

DENTAL HYGIENE

Program Information and Application



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Dental Hygiene

Associate in Science Degree

Provides the skills and knowledge necessary to function effectively as an integral member of the dental health team. The program utilizes the facilities of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, federal, state and local hospitals, and community health clinics. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the examinations for licensure given by National and North East Regional Boards. Graduates who pass both boards are eligible for a Connecticut license.

Specialized course work must be taken in the outlined sequence. DHY* designated courses are open to admitted dental hygiene students only. A minimum grade of C or better (75 or above) is required in ALL courses for progression in the program.

Prior to start of first semester, the student must complete the following courses:

Admission Requirements

BIO*211	Anatomy and Physiology I (a)	4
CHE*111	Concepts of Chemistry (a)	4
ENG*101	Composition (a)	3
SAT scores in math of 550-570 (taken within 5 years of application) or a college level math		

Prerequisites to starting program

BIO*212	Anatomy and Physiology II (a)	4
BIO*235	Microbiology (a)	4

First Semester

Course #	Title	Credits
HLT*201	Nutrition for Allied Health Professionals (a)	3
DHY*209	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene Theory (a)	3
DHY*210	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene Clinic (a)	1
DHY*212	Diagnostic Radiography for the Dental Hygienist (a)	3
DHY*228	Histology & Oral Anatomy for the Dental Hygienist (a)	3

Second Semester

DHY*207	Standards, Ethics & Jurisprudence for the Dental Hygienist (a)	2
DHY*225	Dental Materials for the Dental Hygienist (a)	2
DHY* 233	Oral Medicine & Pathology (a)	2
DHY*239	Dental Hygiene II Theory (a)	2
DHY*240	Dental Hygiene II Clinic (a)	2
PSY*111	General Psychology I (a)	3

Third Semester

DHY*264	Pharmacology (a)	3
DHY*259	Dental Hygiene III Theory (a)	3
DHY*260	Dental Hygiene III Clinic (a)	2
DHY*262	Periodontics (a)	2
DHY*267	Community Oral Health I (a)	2
DHY*269	Dental Hygiene Research Seminar I (a)	1

Winter Semester

DHY*275	Pain Control and Local Anesthesia (a)	2
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Fourth Semester

DHY*279	Dental Hygiene IV Theory (a)	2
DHY*280	Dental Hygiene IV Clinic (a)	2
DHY*287	Community Oral Health II (a)	2
COM*173	Public Speaking (a)	3
SOC*101	Principles of Sociology (a)	3

Total 53

(a) Prerequisite and/or co-requisite required.

This program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Post-secondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation may be contacted at 312.440.2719 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

NOTE: The ability to obtain a license may be affected due to a felony conviction.

Dental Hygiene Grading Scale for all *DHY designated courses:**

93-100	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
75-76	C
64-74	D
60-63	D-
< 60	F



Dental Hygiene (A.S. Degree) Program Abilities:

In addition to TCC's General Education Abilities,

The Dental Hygiene Program will utilize the Tunxis Community College General Education Abilities for assessment in the curriculum. In addition, the dental hygiene students will also be evaluated utilizing the dental hygiene program abilities. Tunxis students strive for achievement of these abilities as well as traditional grades.

- Teamwork and Interpersonal Skills - effectively engages in interpersonal activities and teamwork
- Application of Technology-appropriately and effectively uses technology to accomplish assigned tasks.
- Dental Hygiene Process of Care - provides care to all clients without regard to economic, social, cultural, religious or health status; based upon an individualized human need, evidenced based system which includes
- Health Promotion - develops, implements and evaluates health promotion strategies directed toward helping individuals as well as diverse populations achieve oral wellness as well as overall health and awareness.

Special Admission Requirements:

Dental Hygiene Associate's Degree Program

All candidates must submit a college application, a special program application, and a \$20.00 application fee. All official transcripts from high school, educational institutions, or colleges the candidate has attended must be forwarded to the college.

In addition to the academic admission requirements for Dental Hygiene, and for continual progression in the program, the following essential functions are also expected of all students with or without accommodations. Students must be able to fulfill these essential functions of the job without endangering patients or other health care workers. Students with disabilities may be eligible for accommodations.

Students must have the following abilities:

- proficiency in their use of the English language and must possess effective oral and written skills in order to accurately transmit appropriate information to patients/clients, faculty, colleagues, and other health care workers
- gross and fine motor skills sufficient to lift, position, and operate equipment
- interpersonal skills such that they are capable of interacting with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, economic and ethnic backgrounds
- the physical mobility necessary to move from place to place in small spaces as well as full range of motion, manual and finger dexterity
- physical endurance that enables them to stay on task for a prolonged period while sitting, standing or moving
- a high degree of hand-eye coordination
- auditory ability and other sensory skills must be sufficient to monitor and assess the health needs and diagnose the oral conditions of patients as well as maintain patient safety
- visual acuity and adequate spatial perception
- intact proprioception (the ability to sense pressure/force)
- the ability to present a professional appearance, maintain personal health and be emotionally stable

Prerequisite Requirements Necessary to Apply to the Tunxis Dental Hygiene Program:

- Applicant must complete Composition (ENG*101), SAT scores in math of 550-570 (taken within 5 years of application) or a college level math, Concepts of Chemistry (CHE*111), and Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO*211) – NOTE: Anatomy and Physiology I at Tunxis has General Biology I (BIO*121) as a prerequisite – with a minimum combined GPA in prerequisite courses of 2.7. All science courses must be taken within 5 years of applying to the program and be 4 credits with an on ground laboratory component.
- Applicant must submit proof of at least four hours of shadowing a licensed RDH.

Applicant must attend a dental hygiene information session. Attendance will be verified with a certificate issued by the session presenter. *Contact the Admissions Office to reserve a seat.* Information about upcoming information sessions is also available on the Tunxis Dental Hygiene program home page:

<http://www.tunxis.edu/offices-departments/allied-health/dental-hygiene/information-session-3/>

- Applicant is encouraged to enroll in the Health Careers Pathway Certificate.
- Applicant is encouraged to complete science and general education courses prior to applying to the program.

Dental Hygiene Application Process for Admission

The applicant must submit ALL of the following by the **December 18** deadline:

- All college transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation either professional or academic in nature. Letters must be addressed to Tunxis Community College and dated within the year of application.
- A personal statement: “Please provide a comprehensive biographical sketch of no more than 250 words that includes information to assist the Admissions Committee in “getting to know you better.” Examples of information that might be included in your biographical sketch include, but are not limited to: details regarding dental hygiene procedures you have observed, a description of community service projects in which you have participated, and information concerning your interests, abilities and attitudes that have motivated you to make the commitment required for a career in dental hygiene.”
- Applicant must submit proof of at least four hours of shadowing a licensed RDH.

In addition to the admissions requirements, prior to the start of the first semester of the program:

- Applicant must complete Anatomy and Physiology II and Microbiology with a grade of C or better. *

* Final acceptance of the applicant is contingent upon successful completion of these courses.

** Consideration will be given to the number of college courses successfully completed.

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TUNXIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 Allied Health Department Application for Admission
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Fall Entry Deadline
DECEMBER 18
 Incomplete applications
 will not be reviewed

■■PERSONAL DATA

Name _____ Former Name (if applicable) _____

Student/Banner I.D. # _____ OR Social Security # _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone () _____ Email _____

■■ACADEMIC DATA

Please refer to College catalog for specific Dental Hygiene admissions criteria.

Are you a current Tunxis student? YES NO
 (If you are not a current Tunxis student, please complete a Tunxis Admissions Application.)

■■Previous College(s): List all colleges attended. **Prior to December 18**, Tunxis Admissions Office must receive **OFFICIAL** transcripts/records or test scores sent directly from **EACH** institution attended.

College Attended and Major	Dates

■■Required Courses: Please list below the courses and completion dates for each of the following dental hygiene admissions requirements. Courses listed below must be completed **by December 31**.

*This section **MUST** be completed. Failure to complete this section will result in disqualification of your application.

Course	School Attended	Year Completed	Grade (C or better)
ENG 101 Composition			
CHE 111 Concepts of Chemistry			
SAT scores or credit level math equivalent			
BIO*211 Anatomy & Physiology I (see course prerequisites)			

■■EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Please list your three most recent employers and/or volunteer work and/or extracurricular activities. Attach additional sheet(s) as needed.

■■PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach your typed personal statement, as described in the Admissions Requirements. Include your name and signature on the statement.

■■LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit 2 letters of recommendation. Letters should be current, dated and must be original. Photocopies are not accepted.

I certify that the above information is accurate.

Signature_____Date_____