



Dental Hygiene

Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences (AAAS)
Associate in Applied Science -Transfer (AAS-T)
Planning Guide 2015–2016

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Program Information

Length of Program: 116 Credits
Completion Award: A.A.A.S. Degree
A.A.S-T Option Available

Selective Enrollment: Students interested must read the brochure found on the website.

Approximate Costs: \$11,095
(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.

EPC 308 & 308T

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 2.0 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 information, 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, 231, 232 & 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		
Courses	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		
Courses	GR	CR
Fall Quarter		
DENHY 250 Dental Gerontology		1
DENHY 261 Periodontology III		1
DENHY 260 Special Needs Patient		1
DENHY 281 Rest Dentistry III		3
DENHY 282 Rest Preclinic&Clin		3
DENHY 221 Clinical Dental Hyg V		6
DENHY 231 Dental Hygiene Fund V		2
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 215 Pain Control II		1
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
<i>5th or 6th quarter. It is only offered winter and spring quarters</i>		
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

APPROVAL TO GRADUATE

Student Name & SID Date

Faculty Advisor Date

Division Dean Date

Credential Approval Date

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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