



Transfer Plan for KCTCS to WKU:

DENTAL HYGIENE, B.S.

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

Accreditation Statuses: 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. Admission to WKU.
3. 2.5 overall GPA required for admission to the WKU BS in Dental Hygiene Program.
4. 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. KCTCS AAS Dental Hygiene degree will be accepted as a comprehensive "block transfer" of 42 credit hours of dental hygiene courses and 33 credit hours of general education courses, for a total of 75 credit hours for transfer.
2. Students must complete WKU's General Education requirements and comply with all Academic Requirements and Regulations (as published in the undergraduate catalog). Additional general education coursework needed to fulfill WKU BS degree program may be taken through WKU or KCTCS.
3. Forty-two (42) upper division credit hours are required to complete the WKU BS in Dental Hygiene program. Sixteen (16) upper division credit hours are included in the BS in Dental Hygiene Core Courses. Graduation from an Accredited Program of Dental Hygiene indicates that comparable education was received, therefore a waiver of 16 upper division hours was obtained so that students with a degree from KCTCS are only required to complete the 26 upper division hours required by WKU to complete the degree. The 26 UD hours needed for the BS in Dental Hygiene are outlined in the attached table.
4. A table below outlines the requirements for a BS in Dental Hygiene, once the AS is completed. Two options are outlined: 1) transfer to WKU for remaining requirements, or 2) to continue at KCTCS until General Education courses are completed.



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Option 1		Option 2	
<p>After completion of the AAS in Dental Hygiene, students may transfer to WKU and complete the following courses for the Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene.</p> <p>WKU's graduation requirements include 42 hours of upper division courses (300-400). However, the DH program has been approved with only 26 upper divisions hours. In order to complete this requirement, students choosing Option II will be required to complete 2 credit hours of open electives at the upper division level (300-400).</p> <p>WKU General Education Courses: <i>Not necessary if AA or AS is completed at KCTCS</i></p>		<p>After completion of the AAS in Dental Hygiene students may continue enrollment at their KCTCS college to complete the general education requirements for a BS at WKU. If an A.A. or A.S. is completed in addition to the AAS in Dental Hygiene at KCTCS then General Education courses for WKU are fulfilled, if no AA or AS the below courses are needed.</p> <p>WKU's graduation requirement includes 42 hours of upper division courses (300-400). However, the DH program has been approved with only 26 upper division hours. In order to complete this requirement, students in Option I will be required to complete 2 credit hours of open electives at the upper division level (300-400).</p> <p>KCTCS General Education Courses: <i>Not necessary if AA or AS is completed at KCTCS</i></p>	
Foreign Language (2 nd level)/Humanities* (GE/AH)	3	HIST 104 or 105/Humanities/Foreign Language(2 nd level)*(SB /AH /GE)	3
Humanities * (AH)	3	Humanities * (AH)	3
Humanities/HIST 119 or 120*(SB)	3	Humanities/HIST 104 or 105 * (AH or SB)	3
Literature (AH)	3	Literature (ENG 161) (AH)	3
World Culture (GE)	3	FLK 280 or GEO 152 (GE)	3
Total Additional General Ed Courses	15	Total Additional General Ed Courses	15
WKU Dental Hygiene Courses			
AH 290	2	AH 290	2
DH 304	4	DH 304	4
DH 323	3	DH 323	3
DH 309	4	DH 309	4
CHEM 304	4	CHEM 304	4
PH 383	3	PH 383	3
HCA 340	3	HCA 340	3
PSY 350	3	PSY 350	3
Open Electives (2 credits at upper division level)	7	Open Electives (2 credits at upper division level)	7
Total WKU Hours	33	Total WKU Hours	33
AAS in DH Program Transfer Hours	76-82	AAS in DH Program Transfer Hours	76-82
Total Additional GE Hours Transferrable	15	Total WKU General Education Hours	15
Total WKU Dental Hygiene Hours	33	Total WKU Dental Hygiene Hours	33
Total Hours	124-130	Total Hours	124-130

***NOTE:** Twelve hours are required at WKU (3 Foreign Language, 6 Humanities, and 3 History). Depending on which 3 hours the KCTCS students take, the remaining 9 hours need to be completed for the B.S. degree. History is required, and the Humanities courses need to meet WKU general education guidelines.

If questions contact: dentalhygieneadmissions@wku.edu; for more information: <http://www.wku.edu/chhs/ah>

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