

Dental Hygiene

Associate of Science Degree Program

Contact Hours: 2,275

Semester Credits: 105.5

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 90

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 22 Months

Program Overview

Dental Hygienists are licensed, professional oral clinicians and dental health educators who prevent and treat oral disease, promote and encourage preventive aspects of dental care, and assume responsibility for patient care in the dental office. They provide a variety of services to patients, including comprehensive examination of the oral cavity, radiographs, prophylaxis, fluoride treatments, patient education, and preventive services. They are required to pass written and clinical examinations before they apply for licensure to practice. Dental Hygienists are integral members of the dental team who use their dental, clinical, and social sciences to aid individuals in achieving optimum oral health. Besides working in a private dental practice, Dental Hygienists also work as educators, administrators, and researchers.

Program Mission

The mission is to provide a supportive learning environment in which the student acquires theoretical knowledge, technical skills, and professional attributes necessary to qualify for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist and entry-level employment as a Dental Hygienist. The program strives to instill the importance of personal growth, professional commitment, community involvement, and continued research. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination. Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing these examinations are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take these exams, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

California State Licensure Requirements

- Graduate from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited Dental Hygiene program.
- Undergo a criminal history investigation.
- Pass a written California Dental Law & Ethics Examination.
- Pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination.
- Pass the California state clinical board or an authorized regional clinical board.

Program Delivery

The Dental Hygiene program is delivered in a blended format. Courses will be delivered entirely online, entirely on-ground or with an appropriate blend of both online and on-ground hours in the same course. Of the 2,275 program hours, a maximum of 360 course hours (15.8%) may be offered online.

Term 1

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
BIOL1431	Microbiology with Wet Lab	45 (45 / 0)	30 (30 / 0)		4
ENGL1310	English Composition I	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
MATH1320	College Algebra	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
PSYC1310	General Psychology	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
	Subtotal	180 (45/135)	30 (30/0)	0	13

Term 2

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
BIOL1411	Anatomy & Physiology I with Wet Lab	45 (45 / 0)	30 (30 / 0)	0	4
CHEM1411	General and Inorganic Chemistry with Wet Lab	45 (45 / 0)	30 (30 / 0)	0	4
SOCI1310	Introduction to Sociology	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
Subtotal		135 (90/45)	60 (60/0)	0	11

Term 3

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
BIOL1421	Anatomy & Physiology II with Wet Lab	45 (45 / 0)	30 (30 / 0)	0	4
CHEM1421	Organic and Biochemistry with Wet Lab	45 (45 / 0)	30 (30 / 0)	0	4
COMM1310	Elements of Human Communication	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
Subtotal		135 (90/45)	60 (60/0)	0	11

Term 4

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DH110	Oral Embryology & Histology	45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3
DHCA1203	Dental Anatomy/Tooth Morphology	30 (30 / 0)	0	0	2
DHCA1401	Dental Radiography	45 (20 / 25)	45 (45 / 0)	0	4
DHCA1411	Pre-Clinic I	30 (30 / 0)	80 (80 / 0)	0	4
Subtotal		150 (110/40)	125 (125/0)	0	13

Term 5

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DH104	Dental Materials	15 (10 / 5)	30 (30 / 0)	0	2
DH140	Dental Hygiene Process of Care	15 (15 / 0)	0	0	1
DHCA1208	Head & Neck Anatomy	40 (30 / 10)	0	0	2.5
DHCA1307	General and Maxillofacial Pathology	45 (45 / 0)	0	0	3
DHCA1405	Pre-Clinic II	30 (30 / 0)	80 (80 / 0)	0	4
Subtotal		145 (130/15)	110 (110/0)	0	12.5

Term 6

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DH203	Periodontology	45 (40 / 5)	0	0	3

DH260	Cultural Diversity	15 (15 / 0)	0	0	1
DHCA1101	Medical and Dental Emergencies	15 (15 / 0)	0	0	1
DHCA2502	Dental Hygiene II	40 (40 / 0)	0	160 (160 / 0)	5.5
Subtotal		115 (110/5)	0	160 (160/0)	10.5

Term 7

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DH224	Dental Public Health	45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3
DHCA2301	Dental Pharmacology	45 (45 / 0)	0	0	3
DHCA2503	Dental Hygiene III	30 (30 / 0)	0	165 (165 / 0)	5
Subtotal		120 (105/15)	0	165 (165/0)	11

Term 8

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DH209	Nutrition	45 (20 / 25)	0	0	3
DH226	Dental Law/Ethics	30 (20 / 10)	0	0	2
DHCA2604	Dental Hygiene IV	45 (45 / 0)	0	165 (165 / 0)	6
Subtotal		120 (85/35)	0	165 (165/0)	11

Term 9

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DH207	Dental Hygiene Seminar	30 (30 / 0)	0	0	2
DH130	Dental Office Management	15 (10 / 5)	0	0	1
DH277	Board Review	60 (40 / 20)	0	0	4
DHCA2505	Dental Hygiene V	45 (45 / 0)	0	150 (150 / 0)	5.5
Subtotal		150 (125/25)	0	150 (150/0)	12.5
Total		1250 (890/360)	385 (385/0)	640 (640/0)	105.5