

# Dental Hygiene

## Associate in Applied Science

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of Greenville Technical College Dental Hygiene program is to graduate students that will become licensed dental professionals who demonstrate the ability to function as a member of a dental team in the delivery of care. Graduates will be clinically skilled and competent dental hygienists that instill a respect for the dental hygiene profession and have a desire for continued professional development and community service.

### **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.
- Graduates are eligible to sit for the Dental Hygiene National Board exam and a state practical exam.
- **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.
  - 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 designated date. Students are selected based on a "weighted admissions policy" and space availability. Once accepted, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to hold the seat.
  - Attain a minimum technical GPA of 2.50 in all Phase I courses.
  - All Phase I courses must be passed 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 (two-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.