



DENTAL HYGIENE, B.S. transfer plan

Western Kentucky University

Purpose: To promote transfer of credits from the A.A.S. in Dental Hygiene from KCTCS into the B.S. in Dental Hygiene for WKU

Accreditation Status: Both institutions will observe the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), and the American Dental Association (ADA) Commission on Dental Accreditation guidelines and procedures.

Admissions of Practices: Applicants for the Western Kentucky University's Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene are selected based upon the following criteria:

1. Graduation from a program of **Dental Hygiene accredited** by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.
2. All transfer students must request that an official transcript from each college attended be sent to the WKU Admissions Office, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #11020, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1020, or preferable electronically, or call (270)745-2551 if you have questions.
3. Admission to WKU.
4. A 2.8 overall GPA required for admission to the WKU BS in Dental Hygiene Program. Formal application to the WKU BS in Dental Hygiene Program.

Program Delivery Style: Most classes are offered on-line: <http://www.wku.edu/online/dentalhygiene.html>

Application of Credits:

1. Transfer equivalencies for WKU admitted students are available on iCAP: <http://www.wku.edu/icap/>. If not formally admitted to WKU, course transfer equivalencies are available: <http://www.wku.edu/transferequivalencies>
2. Students must comply with all Academic Requirements and Regulations (as published in the undergraduate catalog). A Baccalaureate degree from WKU requires a minimum of 120 credit hours
3. KCTCS AAS Dental Hygiene degree will be accepted as a comprehensive "block transfer" of 39 credit hours of dental hygiene courses and 29 credit hours of general education courses, for a total of 68 credit hours for transfer.
4. Students transferring into WKU from KCTCS for the Dental Hygiene program are required to complete a minimum of 30 upper division hours to earn a WKU. The upper division hours needed are outlined in the below table.



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5. The AAS in Dental Hygiene from KCTCS requires the following General Education Core and the table suggest courses that apply to KCTCS and WKU General Education:

KCTCS Gen Ed Core	KCTCS Course corresponds with WKU Gen Ed	Credits
Heritage/Humanities (AH)	Arts & Humanities (AH), or HIST 104 or 105	3
Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	MAT 146 or 150	3
Written Communication (WC)	ENG 101 or 105 (WC)	3
Oral Communication (OC)	COM 181 or 252 or 281 or 287 (OC)	3

The AAS in Dental Hygiene from KCTCS also recommends **ENG 102 and NFS 101**, which both apply to General Education at WKU, and thus WKU also recommends the completion of these classes. The below assumes the completion of these courses.

6. To complete the state General Education Requirement and become fully-certified, two options are available: 1) complete General Education at KCTCS while working on the AAS; or 2) complete General Education at WKU. Below are course suggestions for each option:

Option 1: Complete General Education at KCTCS. For an AA or AS degree from KCTCS in addition to the AAS in Dental Hygiene, the below is needed:

AA degree	AS degree	Credits
Written Communication (ENG 102)	Written Communication (ENG 102)	3
Heritage/Humanities (depending on course in AAS)	Heritage/Humanities (depending on course in AAS)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB)	Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3
AH and/or SB and/or Foreign Language	QR and/or Natural Science (NS)	6
General Ed Core or Foreign Language	General Ed Core or Foreign Language	6

Option 2: Complete General Education at WKU. AAS in Dental Hygiene student not full-certified in General Education will require the below WKU General Education courses, unless completed at KCTCS (this assumes the recommended ENG 102 and NFS 101 completed at KCTCS):

WKU Courses	KCTCS Equivalency	Credits
Foreign Language (2 nd level)	Foreign Language (2 nd level)	3
ENG 200 Literature	ENG 161 Intro to Literature	3
Arts and Humanities (AH)	Arts and Humanities (AH)	3
Humanities, or History 119 or 120 (depending on courses in AAS)	Heritage/Humanities (depending on courses in AAS)	3
Natural Sciences (NS) - not Biology	Natural Science (NS) – not Biology	3
World Culture	FLK 280 or GEO 152	3



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7. The table below list the WKU courses required for the BS in Dental Hygiene:

WKU Dental Hygiene (DH) Courses	Credits
AH 290 Medical Terminology	2
DH 304 Advanced Periodontology	4 (UD)
DH 323 Research Methods	3 (UD)
*DH 309 Pain Control in Dentistry	4 (UD)
CHEM 304 Biochemistry for Health Sciences	4 (UD)
PH 383 Biostatistics in Health Sciences	3 (UD)
HCA 340 Health Care Organization & Mgmt	3 (UD)
PSY 350 Social Psychology	3 (UD)
Open Electives (upper division level) *If student has completed DHP 229 Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide Sedation, 10 Upper Division elective hours will be required.	6/10 (UD)
Total WKU Hours	32

NOTE: UD = Upper Division

Questions: dentalhygieneadmissions@wku.edu; Information: <http://www.wku.edu/chhs/ah>