Dental Hygiene

Dental Hygiene Curriculum

The Dental Hygiene program consists of classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences emphasizing skill development, self-assessment, and professionalism offered over five continuous semesters. The majority of the clinical experience is in the NDSCS dental clinic. Students are also assigned to off-campus affiliation sites to enhance their dental hygiene education. Students must provide their own transportation to off-campus affiliation sites. Criminal background checks will be required. A felony charge and/or conviction may affect participation in clinical experience(s), and therefore, program completion. If this issue applies, the student must meet with the department chair.

The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611-2678.

The program adheres to the NDSCS Equal Opportunity Policy as stated in the NDSCS Catalog. Dental Hygiene Program Competencies, Program Goals, and Essential Functions are available on the website at www.ndscs.edu.

This program requires access to a personal computer capable of completing the assignments required by the program, with a current operating system and a webcam.

Admission/Selection Requirements

Application will be admitted to the program following a selection process. The following requirements must be met by March 1 to be considered for selection. Applicants that apply after the March 1 deadline can complete the selection requirements and be placed on a waiting list. Late applicants may be selected based on points if openings become available until the first day of class fall semester.

1. Complete the NDSCS Admission process and submit an official high school transcript and all official college transcripts to the Office of Admission.
2. Applicants without a United States high school transcript (four years), will be required to complete English language proficiency exam(s) and meet the benchmark score(s) prior to continuing the selection process.
3. Contact the program to schedule the assessments if this applies.
4. Complete the Supplemental Program Application for Dental Hygiene.
5. Submit an official college transcript(s) with a minimum of twelve college semester credits or a minimum GPA of 2.50.
6. Submit the Dental Hygiene Observation Hours form with a minimum of 4 hours.
7. Complete the selection process to meet the program benchmark score of 55. The exam can be retaken once.
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9. Complete the selection assessment examination and meet the program benchmark score of 55. The exam can be retaken once.
10. Complete pre-requisite courses by January 1: Introductory Chemistry (CHEM 115 and 115L), Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOI 220 and 220L) and College Composition I (ENGL 110). Complete pre-requisite courses by May 15: Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOI 221 and 221L) and Intro to Organic and Biochemistry (CHEM 116/116L) with a “C” or higher.
11. Additional admission points will also be awarded for: Completed Elementary Statistics (MATH 210).
12. Review Essential Functions for Allied Dental Education Students and submit the Essential Functions Verification form.

Course Code | Course Title | Credits
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DHYG 101 | Pre-Clinic | 1
DHYG 101L | Pre-Clinic Lab | 3
DHYG 102 | Clinic I | 1
DHYG 102L | Clinic I Lab | 1
DHYG 103 | Clinic II | 1
DHYG 103L | Clinic II Lab | 3
DHYG 110 | Oral Anatomy | 2
DHYG 112 | Oral Embryology and Histology | 1
DHYG 114 | Dental Radiology | 3
DHYG 145 | Periodontics I | 1
DHYG 151L | Pre-Clinic Simulation Lab | 1
DHYG 152L | Simulation Lab I | 1
DHYG 153L | Simulation Lab II | 1
DHYG 201 | Clinic III | 1
DHYG 201L | Clinic III Lab | 4
DHYG 202 | Clinic IV | 1
DHYG 202L | Clinic IV Lab | 4
DHYG 205 | Dental Pharmacology | 2
DHYG 209 | Head and Neck Anatomy | 1
DHYG 210 | Local Anesthesia | 1
DHYG 212 | Oral Pathology | 1
DHYG 220 | Community Dental Health | 2
DHYG 242 | Dental Materials | 3
DHYG 243 | Dental Jurisprudence | 1
DHYG 245 | Periodontics II | 1
DHYG 251L | Simulation Lab III | 1
DHYG 252L | Simulation Lab IV | 1

Related/General Education Courses

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Total Required Credits: 72

Selection process details, contact information and forms are located in the Dental Hygiene Program Information and Selection Process Booklet available at www.ndscs.edu/dental (click on Program Selection Process) or contact the program at alliedhealthcareers@ndscs.edu.

The program is a limited enrollment program. Applicants will be selected on a point system. Once program capacity is reached, an alternate list will be established based on points. It is recommended that applicants stay in close contact with the program as they complete their selection requirements.

Program Selection Requirements are subject to revision. Please check the department or program website under Program Admission Requirements for current information.

For accepted students, specific immunizations, background checks, CPR certification (American Heart Association BLS Provider OR American Red Cross BLS for Healthcare Provider course ONLY), health insurance and documentation of a current eye exam are required and must remain current while in the program. Additional prerequisites (e.g. drug screening/finger printing) may be required dependent on site-specific student prerequisites. All requirements will be at the students’ expense.

Licensure requirements for dental hygienists include successful completion of the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination and a regional clinical examination, i.e. CRDTS, WREB. Individual states have additional licensure requirements. A criminal background check will be required and a felony conviction may affect state licensure.

Award

Upon program completion of the required courses ("C" or higher), students will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene.