

# DENTAL HYGIENE

## Associate in Applied Science

<http://www.sandburg.edu/Academics/Degree-Certificates/Dental%20Hygiene/index.html>

The Dental Hygiene program prepares the student to work as a dental hygienist under the supervision of a licensed dentist in dental offices and other health agencies. Dental hygienists remove soft and hard deposits from teeth, teach patients how to practice good oral hygiene, and provide other preventative dental care, such as cleaning and polishing teeth, taking radiographs and applying fluoride treatment. The dental hygienist also serves as an oral health educator in the clinical and community setting. Dental hygienists should work well with others and must have good manual dexterity to use dental instruments within a patient's mouth, with little room for error.

### Working Conditions

Flexible scheduling is a distinctive feature of this job. Full-time, part-time, evening, and weekend schedules are widely available. Hygienists are frequently hired to work only two or three days a week, so hygienists may hold jobs in more than one dental office. Dental hygienists work in offices that are clean and well lit, and they must follow important health safeguards including wearing safety glasses, masks and gloves to protect themselves from blood-borne pathogens and infectious diseases.

### Employment

Employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2020. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, median hourly salary of dental hygienists was \$33.31 in May 2010. Earnings vary by geographic location, employment setting, and years of experience. Source: [www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-hygienists.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-hygienists.htm) (<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-hygienists.htm>)

### Accreditation/Licensure

The Dental Hygiene program has been approved by the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The program in dental hygiene is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements". The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at 312-440-4653, or at 211 E. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. Graduates from the Dental Hygiene program will be eligible to take the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination, the respective clinical dental hygiene board examination, and the examination for registration as a dental hygienist in the respective state.

### Admission to the Program: Limited

Admission to limited enrollment programs is competitive and selection is based on candidates' overall academic performance. All prospective students for the Dental Hygiene program must submit all admission materials and meet admission requirements before their applications will be considered for review. Applicants who are denied admission to a program and wish to apply for a subsequent academic year must repeat the application process in its entirety. As a result, no application files are carried over from prior years which allows the evaluation process to begin anew October 1 of each year. The most qualified applicants who are residents of the Carl Sandburg College district or who are residents of a community college district participating in a cooperative agreement

with Carl Sandburg College will be given preference for admission to the program.

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### For Graduation Requirements:

See the graduation policies and procedures ([http://catalog.sandburg.edu/academicinformation/#graduation\\_policies\\_and\\_procedures](http://catalog.sandburg.edu/academicinformation/#graduation_policies_and_procedures)) page for details.

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Course	Title	Semester Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
DHG.109	Preclinic Laboratory	1.5
DHG.110	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene	2
DHG.112	Dental Radiology	3
DHG.113	Preventive Dentistry	2
DHG.114	Head/Neck & Oral Anatomy	3
DHG.115	Dental Hygiene Practice 1	2
BIO.211	Anatomy & Physiology 1	4
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
DHG.118	Oral Histology & Embryology	1
DHG.119	Periodontology 1	2
DHG.120	Dental Hygiene 2	2
DHG.125	Dental Hygiene Practice 2	4
BIO.212	Anatomy & Physiology 2	4
SOC.101	Introduction to Sociology	3
ENG.101	Freshman Composition 1	3
<b>Summer Session</b>		
DHG.205	Dental Hygiene Practice 3	3
BIO.200	General Microbiology	4
<b>Pre-Summer Session</b>		
DHG.200	Dental Hygiene 3	2
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
DHG.210	Dental Hygiene 4	2
DHG.211	Community Dental Health	2
DHG.212	Pathology	2
DHG.213	Pharmacology	2
DHG.215	Dental Hygiene Practice 4	5
NUT.100	Introduction to Nutrition	2
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
DHG.217	Clinical Applications Pain/Anxiety Ctrl	1
DHG.218	Dental Office Management & Jurisprudence	2
DHG.219	Periodontology 2	2

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DHG.220	Dental Hygiene 5	2
DHG.225	Dental Hygiene Practice 5	5
SPE.120	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
PSY.101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Total Semester Hours		78.5

Courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better by the end of the scheduled semester. In order to graduate, each student must complete all required courses with a grade of "C" or better.

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The Dental Hygiene program is located in The Annex in downtown Galesburg. This facility contains the faculty offices, general classroom space, a simulation lab, and the dental hygiene clinic. The dental hygiene clinic contains fifteen patient operatories and six radiology suites that contain analog radiography, digital radiography, and/or panoramic technology.