

## *Allied Health Technology*

# Dental Hygiene

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*As a Dental Hygienist, you'll serve two major functions. You'll provide direct patient care to improve oral hygiene, and you'll 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
- Assessing patients' oral health needs
- The 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 Degree

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

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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.

## CORE COURSES

Course		Credits
ENG 121	Composition.....	3
ENG 124	Oral Communications .....	3
MAT 135	Biomedical Statistics.....	3
PSY 121	General Psychology .....	3
SOC 111	Sociology I.....	3

## TECHNICAL/SUPPORT COURSES

Course		Credits
BIO 100	Medical Terminology.....	3
BIO 120	Anatomy and Physiology I .....	5
BIO 121	Anatomy and Physiology II .....	5
BIO 125	Introductory Microbiology .....	4
CIS 107	Introduction to Computers & Application.....	3

## TECHNICAL COURSES

Course		Credits
DHY 101	Clinical Dental Hygiene I .....	2
DHY 102	Clinical Dental Hygiene II .....	3
DHY 103	Clinical Dental Hygiene III .....	2
DHY 111	Dental Hygiene Fundamentals I.....	3
DHY 112	Dental Hygiene Fundamentals II.....	3
DHY 121	Oral Histology & Embryology.....	2
DHY 132	Dental Anatomy.....	1.5
DHY 133	Head and Neck Anatomy .....	1.5
DHY 141	Oral Radiography .....	3
DHY 151	Periodontology/Cariology.....	3
DHY 161	Oral Pathology .....	3
DHY 204	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV .....	4
DHY 205	Clinical Dental Hygiene V .....	4
DHY 212	The Compromised Dental Patient.....	1.5
DHY 213	Advanced Clinical Techniques .....	3
DHY 214	Nutrition for Dental Care .....	2
DYH 215	Practice Management .....	1
DHY 271	Pharmacology for Dental Health .....	1.5
DHY 281	Operative/Specialty Dentistry .....	1
DHY 290	Community Dental Health .....	2
DHY 291	Community Dental Health Fieldwork .....	1

## Getting Started

1. Attend an information session to learn about various technologies and conditions for admission into each program. Call (302) 857-1020 for information session schedule.
2. Obtain an application by calling (302)857-1020. Complete and return to Terry Campus with a \$10 application fee.
3. Take the College Placement Test (CPT) *unless college-level math, English, and reading courses have been completed with a "C" grade or better.* The CPT will determine appropriate placement and is scheduled by the Admissions Office.
4. Request that high school and/or college transcripts be sent to the Admissions Office.
5. Meet with a Delaware Tech counselor to discuss CPT results.
6. Meet with your advisor to plan schedule.
7. Apply and register early for the best selection of courses.

## Standards of Excellence

❖ Graduates of this program are recognized as highly competent dental health care practitioners and are sought after for employment