

Dental Hygiene

Associate of Applied Science

Entry wage: \$53,355* Median wage: \$68,978* Job placement rate: 100%**

A day in the life

Dental hygienists usually work in dental practices. They examine and evaluate the health of patients' gums, expose dental x-rays, and clean patients' teeth. Hygienists also educate patients about good oral health.

Three reasons to consider this program.

1. Salaries are excellent. Few two-year degrees have as much earning potential.
2. Many hygienists work fewer than 35 hours per week while earning a good salary.
3. This is a great profession if you love to learn and to help people.

Before you sign up, make sure you understand...

1. Science, science and more science. You must love science to do well in this program.
2. Admission is competitive. A typical GPA for a dental hygiene student is about 3.7. Only 12 spots are available.
3. Courses such as English and Speech will help you with your communication skills and ability to relate to patients.



ENGL 1010 Composition ...
PSYC 2130 Lifespan ...
BIOL 2010 Human A...
MATH 1530 Introducto...

CHEM 1010 Introducto...
BIOL 2020 Human A...
PHIL 1030 Intro to P...
SOCI 1010 Intro to S...

BIOL 2230 Microbiolo...

DHYG 101 Pre-clinical De...
DHYG 111 Dental Scienc...
DHYG 132 Dental Radiogr...

DHYG 112 Dental Scienc...
DHYG 121 Clinical Dental ...
DHYG 141 Principles of D...
DHYG 161 Biochemistry a...

DHYG 133 General and O...
DHYG 171 Dental Materia...

DHYG 201 Pharmacology ...
DHYG 221 Clinical Dental ...
DHYG 240 Principles of D...
DHYG 251 Periodontolog...

DHYG 211 Dental Hygien...
DHYG 212 Community He...
DHYG 222 Clinical Dental ...
DHYG 242 Principles of D...



Key Course: program faculty have identified this course as key to your success
 Recommended Elective: check catalog for other acceptable courses
 This map assumes completion of course prerequisites
 *Tennessee Department of Labor **Average of 2019 - 2021 graduates