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## 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 entry level dental hygienists that instill a respect for the dental hygiene profession and have a desire for continued professional development and community service.

### Type of Program:

Phase I: Day, night; Phase II: Day (some courses require evenings)

### Professional Credentials:

Registered Dental Hygienist (subject to passing National Boards and State or Regional 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 are eligible to 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. Students are selected based on a weighted admission criteria and the top 24 students are offered admission.
- 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 regional or state practical exam.
- **Phase I admission requirements:**
  - Meet the specific program requirements outlined in School of 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.
  - Complete a Career Talk session for the major within a year prior to being accepted into Phase II.
  - Take the TEAS test.
- **Phase II admission requirements:**
  - Meet all requirements for Phase I.
  - Complete a weighted admissions 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 3.0 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 School of Health Sciences admissions requirements).
  - Submit proof of current American Heart Association Health Care Providers course in CPR once accepted into Phase II.
  - A crime-free criminal background check and a negative drug screen are required before beginning the clinical phase.
  - Be prepared to purchase required supplies, instruments and uniforms.

## 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 (Requires acceptance into the program.)

#### Third Semester - Fall

AHS	113	Head & Neck Anatomy	1.0
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	122	Office Management for the Dental Hygienist	2.0
DHG	140	General and Oral Pathology	2.0
DHG	165	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	5.0
DHG	244	Dental Materials	3.0
DHG	143	Dental Pharmacology	2.0

#### Fifth Semester - Summer

DHG	141	Periodontology	2.0
DHG	175	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	5.0
DHG	241	Integrated Dental Hygiene I	1.0

#### Sixth Semester - Fall

DHG	232	Community Oral Health Outreach	2.0
DHG	255	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	5.0
BIO	240	Nutrition**	3.0
SOC	101	Introduction to Sociology**	3.0

#### Seventh Semester - Spring

DHG	242	Integrated Dental Hygiene II	1.0
DHG	265	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	5.0
HSS	295	Leadership Through the Humanities**	3.0

#### Total Required Credit Hours:

**84.0**

\* General education course - students must take prior to acceptance to Phase II.

\*\* Denotes general education classes that may be taken during or prior to the beginning of Phase II. Most successful candidates take these classes while they are taking Phase I to gain the points associated with the grades earned in those classes.

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