

Dental Hygiene

Program Overview

Biological & Health Sciences Division
Room C140, (847) 543-2042

www.clcillinois.edu/programs/dhy

DENTAL HYGIENE

(Associate in Applied Science) Plan 21DH

Students who have completed any of the following courses (or an equivalent) must have obtained a grade of "C" or better. These courses are not prerequisites, but program requirements. They may be taken prior to acceptance into the program.

BIO 245 Anatomy and Physiology II

Must be completed before the first fall semester of the program.

BIO 125 Introduction to Microbiology

Must be completed before the first spring semester of the program. If this course is taken during the first fall semester of the program, it must be taken as an evening class.

ENG 121 English Composition I

Must be completed before the first fall semester in the program.

Note: A student must earn a minimum grade of "C" in each Dental Hygiene course to continue in and graduate from the program. All course prerequisites must be met.

Required General Education Coursework . 15

- CMM 111 Communication Skills **or**
- CMM 121 Fundamentals of Speech **or**
- CMM 123 Dynamics of Small Group Discussion **or**
- CMM 128 Interviewing Practices 3
- ENG 121 English Composition I 3
- PSY 121 Introduction to Psychology 3
- SOC 121 Introduction to Sociology 3
- Humanities or Fine Arts Elective 3

Additional Required Coursework (see above) 8

- BIO 125 Introduction to Microbiology . . . 4
- BIO 245 Anatomy and Physiology II 4

Required Dental Hygiene Coursework 56

First Semester 12

- DHY 111 Preclinic Theory and Practice of Dental Hygiene 2
- DHY 113 Preclinical Dental Hygiene 2
- DHY 115 Head and Neck Anatomy 2
- DHY 117 Dental Anatomy 2
- DHY 131 Oral Histology and Embryology . . 2
- DHY 171 Preventive Dental Hygiene 2

Second Semester 13

- DHY 112 Theory and Practice of Dental Hygiene I 2
- DHY 114 Clinical Dental Hygiene I 2
- DHY 116 Dental Radiology I 3
- DHY 119 Nutrition and Biochemistry 2
- DHY 174 Introduction to Periodontics 2
- DHY 175 Dental Pharmacology and Anesthetics 2

Summer Session 8

- DHY 132 Theory and Practice of Dental Hygiene II 1
- DHY 176 Dental Materials and Expanded Function 3
- DHY 179 Clinical Dental Hygiene II 2
- DHY 134 Pain Management 2

Third Semester 14

- DHY 232 General and Oral Pathology 2
- DHY 211 Theory and Practice of Dental Hygiene III 2
- DHY 213 Clinical Dental Hygiene III 4
- DHY 215 Dental Radiology II 2
- DHY 219 Advanced Periodontics 2
- DHY 271 Community Dentistry I 2

Fourth Semester 9

- DHY 212 Theory and Practice of Dental Hygiene IV 2
- DHY 214 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV 4
- DHY 216 Ethics and Jurisprudence 1
- DHY 231 Board Review and Licensure 1
- DHY 272 Community Dentistry II 1

Total Hours for A.A.S. Degree 79

What it's About

Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head and neck for signs of oral disease. May educate patients on oral hygiene, take and develop X-rays or apply fluoride or sealants.

Typical Job

Dental Hygienist

Salary Range *

\$34,900 - \$81,900

Job Outlook *

Employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupations through 2014, ranking among the fastest growing occupations.

Employers

- Dental offices
- Hospitals
- Dental supply companies
- Public health organizations
- Schools
- Nursing homes

* Career information is based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Chicagoland area.



Dental Hygiene

Attend an Info Session

Attendance at an Information Session is required to apply to the Dental Hygiene Program. Sessions are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month (except January, June and August) from noon-1 p.m. in S306 at the Lakeshore Campus located at 33 N. Genesee St. in Waukegan.

Attendance date must be no more than two years prior to the screening deadline of the year for which you are applying.

Call the Biological and Health Sciences Division at (847) 543-2042 or visit the info session Web page, www.clcillinois.edu/info/health to learn more.

Program Accreditation

The Dental Hygiene program has been granted accreditation status by the American Dental Association.

Admission to the Program

The number of students who can be admitted to the Dental Hygiene Program each year is limited. Therefore, a screening procedure is used to select the academically best qualified from those who request consideration.

Preference will be given to residents of Community College District 532 (including community colleges with which CLC has a Joint Educational Agreement).

To be considered for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program, students must:

1. Attend an Information Session.

Attendance must be at a session that is no more than two years prior to the screening deadline.

2. Submit the following records to the Admission and Records Office:

A. Application for admission to the college.

Apply online at www.clcillinois.edu/apply.asp

B. Official transcript/test results (sent to the Admission & Records Office directly from the appropriate institution):

- Your record from the last high school you attended. Your date of graduation must appear on the transcript. If you did not or will not graduate from high school, you must submit your official GED test results.

OR

- Your college or university record documenting completion of an associate degree or bachelor's degree. The transcript must indicate which degree you were awarded and the date.

C. Official transcripts (sent directly to CLC from the appropriate institution) from any previous college(s) showing course work relevant to the Dental Hygiene Program selection criteria.

D. Entrance Exam

Please visit the dental hygiene Web page at www.clcillinois.edu/programs/dhy for important information about current and future entrance exams.

E. Current Dental Hygiene Request for Screening Form.

Minimum Criteria Selection: Student records must indicate the following:

- A. High school graduate or the equivalent.
- B. Language Proficiency and Basic Algebra Readiness.
- C. Completion of BIO 121 or BIO 123 or BIO 161 with a grade of "C" or better.*
- D. Completion of BIO 244 with a grade of "C" or better.
- E. Completion of CHM 120 or CHM 121 with a grade of "C" or better.*
- F. Attendance at a Dental Hygiene Program Information Session.
- G. Completion of the Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test (HOBET).**

*Or an equivalent course from a regionally accredited college/university with a grade of "C" or better.

**HOBET scores more than five years old will not be considered.

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Location

Lakeshore Campus

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Professional Perspective

"The training at CLC is invaluable for a dental hygiene student. The clinic is ideally suited for a wide variety of patients with varying health issues. The staff has the background and training to fully prepare students for the real-world of oral health care."

"The level of classroom and clinical training at CLC is outstanding and ranks among the best I have seen in my 26 years of dentistry."

- Dr. Larry N. Williams
Captain, Dental Corps, U.S. Navy

"I appreciate the quality of the education at CLC and its newly designed clinic. The environment is fresh and provides a comprehensive learning environment."

- Cathy Cannon
Lake County dental hygienist and member of CLC Dental Hygiene clinical staff

For information about other health careers, please visit www.clcillinois.edu/health

