

Dental Hygiene

Associate in Applied Science

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable ASSET or COMPASS score

Type of Program:

Phase I: Day, night, or weekend; Phase II: Day (some courses require evening and weekend attendance)

Type of Degree:

Associate degree

Professional Credentials:

Registered Dental Hygienist (subject to passing National Boards and State licensure exam)

Program Accreditation:

Commission on Accreditation, American Dental Association

Employment Opportunities:

Dental offices, public health departments, sales, education, research

- This program trains students to educate patients on proper oral health care procedures, maintain patient recall systems, and expose and process x-rays. Community service is a major component.
- The program is designed as a One-Plus-One program. Phase I includes most of the general education and related course work and may be completed at Greenville Tech or at any articulating college. Upon successful completion of all Phase I courses, qualified students apply to Phase II, which includes all of the dental hygiene course work. Applications for Phase II must be postmarked no later than May 1.
- Phase II is located at Greenville Tech's Barton Campus and a variety of off-campus clinical facilities. Students must be eligible to go to each off-campus site based on each site's criteria.
- Students from articulating colleges must be able to travel to and/or locate accommodations near Greenville Tech's Barton Campus.
- A first year competency test must be passed to continue in the program.
- Graduates are eligible to sit for the Dental Hygiene National Board exam and a state practical exam after successfully passing a Mock Board.
- **Phase I admission requirements:**
 - Meet the specific program requirements outlined in Health Sciences admissions requirements **excluding** the physical exam. The physical exam must be completed once a seat is offered and be within six months of the Phase II start date.
 - Have completed one high school algebra, biology,

and chemistry course with a grade of “C” or higher.

- Attend a Career Talk session for the major within
- the past year.
- **Phase II admission requirements**
 - Meet all requirements for Phase I.
 - Complete an eligibility form by the designed date.
Students are selected based on a “weighted admissions policy.” Once accepted, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to hold the seat.
 - Attain a minimum technical GPA of 3.0 in all
 - Phase I courses and have passed all Phase I courses with a minimum grade of “C” on the first or second attempt. BIO prefix courses may not be more than five years old.
 - Submit a physical exam form (see details in Health Sciences admissions requirements).
 - Submit proof of current American Heart Association Health Care Providers course in CPR.
 - An acceptable criminal background check and a negative drug screen is required before beginning the clinical phase.
 - Purchase of required supplies, instruments and
 - uniforms.
- To graduate with an associate degree, candidates must meet the computer competency requirement by taking CPT 101 or by passing the exemption exam at a cost to be assessed by the college and must have attained a grade of “C” or higher in every course.

Recommended Program Schedule for traditional Dental Hygiene (2 year program)

PHASE I

First Semester - Fall

MAT 120 Probability & Statistics*	3.0
BIO 210 Anatomy & Physiology I*	4.0
CHM 105 General Organic & Biochemistry*	4.0
ENG 101 English Composition I*	3.0

Second Semester - Spring

BIO 225 Microbiology*	4.0
BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II*	4.0
PSY 201 General Psychology*	3.0
SPC 205 Public Speaking*	3.0

PHASE II

Third Semester - Fall

AHS 113 Head & Neck Anatomy	1.0
CPT 101 Introduction to Computers	3.0
DHG 115 Medical and Dental Emergencies	2.0
DHG 121 Dental Radiography	3.0
DHG 125 Tooth Morphology & Histology	2.0
DHG 161 Clinical Dental Hygiene Foundations	4.0

Fourth Semester - Spring

DHG 140 General and Oral Pathology	2.0
DHG 165 Clinical Dental Hygiene I	5.0
DHG 239 Dental Assisting for Dental Hygiene	2.0
DHG 244 Dental Materials	3.0

Fifth Semester - Summer

BIO 240 Nutrition*	3.0
DHG 141 Periodontology	2.0
DHG 175 Clinical Dental Hygiene II	5.0
DHG 232 Community Oral Health Outreach	2.0

Sixth Semester - Fall

DHG 143 Dental Pharmacology	2.0
DHG 241 Integrated Dental Hygiene I	1.0
DHG 255 Clinical Dental Hygiene III	5.0
PHI 110 Ethics*	3.0

Seventh Semester - Spring

DHG 242 Integrated Dental Hygiene II	1.0
DHG 265 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	5.0

Total credit hours 84.0

* General Education course – students are strongly recommended to complete all general education courses prior to entering phase II.

Note: Please contact your advisor for other program options.