement.
5. Meet for advisement to begin an educational plan and select courses for registration.