

# Dental Hygiene

## Associate in Health Sciences

**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:**

Dentists' offices, public health departments, sales, education, research

- This program trains students to scale and polish teeth, 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 (during the month of February each year).
- 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 National Board exam and a state licensure exam after successfully passing a Mock Board.
- The college also offers a Bridge Dental Assisting to Dental Hygiene curriculum. Students enrolled in the combined program will receive both an Associate Degree in Health Science in Dental Hygiene and a Diploma in Health Science in Dental Assisting, if requirements are successfully completed. Enroll-

ment is limited. Interested students should inquire at the monthly Career Talk session.

- Some courses are required in the summer, prior to entering Bridge in January (AHS 113, DHG 115 and DHG 125)
- Bridge students must apply during the month of February each year and pre-entrance competency testing is required.
- **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 with a grade of “C” or higher.
  - Attend a Career Talk session for the major within the past year.
  - Have acceptable ASSET or COMPASS score or 19 on ACT or 920 on SAT with a verbal score of 460 or above.
- **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 2.5 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 two 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.
  - A crime-free criminal background check and a negative drug screen is required before beginning clinic experience.
  - Purchase as 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**

### **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.