

DENTAL HYGIENE

Health Career Admissions Program Code: G.DHG.AAS

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Graduation requirement — 78.5 semester hours

The Dental Hygiene Program prepares students to become part of the dental health team. The dental hygienist is responsible for providing such services as scaling and polishing teeth, taking radiographs, applying fluoride and surface sealants to the teeth, and local anesthesia and conscious sedation. The dental hygienist is the primary oral health educator in clinical and non-clinical settings. The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, American Dental Association. For state licensure, Graduates must successfully complete a National Dental Hygiene Board Examination and a Regional (clinical) Board Examination.

Program Notes*

- This program prepares students to meet the educational requirements for licensure in the state of Illinois. Parkland College has not yet determined that this program meets the requirements for licensure of any other state.
- This is a selective admissions program — students must be admitted into the program before taking DHG courses. See the selective admissions page for more information regarding admission, progression, and graduation.
- To be admitted to the program, students must place out of MAT 072 within the past two and a half years, and must place out of ENG 099 and CCS 099.
- A selective admission score of 2.75 or above must be attained to be considered for admission. A rubric will be applied and additional points will be given for a number of required General Education and Science courses completed.
- TOEFL iBT requirements in reading, listening, speaking, and writing are as follows: 21-21-26-23.
- IELTS requirements in reading, listening, speaking, and writing are as follows: 6.5; 6.5; 7.5-8; 6.
- CHE 100 can be substituted for CHE 106.
- ALH 196 is an optional course for Board review.

Graduation requirements are as follows:

- Minimum 2.0 PGPA and a C or higher for all program courses, and pass all DHG clinical and didactic courses with a 75 percent or higher.
- Students who have been dismissed from a clinical site may receive a clinical failure.
- Clinical and lab courses have specific proficiencies and patient completion requirements that must be met each semester to continue and graduate from the program.
- Students must adhere to all ethical and professional behavioral policies of the American Dental Hygienists' Association Code of Ethics in order to progress and graduate.

Suggested Full-time Sequence

SUMMER	FALL	SPRING
BIO 121	1st Semester	2nd Semester
	DHG 110	DHG 115
	DHG 111	DHG 116
	DHG 113	DHG 117
	DHG 114	DHG 118
	BIO 122	DHG 119
		BIO 123
		COM 103

SUMMER	FALL	SPRING
DHG 211	3rd Semester	4th Semester
DHG 212	DHG 210	DHG 219
DHG 215	DHG 214	DHG 235
DHG 216	DHG 217	DHG 236
	DHG 218	DHG 237
	DHG 230	CHE 106
	DHG 233	PSY 101
	ENG 101	SOC 101

Required Program Courses (61.5 hours) Cr. Hrs.

BIO 121	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 122	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 123	Microbiology	4
DHG 110	Applied Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DHG 111	Oral and Dental Anatomy, Histology and Embryology	3
DHG 113	Introduction to Prevention	1
DHG 114	Pre-Clinic	5
DHG 115	Seminar I	1
DHG 116	Clinic I	2
DHG 117	Dental Radiology I	3
DHG 118	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	2
DHG 119	Alterations of Oral Structures	2
DHG 210	Periodontology	2
DHG 211	Local Anesthesia	1.5
DHG 212	Dental Materials	3
DHG 214	Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation	1
DHG 215	Clinic II	2
DHG 216	Seminar II	1
DHG 217	Seminar III	2
DHG 218	Clinic III	4
DHG 219	Clinic IV	4
DHG 230	Community Dental Health	3
DHG 233	Dietary Analysis and Preventive Counseling	2
DHG 235	Seminar IV	1
DHG 236	Ethics and Jurisprudence	1
DHG 237	Licensure and Transition to Registered Dental Hygienist	1

Required General Education Courses (17 hours)

CHE 106	Chemistry for Health Professions	4
COM 103	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
ENG 101	Composition I	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	4
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3

Total Semester Credit Hours

78.5

Optional Course

(offered spring semester to second year students)

ALH 196	Dental Hygiene Board Exam Prep	2
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