

DENTAL HYGIENE



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Department of Allied Health

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Program Accreditation: American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation

Degree Offering: Bachelor of Science

Program Description:

The dental hygiene curriculum is designed primarily to prepare the graduate hygienist to effectively practice as a respected member of the dental hygiene profession. The education also provides the student with knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will enable him or her to serve as a community resource in matters of dental disease prevention and sound dental health practices.

Career Opportunities in Dental Hygiene

Licensed dental hygienists provide education, clinical, research, administrative and therapeutic services supporting total health through the promotion of optimal oral health.

Bachelor of Dental Hygiene (Degree Completion)

The baccalaureate degree curriculum (Reference number 524) is designed to prepare dental hygienists with a background for teaching, for organization, management and for research, as well as for clinical dental hygiene. The Dental Hygiene degree can be completed with or without the Education Track.

Dental Hygiene Student Organizations

The Student American Dental Hygienists' Association (SADHA) is open to all students enrolled in the Program of Dental Hygiene. The advisor is Lynn Austin, 745-2427 or lynn.austin@wku.edu

College of Health and Human Services Resources

The CHHS Academic Center of Excellence offers personal student advising, professional publications, academic enrichment activities, tutoring for CHHS courses, assistance with degree program completion and career exploration/planning, and a state-of-the-art computer lab with latest software for CHHS majors.

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Fall			First Year			Spring		
MATH	3	109 OR 116 OR 118	ENG	100	3	Intro to College Writing*		
AH	290	2	Medical Technology	BIOL	207/8	4	General Microbiology w/lab*	
PSY	100	3	Intro to Psychology*	COMM	145	3	Fund of Public Speaking	
BIOL	131	4	Human Anatomy & Physiology*			3	General Education Course (B-II)	
HIST		3	119 OR 120					
Credit	Hours	15		Credit	Hours	13		

Fall			Second Year			Spring		
DH	111	3	Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene	DH	121	3	Clinical Dental Hygiene	
DH	112	3	Oral Anatomy	DH	130	3	Oral Histology & Embryology	
DH	201	2	Dental Radiology	DH	204	2	Periodontics	
DH	210	2	Dental Materials & Expanded Functions I	DH	206	3	Dental Pharmacology	
CFS	111	3	Human Nutrition	DH	226	2	Dental Materials & Expanded Functions II	
CHEM	109	4	Chem. for the Health Sciences	Eng	200	3	English Literature	
Credit	Hours	17		Credit	Hours	16		

Summer Session

DH 309 3 Pain Control In Dental Hygiene

Fall			Third Year			Spring		
DH	211	4	Clinical Dental Hygiene	DH	304	4	Advanced Periodontology	
DH	302	2	Dental Radiology	DH	321	5	Clinical Dental Hygiene	
DH	303	4	Community Dental Health	DH	323	3	Research Methods	
DH	307	3	General & Oral Pathology	DH	324	2	Practice Mgmt & Ethic	
SOCL	100	3	Intro to Sociology	(CFS)	(381)	(3)	(Methods & Materials in FCS Education)	
Credit	Hours	16		Credit	Hours	14(17)		

Fall			Fourth Year			Spring		
ENG	300	3	Writing in the Disciplines	HCA	340	3	Health Care Organization/Mgmt	
				(DH)	(340)	(4)	(Clinical Teaching II)	
PH	383	3	Biostatistics in the Health Sciences			3	General Education Course (B-II)	
CHEM	304	4	Biochemistry for the Health Sciences			3	General Education Course (E)	
(DH)	(330)	(4)	(Clinical Teaching)					
		3	General Education Course (A-II)	PSY	350	3	Social Psychology	
				(DH)	(350)	(4)	(Clinical Teaching III)	
		1	Elective -(Non-Ed Track only)					
Credit	Hours	14(13)		Credit	Hours	12	(14)	

Total Credit Hours for = Non-Education Track 120 (Education Track 124)

* Denotes prerequisite courses before admission

Student must maintain a "C" or better in each Dental Hygiene course.