

DENTAL HYGIENE

Associate in Applied Science A.A.S.: Dental Hygiene Degree

This program meets state guidelines and is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

Because of the nature of clinical experiences and individualized instruction required in this program and specialized technology and the equipment necessary to offer this program, a higher tuition rate is assessed for career specific courses. These include courses with the prefix DHY. Tuition for these courses in this program is 200 percent of the standard tuition rate.

Prior to receiving a license in the practice of dental hygiene, graduates must successfully complete the program and pass the Dental Hygiene Written National Board exam and a Regional Clinical exam.

Admission Requirements:

Dental Hygiene is a limited enrollment program. For admission requirements, please contact the Admissions Outreach Office at 847.925.6700 or visit harpercollege.edu.

Students who apply for this limited enrollment program are obligated to meet the current admission requirements and follow program curriculum as defined at the time of acceptance to the program.

Upon admission to the Dental Hygiene program, the mathematics requirement is met.

PREREQUISITES:

A grade of C or better in all BIO, CHM, DHY and DIT courses is required for all students.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
BIO 160	Human Anatomy ¹	4	Program Requirement
BIO 161	Human Physiology ¹	4	Program Requirement
CHM 100	Chemistry for the Health Sciences ¹	4	Program Requirement
ENG 101	Composition	3	Communications
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	Social and Behavioral Science

FIRST SEMESTER:

A grade of C or better in all BIO, CHM, DHY and DIT courses is required for all students.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
BIO 130	Microbiology ¹	4	Natural Science
DHY 100	Pre-Clinic	5	Program Requirement
DHY 159	Head and Neck Anatomy	3	Program Requirement
DHY 161	Dental Anatomy	2	Program Requirement
DIT 101	Fundamentals of Nutrition ¹	3	Natural Science

SECOND SEMESTER:

A grade of C or better in all BIO, CHM, DHY and DIT courses is required for all students.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
DHY 101	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	5	Program Requirement
DHY 111	Dental Radiology	3	Program Requirement
DHY 190	General and Oral Pathology	2	Program Requirement
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology ⁺	3	Social and Behavioral Science
SPE 101	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Communications

SUMMER SESSION:

A grade of C or better in all BIO, CHM, DHY and DIT courses is required for all students.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
DHY 119	Oral Health Management of Special Needs Populations	2	Program Requirement
DHY 151	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	2	Program Requirement
DHY 269	Science of Dental Materials	1	Program Requirement
DHY 270	Dental Materials Laboratory Techniques	1	Program Requirement

THIRD SEMESTER:

A grade of C or better in all BIO, CHM, DHY and DIT courses is required for all students.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
DHY 200	Periodontology	2	Program Requirement
DHY 202	Radiology I	1	Program Requirement
DHY 220	Community Dental Health I	2	Program Requirement
DHY 230	Pain Management	2	Program Requirement
DHY 240	Dental Pharmacology	2	Program Requirement
DHY 250	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	5	Program Requirement

FOURTH SEMESTER:

A grade of C or better in all BIO, CHM, DHY and DIT courses is required for all students.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
DHY 201	Ethics, Jurisprudence and Practice Management	2	Program Requirement
DHY 203	Radiology II	1	Program Requirement
DHY 221	Community Dental Health II	2	Program Requirement
DHY 251	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	5	Program Requirement

¹ Must be completed with a grade of C or better no earlier than five years prior to beginning the Dental Hygiene program.

+ This course meets the World Cultures and Diversity graduation requirement.