



Dental Hygiene

Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences (AAAS)
Associate in Applied Science -Transfer (AAS-T)

Planning Guide 2017-2018

EPC 308 & 308T

Program Information:

Length of Program: 116 Credits
Completion Award: A.A.A.S. Degree
A.A.S.-T Option Available
Selective Enrollment: Students interested will find detailed information about prerequisites and the application process on the Dental Hygiene website.
Approximate Quarterly Costs: \$150-\$3000
(in addition to tuition, books and parking)
Website: www.shoreline.edu/dental

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Program Description:

The Dental Hygiene Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences degree is designed to prepare students for careers in the Dental industry. Shoreline Community College works closely with local advisory committees and industry professionals to ensure students receive the knowledge and skills currently in demand by employers in the field. Students interested in pursuing a four-year baccalaureate degree in Dentistry should follow the Associate in Science Transfer (AS-T)—Track 1 (Preparing for Dentistry) degree planning guide.

Dental Hygiene—What is it?

Dental Hygiene is a health profession with a primary focus on preventive care. Dental hygienists examine and clean teeth, take dental x rays, apply cavity prevention agents such as fluoride and sealants, place and finish fillings, administer local anesthetics and nitrous oxide sedation. They help patients develop and maintain habits which support good oral health. They show patients how to properly brush and floss their teeth and explain the importance of a healthy diet. Shoreline Community College offers one of the most respected dental hygiene programs in the state. Students begin learning dental hygiene skills in a laboratory setting and proceed to supervised clinical practice with patients. Classroom work emphasizes dental sciences. Students graduate from the program prepared to take the national, regional and state licensing examinations.

Program Outcomes:

Students who successfully complete this program **—by obtaining a grade point average of 1.5 or better for each individual course—** should be able to:

1. Examine patients using appropriate screening procedures.
2. Expose and develop radiographs.
3. Remove calculus and plaque (hard and soft deposits) from teeth.
4. Teach patients how to maintain healthy teeth and gums through proper oral hygiene.
5. Counsel patients concerning the role of good nutrition in oral health maintenance.
6. Apply cavity preventive agents such as fluoride and sealants.
7. Make impressions of patients' teeth for study models used in the evaluation of treatment options.
8. Place and finish dental restorations (fillings.)
9. Administer local anesthetic injections and nitrous oxide sedation.

Career Opportunities—What can I do with a Degree in Dental Hygiene

Employment opportunities for dental hygienists are expected to grow much faster than the average occupational growth over the next decade. Employment opportunities include positions as a dental hygienist, public health or school hygienist, health educator, research assistant, teacher, sales representative.

Potential employers include: Graduates can be employed by private dental offices, public health facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, group homes, the military, as well as research and education facilities. Part-time and flexible schedules are often available. For more, please visit career information and resources at

www.shoreline.edu/acc/CareerCounseling.aspx.

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Program Prerequisites: High School Diploma or G.E.D. and satisfactory completion of pre-requisite college coursework: ENGL& 101, CMST& 101 or 220, PSYC& 100, BIOL& 211, 241, 242 & 260, CHEM& 121 and CHEM& 131, NUTR& 101, and General Education Requirements: Multicultural Understanding, Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning and Human Relations. See approved list of courses that meet General Education Requirements.

A.A.A.S. DEGREE – 116 Credits

DENTAL HYGIENE CORE REQUIREMENTS FIRST YEAR		
Course	GR	CR
Fall Quarter		
DENHY 100	Head & Neck Anatomy	2
DENHY 101	Histology/Embryology	3
DENHY 102	Prn Gen Path Syst Diseas	2
DENHY 110	Dental Radiology	2
DENHY 121	Clinical Dental Hyg &Fund I	8
DENHY 141	Procedures Seminar I	1
Winter Quarter		
DENHY 111	Dental Radiology	3
DENHY 112	Dental Anat & Morphology	2
DENHY 120	Medical Emergencies	2
DENHY 115	Pain Control I	3
DENHY 122	Clinical Dental Hyg & Fund II	6
DENHY 142	Procedures Seminar II	1
DENHY 151	Patient Records I	1
Spring Quarter		
DENHY 161	Peridontology	2
DENHY 114	Oral Pathology	2
DENHY 130	Pharmacology	3
DENHY 181	Restorative Dentistry	3
DENHY 123	Clinical Dental Hyg & Fund III	6
DENHY 152	Patient Records II	1
Summer Quarter		
DENHY 162	Periodontology II	2
DENHY 171	Comm Dental Health Educ	2
DENHY 140	Ethics and Jurisprudence	3
DENHY 182	Restorative Dentistry II	1
DENHY 124	Clinical Dental Hyg & Fund IV	5

DENTAL HYGIENE CORE REQUIREMENTS SECOND YEAR		
Course	GR	CR
Fall Quarter		
DENHY 215	Paint Control II	1
DENHY 250	Dental Gerontology	1
DENHY 261	Periodontology III	1
DENHY 260	Special Needs Patient	3
DENHY 281	Rest Dentistry III	3
DENHY 282	Rest Preclinic&Clin	6
DENHY 221	Clinical Dental Hyg V	2
DENHY 231	Dental Hygiene Fund V	1
DENHY 241	Procedures Seminar V	1
DENHY 251	Patient Records III	1
Winter Quarter		
DENHY 271	Pub & Comm Dent Health	2
DENHY 283	Restorative Clinic	2
DENHY 222	Clinical Dental Hyg VI	6
DENHY 232	Dental Hygiene Fund VI	2
DENHY 242	Procedures Seminar VI	1
DENHY 278	Extramural Clinic I	1
DENHY 252	Patient Records IV	1
Spring Quarter		
DENHY 272	Spec Cnty Dent Hlth Proj	1
DENHY 270	Professional Issues	1
DENHY 284	Restorative Clinic	2
DENHY 223	Clinical Dental Hyg VII	6
DENHY 233	Dental Hygiene Fund VII	2
DENHY 243	Procedures Seminar VII	1
DENHY 288	Extramural Clinic II	1
DENHY 253	Patient Records V	1

<u>APPROVAL TO GRADUATE</u>	
_____ <i>Student Name & SID</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>
_____ <i>Faculty Advisory</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>
_____ <i>Division Dean</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>
_____ <i>Credential Approval</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>

This program is Associate of Applied Science-Technology (AAS-T) Degree eligible. The AAS-T degree indicator, which will appear on your transcript, will enable students to transfer this degree directly to some four-year institutions. Please check with your program advisor for more specific information.

Note: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication. However, the information is subject to change without notice and final career decisions are the responsibility of the student