



DENTAL HYGIENE, ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Program Code: 2145

Career Pathway: Health Sciences

Location(s): General education courses are available at all BC locations. Program specific courses for this program are offered at the A. Hugh Adams Central Campus (<https://www.broward.edu/about/locations/>)

Program Entrance Requirements: This is a limited access program. Students are required to complete a supplemental application and meet specific criteria. Please click here (<http://www.broward.edu/admissions/Pages/Health-Sciences-Admissions.aspx>) for more information.

Program Description: The Associate in Science Degree Dental Hygiene Program is designed to prepare the student for a career as a Registered Dental Hygienist. The Dental Hygiene program is a unique 1 + 1 program format and is designed to offer students employable skills as both a Certified Dental Assistant and a Registered Dental Hygienist. Students must first complete the 12-month American Dental Association (ADA) accredited Dental Assisting Program. The Dental Assisting program must be listed in the Florida Department of Education database of post-secondary courses at public vocational-technical centers, community colleges, colleges, universities and participating non-public institutions. Graduates from the Dental Assisting Program are qualified to take the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Examination. Upon successful completion of this examination, the graduate becomes a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA).

With the completion of the Dental Assisting ATD Program and the appropriate course pre-requisites, the CDA student may apply to the 12-month Dental Hygiene Program. The student has up to three years from the date of Dental Assisting graduation to be admitted to the Dental Hygiene program. Students in the Dental Hygiene Program will be qualified to take the Dental Hygiene National Board and upon graduation the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) state practical licensing examination. Upon passing both examinations, the graduate is licensed as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) in the State of Florida. Broward College awards an Associate in Science Degree in Dental Hygiene to each student who satisfactorily completes the required 12-month dental hygiene course of study.

The Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. Upon successful completion of the National Board Dental Hygiene and state licensure exam, the graduate will be awarded the Registered Dental Hygienist (R.D.H.) credential. Visit the program's website (<http://www.broward.edu/academics/programs/dental/Pages/default.aspx>) for additional information.

Additional Program Information

One cohort of 16 students is admitted each August. A final grade of "C" or higher must be achieved in each Dental Hygiene course for continuance in the Program. A student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a Dental course will be allowed re-entry into a Health Sciences Program based upon space availability. Only one re-entry will be allowed. The student who re-enters must maintain a "C" or higher in each Dental Hygiene course to continue in a Program. The student receiving a grade of "D" or "F" in any course after re-entry will result in permanent dismissal from the BC Dental Programs. After admission, students are required to complete the Basic Life Support (CAE0062) course. The due date for the course is given in the mandatory, general orientation meeting prior to the beginning of the program.

Program competency

Students interested in applying for the Dental Hygiene program must meet the following program competency:

Course	Title	Credits
PSY2012	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3.00

- Dental Assisting, Applied Technology Diploma B007
- Dental Hygiene, Associate of Science 2145
- Bachelor of Applied Science

Course	Title	Credits
Recommended General Education Courses		
ENC1101	COMPOSITION I	3.00
MGF1106	FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICAL REASONING ¹	3.00
BSC2085	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I	3.00
BSC2085L	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I LABORATORY	1.00
GE Course	General Education Humanities Core	3.00
AMH2020	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1877	3.00

or POS2041	NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	
BSC2086	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II	3.00
BSC2086L	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II LABORATORY	1.00
GE Course	General Education Speech	3.00
CHM1032	CHEMISTRY FOR HEALTH SCIENCES	3.00
SYG2000	PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY	3.00
HUN1201	HUMAN NUTRITION	3.00
MCB2010	MICROBIOLOGY	3.00
MCB2010L	MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY	1.00
DES Electives ¹		11.00
Apply to the Program (By June 30th)		
Required Courses		
DEH2840L	ADVANCED DENTAL TECHNOLOGY LAB	1.00
DEH1002	CLINICAL DENTAL HYGIENE PROCEDURES	2.00
DEH1002L	PRECLINICAL DENTAL HYGIENE LAB	2.00
DEH2400	GENERAL AND ORAL PATHOLOGY	2.00
DEH1800	DENTAL HYGIENE I	2.00
DEH1800L	DENTAL HYGIENE I CLINIC	2.00
DEH2300	DENTAL PHARMACOLOGY	2.00
DEH1802	DENTAL HYGIENE II	3.00
DEH1802L	DENTAL HYGIENE II CLINIC	4.00
DES1054	PAIN CONTROL AND DENTAL ANESTHESIA	2.00
DEH1130	ORAL HISTOLOGY AND EMBRYOLOGY	2.00
DEH1602	PERIODONTOLOGY	3.00
DEH1602L	PERIODONTOLOGY LAB	1.00
DEH2701C	COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH	2.00
DEH1934	DENTAL HYGIENE REVIEW SEMINAR	1.00
DEH2804	DENTAL HYGIENE III	1.00
DEH2804L	DENTAL HYGIENE III CLINIC	4.00
DEH2806	DENTAL HYGIENE IV	1.00
DEH2806L	DENTAL HYGIENE IV CLINIC	4.00
Total Credits		88

¹ Students must complete 11 credits of any combination of DES courses.

Notes:

Students earn points by the successful completion of the select courses listed above, see Health Science Admission Criteria for additional details. (<http://www.broward.edu/admissions/Documents/HSPPrerequisites.pdf>)

See General Education course information here (<https://catalog.broward.edu/programs-study/aa-general-education-graduation-requirements/>).

PSY2012 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY is a program completion competency and may not be eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

In accordance with Florida Statute and Florida Administrative Code, students may need to satisfy the Civic Literacy Graduation Requirement. Visit the Civic Literacy Graduation Requirement page at broward.edu/civic-literacy (<https://students.broward.edu/resources/civic-literacy/>).

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor (<https://students.broward.edu/resources/advising/>) to create a personalized educational plan.

Program Highlights

Credit for Prior Learning

Accelerate your path to completion with these options:

- Credit by exam
- Earned industry certifications

- Prior Learning Assessment
- And much more...

Related Industry Certifications

Upon completing this program, graduates will be eligible to sit for the following industry certifications/licenses:

- Dental Hygienist

Get an Internship

After completing your first year of coursework make sure to visit Employment Solutions (<https://broward.edu/career/>) for internship opportunities and helpful tools like virtual job shadow, to help take your career to the next level!

- Get an Internship (<http://broward.edu/studentresources/career/Pages/Find-a-job-or-internship.aspx>)
- Virtual Job Shadow Tool (<http://www.broward.edu/studentresources/career/Pages/default.aspx>)

Median Wage and Job Growth Outlook

Broward College has Career Coach (<https://www.broward.edu/careercoach/>)! It is designed to help you find a good career by providing the most current local data on wages, employment, job postings, and associated education and training.

Fund Your Education

This program is Financial Aid (<https://www.broward.edu/admissions/financial-aid/>) eligible. Scholarships (<https://www.broward.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/>) may be available. This program is part of the Career Source Broward ITA List (<http://careersourcebroward.com/>)

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates from this program will:

- Demonstrate competence in assessing the treatment needs and providing dental hygiene care for a diversity of patient types including children, adolescents, adults, geriatric, and special needs patients.
- Demonstrate competence in assessing oral health, analyzing assessment findings, establishing a care plan for optimal health, providing patient-centered treatment and evidence-based care, and documenting all relevant treatment.
- Demonstrate competence in providing dental hygiene care for all periodontal classifications, from gingivitis to severe periodontal disease.
- Demonstrate competence in interpersonal and communication skills to effectively interact with diverse population groups and other members of the health care team.
- Demonstrate competence in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating the effectiveness of community-based oral health and disease prevention programs.
- Demonstrate competence in providing appropriate life support measures for medical emergencies that may be encountered in dental hygiene practice.
- Demonstrate competence in the application of the principles of ethical reasoning, ethical decision-making, and professional responsibility as they pertain to the academic environment, research, patient care, and practice management.
- Demonstrate competence in applying legal and regulatory concepts to the provision and/or support of oral health care services.
- Demonstrate clinical instrumentation proficiency expected of an entry-level dental hygienist.
- Demonstrate clinical proficiency based on their ability to conduct patient assessment and perform treatment.
- Demonstrate proficiency with dental ethics and jurisprudence.
- Demonstrate leadership and teamwork skills needed to accomplish team goals and objectives for a dental hygiene clinic.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate efficiently.