DENTAL HYGIENE, CAREER ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

The Associate Degree Program in Dental Hygiene is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of “Approval with 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 East Chicago Avenue Chicago, IL 60611-2678.

The Commission’s web address is: http://www.ada.org/en/coda.

Additional Graduation Requirements

In addition to College graduation requirements, the students must have a grade of C or better in all dental hygiene courses.

The Dental Hygiene Program reserves the right to discontinue, at any time, the enrollment of a Dental Hygiene student, if, in the judgment of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Dental Hygiene faculty, the student does not appear to have the necessary qualifications for dental hygiene. Any student who earns a “D”, “F”, or “W” in any Dental Hygiene Course, will not be allowed to continue on to the next semester within Dental Hygiene. If this is their first “D”, “F”, or “W” the student may re-apply to Dental Hygiene. The Dental Hygiene faculty will determine which previously successfully completed courses, if any, must be repeated by the student for continuity of skill acquisition and/or professional knowledge.

If the student earns a “D” or “F” for a second time, it will result in permanent dismissal from the Dental Hygiene program.

Any student who interrupts enrollment in Dental Hygiene for more than 1 year must repeat all professional course work upon readmission.

Additional Costs and Requirements

Dental Hygiene students will be responsible for additional fees for uniforms, instruments, liability insurance and membership in the Student American Dental Hygienists’ Association.

Dental Hygiene Licensure

After successful completion of the five semester Dental Hygiene program which includes both didactic and clinical components; an Associate of Science degree will be awarded. Graduates will then be academically eligible to apply for licensure upon passing a written national board and a regional clinical exam. The Georgia Board of Dentistry has the right to refuse to grant a license to any individual who has been convicted of legal and/or moral violations specified by Georgia law. Additional costs will be incurred for licensure.

Additional Admission Requirements

1. Be admitted to Albany State University.
   • You may apply on-line at https://www.asurams.edu/admissions/
   • Declare Health Science as your primary major and Pre-Dental Hygiene as the secondary major.
   • Please do not send the ASU application or the $25 application fee to the DH Program. The two application processes are separate and no additional fee is required when submitting the DH Program application.
   • For transfer students, official transcripts must be sent to the ASU Office of the Registrar and must be received by the June 1 deadline.
   • Note that admission to the college does not ensure admission to the DH program.

2. Submit the completed DH application packet and requirements by the June 1 deadline.
   • The student must complete a Dental Hygiene Application and all required forms. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all application material has been completed by utilizing the checklist at the end of the application.
   • Any submitted incomplete applications will not be given full considerations.

3. Observation Hours
   • Must complete a minimum of 24 observational hours in two separate general dentist office locations.
   • The hours must be documented and verified/signed by a dentist or registered dental hygienist.
   • Observation hours should be spent observing a registered dental hygienist (RDH) performing direct patient care.
   • An Observational Hours Form is located within the application packet.
   • Observational hours must be within 2 years of application submission date.
   • You may observe more than the required 24 hours, but all hours must be verified.

4. Essay
   • Must include a hand written essay explaining why you have chosen DH as a career and why you would be an asset to the profession. (no required length for the essay)

5. TEAS Testing
   • Include an unofficial copy of your TEAS Score Report
   • TEAS information & registration through ATI testing: https://www.atitesting.com
   • Registration and fees for testing are the responsibility of the applicant.
   • TEAS scores must be within 2 years of application submission date.

6. Dental Hygiene Admission Orientation
   • Students will be required to sign an acknowledgement form stating he/she will have to attend the mandatory Dental Hygiene Admission Orientation. This will be offered late summer only for those accepted into the professional phase. The orientation will be held on the ASU West campus and will be available via internet viewing for students more than 60 miles away from campus only. While internet viewing will be available, attendance is encouraged as a tour of the dental hygiene clinic will be included in the orientation.

7. Completion of courses required for program admission.
   • See below for a complete list of required DH courses that are required for program admission.
   • A minimum of a 2.5 GPA on DH courses required for program admission is mandatory.
   • While it is strongly advised that all general education courses be completed prior to application to the professional phase of the program, it is not mandatory. Only the following courses MUST
BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO PROGRAM ADMISSION FOR FALL SEMESTER:

- MATH 1111; BIOL 1100K OR BIOL 2411K and BIOL 2412K; CHEM 1151K OR BIOL 2211K.
- Science courses must not be older than 10 years at the time of program application.
- The courses required for program admission must be completed on or in progress for spring semester of the year of application.
- ALL courses required for program admission must be passed with a grade of C or better.
- Potential students should be advised that while a “C” is an acceptable passing grade for general education courses, too many “C’s” will not achieve the required 2.5 GPA of general education core curriculum.
- The Dental Hygiene GPA is calculated strictly on required DH courses required for program admission.
- All course attempts will be calculated in the GPA for competitive admission.
- Students who have completed all of the courses required for program admission will likely have higher scores in the competitive admission process.

1. Proof of Hepatitis B immunization prior to first patient contact.

2. Proof of CPR certification (American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Card) prior to first patient contact.

3. Readmission of returning students: Any student who must interrupt enrollment must re-apply to the Dental Hygiene Program and, if accepted, placement will be determined after previous course work has been evaluated by the Program Director. The evaluation may result in repeating a course previously completed successfully for continuity of skill acquisition and/or professional knowledge. Dental Hygiene courses more than two years old must be repeated. Students who fail a Dental Hygiene clinical course must repeat both the clinical course and the concurrent lecture course.

Please note that admission to Dental Hygiene is competitive and is based on the academic qualifications of the current applicant pool.

4. To progress successfully through the curriculum and function as a practicing dental hygienist after graduation, the individual must have:

   a. Visual acuity with or without corrective lenses to read an instrument calibrated in mm and to detect subtle dental stains;
   b. Hearing with or without auditory aids to measure blood pressure using an aneroid sphygmomanometer and to obtain a medical/dental history by interview;
   c. Physical ability to operate equipment (unit, stool, x-ray machine, etc.);
   d. Manual dexterity to perform the fine motor functions associated with intra-oral

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**Recommended Pre-Requisite Courses for Career Associate of Science Degree Program**

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*Courses required for program admission:

- BIOL 1100K Human Anatomy and Physiology for the Healthcare Professional
- or BIOL 2411K Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- and BIOL 2412K Human Anatomy and Physiology II

- MATH 1111 College Algebra

- Required courses that may be taken before or after program admission:

- BIOL 2211K Introduction to Microbiology $^1$
- or CHEM 1151K Survey of Chemistry I
- ENGL 1101 English Composition I
- COMM 1000 Cultural Diversity in Communication
- ARTS 1100 Art Appreciation (OR MUSC 1100 OR THEA 1100) $^2$
- PSYC 1101 General Psychology
- POLS 1101 American Government
- SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology

*Program courses required after admission to the program:

- DHYG 1101 Orofacial Anatomy
- DHYG 1121 Dental Hygiene Lecture I
- DHYG 1131 Dental Hygiene Clinic I
- DHYG 1110 Nutrition
- DHYG 1114 Radiology
- DHYG 1122 Dental Hygiene Lecture II
- DHYG 1132 Dental Hygiene Clinic II
- DHYG 2100 Periodontics
- DHYG 1133 Dental Hygiene Clinic III
- DHYG 2550 Dental Specialties & Materials
- DHYG 2150 Pharmacology
- DHYG 2210 Dental Hygiene Lecture IV
- DHYG 2310 Dental Hygiene Clinic IV
- DHYG 2250 General and Oral Pathology
- DHYG 2220 Dental Hygiene Lecture V
- DHYG 2320 Dental Hygiene Clinic V
- DHYG 2400 Community Dental Health

Total Semester Hours: 75

$^1$ Either CHEM 1151K or BIOL 2211K must be taken prior to admission to the program. The other course may be taken after admission to the program.

$^2$ Humanities requirement may be met by taking any Area C: Humanities/Fine Arts courses listed on the Core Curriculum page (http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/core-curriculum/#healthtext).
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

College, Algebra, Anatomy & Physiology and EITHER survey of Chemistry I OR Essentials of Microbiology must be taken prior to acceptance into the program. Both courses are required for program completion. Courses without the DHYG prefix MAY be taken prior to acceptance into the program.

Depending on your enrollment status, you may be required to take ASU 1101, "First Year Experience."

**DHYG 111. Dental Anatomy. (3 Credits)**

A study of the anatomical sciences of the orofacial region to include oral histology and embryology; head and neck anatomy, and dental anatomy. Prerequisite: Admission into Dental Hygiene Program. Corequisites: DHYG 1121, DHYG 1131. Offered: Fall. Credits: 4.00 Credit Hours (4.00 Lecture - 0.00 Lab).

**DHYG 1110. Nutrition. (1 Credit)**

An overview of the major nutrient classifications, functions, sources and deficiencies. Emphasis on the well-balanced diet for maintenance of health. Prerequisites: CHEM 1151K, DHYG 1101, DHYG 1121, DHYG 1131 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 1114, DHYG 1122, DHYG 1132, DHYG 2100. Offered: Spring. Credits: 1.00 Credit Hours (1.00 Lecture - 0.00 Lab).

**DHYG 1114. Radiology. (3 Credits)**

Basic principles of roentgenographic techniques including exposing, processing, mounting and charting radiographs. Anatomical landmarks for interpretation and safety precautions for the patient and operator. Prerequisites: DHYG 1101, DHYG 1121, DHYG 1131 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 1110, DHYG 1114, DHYG 1122, DHYG 1132, DHYG 2100. Offered: Spring. Credits: 3.00 Credit Hours (2.00 Lecture - 3.00 Lab).

**DHYG 1121. Dental Hygiene Lecture I. (3 Credits)**

An introduction to fundamental concepts relating to the profession of dentistry, including terminology, history and organization. A study of asepsis, patient assessment, deposits and preventive services. Prerequisites: Admission into the Dental Hygiene program. Corequisites: DHYG 1101, DHYG 1131. Offered: Fall. Credits: 3.00 Credit Hours (3.00 Lecture - 0.00 Lab).

**DHYG 1122. Dental Hygiene Lecture II. (2 Credits)**

A continued study of patient management and education, and also dental hygiene treatment. Prerequisites: DHYG 1101, DHYG 1121, DHYG 1131 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 1110, DHYG 1114, DHYG 1132, DHYG 2100. Offered: Spring. Credits: 2.00 Credit Hours (2.00 Lecture - 0.00 Lab).

**DHYG 1131. Dental Hygiene Clinic I. (2 Credits)**

An introduction to specific tasks required for delivery of dental hygiene services; infection control, patient assessment, scaling, and polishing and fluoride application procedures. Students acquire competencies through manikin and peer experiences under continuous supervision by clinical faculty. Prerequisites: Admission into Dental Hygiene program. Corequisites: DHYG 1121, DHYG 1101. Offered: Fall Credits: 2.00 Credit Hours (0.00 Lecture - 6.00 Lab).
DHYG 1132. Dental Hygiene Clinic II. (3 Credits)
A continuation of DHYG 1131 with the addition of sharpening, plaque control instruction, and power scaling instrument. When safe techniques have been mastered, students deliver dental hygiene care to adult and child patients. An introduction to nutritional counseling. Prerequisites: DHYG 1101, DHYG 1121, DHYG 1131 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 1122, DHYG 1114, DHYG 1110, DHYG 2100. Offered: Spring. Credits: 3.00 Credit Hours (0.00 Lecture - 9.00 Lab).

DHYG 1133. Dental Hygiene Clinic III. (2 Credits)
A continuation of DHYG 1132 with the addition of radiographs and dietary counseling. Instruction will also be provided in the manipulation of dental materials and advanced periodontal instrumentation. Students will visit a limited number of dental specialty offices. Prerequisites: DHYG 1110, DHYG 1114, DHYG 1122, DHYG 1132, DHYG 2100 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 2550. Offered: Summer. Credits: 2.00 Credit Hours (0.00 Lecture - 6.00 Lab).

DHYG 2100. Periodontics. (2 Credits)
Principles of periodontology, etiology, and classification of periodontal disease with emphasis on prevention, scope of responsibility of the dental hygienist and treatment planning. Prerequisites: BIOL 2115K, DHYG 1101, DHYG 1121, DHYG 1131 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 1110, DHYG 1114, DHYG 1122, DHYG 1132. Offered: Spring. Credits: 2.00 Credit Hours (2.00 Lecture - 0.00 Lab).

DHYG 2150. Pharmacology. (2 Credits)
Drugs, their properties, dosage, method of administration and therapeutic use with attention given to those drugs most commonly used in dentistry. Prerequisites: BIOL 2115K, DHYG 1133, DHYG 2550 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 2210, DHYG 2250, DHYG 2310. Offered: Fall. Credits: 2.00 Credit Hours (2.00 Lecture - 0.00 Lab).

DHYG 2210. Dental Hygiene Lecture IV. (1 Credit)
A seminar course with emphasis on special needs patients and advanced periodontal patients. Prerequisites: DHYG 1133, DHYG 2550 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 2150, DHYG 2250, DHYG 2310. Offered: Fall. Credits: 1.00 Credit Hours (1.00 Lecture - 0.00 Lab).

DHYG 2220. Dental Hygiene Lecture V. (1 Credit)
A seminar course with emphasis on jurisprudence and office management for the dental hygienist. Prerequisites: DHYG 2150, DHYG 2210, DHYG 2250, DHYG 2310 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 2200, DHYG 2400. Offered: Spring. Credits: 1.00 Credit Hours (1.00 Lecture - 0.00 Lab).

DHYG 2250. General and Oral Pathology. (3 Credits)
Basic principles, causes and underlying mechanisms of disease phenomena with special emphasis on the oral cavity. Prerequisites: DHYG 1133, DHYG 2550 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 2210, DHYG 2310, DHYG 2150. Offered: Fall. Credits: 3.00 Credit Hours (3.00 Lecture - 0.00 Lab).

DHYG 2310. Dental Hygiene Clinic IV. (4 Credits)
A continuation of DHYG 1133 with the addition of study models, sealants, advanced periodontal patients and oral irrigation. Prerequisites: DHYG 1133, DHYG 2550 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 2250, DHYG 2210, DHYG 2150. Offered: Fall. Credits: 4.00 Credit Hours (0.00 Lecture - 12.00 Lab).

DHYG 2320. Dental Hygiene Clinic V. (4 Credits)
A continuation of DHYG 2310. Prerequisites: DHYG 2150, DHYG 2210, DHYG 2250, DHYG 2310 with grades of C or better. Corequisites: DHYG 2220, DHYG 2400. Offered: Spring. Credits: 4.00 Credit Hours (0.00 Lecture - 12.00 Lab).