

Associate of Applied Science - Dental Hygiene

Major Code: 4419A

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The Dental Hygiene program will educate students to provide patient dental care to the public. Didactic, clinical and laboratory instruction is designed to develop students to be valuable members of the Dental Health Team. Program graduates will become licensed Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH). They use educational theory and methodology to analyze oral health needs. Educational services learned will develop promotional strategies and delivery of oral health for individuals and groups. As clinicians they will assess, plan and implement treatments for prevention, intervention and control of oral diseases while practicing in collaboration with other professionals. Hygienist provides routine patient care and treatment for beginning to advanced stages of periodontal disease. Pre-requisite course work is listed on the CSI website. The program will take students two years to complete and requires admission application. Ten students will be selected each year to develop competent skills. The College of Southern Idaho's Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. Students will prepare for the successful completion of the National Dental Hygiene Exam and the Western Regional Board Exam (WREB) which are administered by the Joint Commission of the American Dental Association. Applying to this program is a separate application process from applying to the College or declaring your major. Additional information and current application requirements (including deadlines) can be found at: http://hshs.csi.edu/dental_hygiene. You must be a high school graduate or have completed the GED/HSE before applying to this program. To promote success on the certification/licensure examination(s), all Required Courses must be passed with a grade of C or better.

Program Application Required: Yes

Gainful Employment: https://hshs.csi.edu/dental_hygiene

Career Opportunities: https://idcis.intocareers.org/index_cluster.aspx?FileID=Occ

Apply for Scholarships: <http://scholarships.csi.edu/> and <http://hshs.csi.edu/scholarship/index.asp>

General Education Core List: <http://advising.csi.edu/forms/Gen%20Ed%20Core.pdf>

| Required non-program courses (must be completed before program entrance) | Credits |
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| COMM 101 Fundamentals of Oral Communication | 3 |
| ENGL 101 English Composition 1* | 3 |
| MATH 143 College Algebra* or MATH 153 Elementary Statistics* | 3 |
| BIOL 227 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 | 4 |
| BIOL 228 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2* | 4 |
| PSYC 101 General Psychology or SOCY 101 Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| ALLH 220 Fundamentals of Nutrition | 3 |
| BIOL 221 Introductory Microbiology* | 4 |
| CHEM 101 Introduction to Chemistry* | 4 |

Non-program Credit Total **31**

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COURSES

| SEMESTER 1 | Credits |
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| DENH 101 Introduction to Dental Hygiene Theory 1 | 2 |
| DENH 101C Dental Hygiene Clinic 1 | 3 |
| DENH 115 Dental Radiology | 2 |
| DENH 115L Dental Radiology Lab | 1 |
| DENH 122 Head and Neck Anatomy | 2 |
| DENH 132 Dental Anatomy Embryology & Histology | 2 |
| DENH 142 Medical Emergencies | 2 |
| Semester Total | 14 |

| SEMESTER 2 | Credits |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| DENH 151 Dental Hygiene Theory 2 | 3 |
| DENH 151C Dental Hygiene Clinic 2 | 4 |
| DENH 165 Dental Materials | 1 |
| DENH 165L Dental Materials Lab | 1 |
| DENH 175 Dental Pharmacology | 3 |
| DENH 185 Oral Pathology | 3 |
| DENH 190 Periodontics 1 | 3 |
| Semester Total | 18 |

| SEMESTER 3 | Credits |
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| DENH 201 Dental Hygiene Theory 3 | 3 |
| DENH 201C Dental Hygiene Clinic 3 | 4 |
| DENH 215 Pain Control and Methodology | 2 |
| DENH 215L Pain Control and Methodology Lab | 1 |
| DENH 235 Community Dental Health | 1 |
| DENH 245 Periodontics 2 | 3 |
| Semester Total | 14 |

| SEMESTER 4 | Credits |
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| DENH 251 Dental Hygiene Theory 4 | 3 |
| DENH 251C Dental Hygiene Clinic 4 | 4 |
| DENH 265 Special Needs Patients | 1 |
| DENH 270 Community Dental Health | 2 |
| DENH 280 Legal and Ethical Issues | 2 |
| DENH 295 Testing and Board Reviews | 1 |
| Semester Total | 13 |

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CSI Dental Hygiene Program Goals

1. Student will demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of Dental Hygiene practice. That knowledge will include, but not be limited to problem solving, critical thinking and self-evaluation. Interpersonal and communications skills will be taught to enhance professional conduct and to promote the values and ethics of dental hygiene.
2. Students will demonstrate clinical proficiency by developing patient treatment plans to provide comprehensive oral hygiene care. This will include recognition and classification of oral conditions encompassing all ages and demographic diversity. Student will demonstrate treatment plan evaluations for effective health promotion and disease prevention.
3. Students will learn and develop leadership and organizational skills to facilitate community based service. Oral Health programs will encourage dental education in the schools, retirement centers and community groups.
4. Students will study research journals and analyze scientific methods to aid in the selection of appropriate therapies and educational methods, manage practice problems and apply advances in patient care.
5. Students will foster team building, communication and Integrity necessary to contribute to clinical employment settings. Students will implement professional guidelines regarding rules and regulations, infection control standards, and continuing education requirements.
6. Students will prepare for successful completion of the National Dental Hygiene Exam and the Western Regional Clinic Board Exam (WREB). The National Board Exam and the WREB Clinical Exam will be administered through the Joint Commission of the American Dental Association.

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