

DENTAL HYGIENE

Associate of Applied Science Degree Program

AAS Degree Path 1: Transfer

Program Accreditation: American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation

I. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Courses 32 Credits

Goal 1: Written and Oral Communication (CM) 7 cr

ENGL 1117*	Reading & Writing Critically I, 4 cr
SPCH 1114	Fundamentals of Speech, 3 cr

Goal 2: Critical Thinking (CT) MAY BE MET BY ANY COURSE IN MNTC 1-10 GOALS

Goal 3: Natural Sciences (NS) 16 cr

BIOL 1217	Anatomy and Physiology I, 4 cr
BIOL 1218	Anatomy and Physiology II, 4 cr
BIOL 2021	General Microbiology, 4 cr
CHEM 1117	General Chemistry, 4 cr

Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (SS) 6 cr

PSYC 1611	Psychology of Adjustment, 3 cr
SOC 1614*	Introduction to Sociology, 3 cr

Goal 6: Humanities – The Arts, Literature, Philosophy (HA) 3 cr

Three credits in courses from Art, English Literature*, Foreign Culture, Humanities*, Journalism, Music, Philosophy*, or Theatre that meet the competencies of Goal 6 of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.

* Honors equivalent courses available

II. Program-related, Technical or Professional Courses 51 Credits

NUTR 1211	Principles of Nutrition	3 cr
DH 1512	Oral Anatomy	4 cr
DH 1510	Principles of Dental Hygiene I	2 cr
DH 1520	Principles of Dental Hygiene II	2 cr
DH 1511	Dental Hygiene Practice I	3 cr
DH 1521	Dental Hygiene Practice II	5 cr
DS 1300	Dental Radiology	3 cr
DH 1523	Oral Pathology	2 cr
DH 1524	Periodontology	2 cr
DH 2530	Principles of Dental Hygiene III	3 cr
DH 2540	Principles of Dental Hygiene IV	3 cr
DH 2531	Dental Hygiene Practice III	6 cr
DH 2541	Dental Hygiene Practice IV	6 cr
DH 2532	Pain Control	2 cr
DH 2533	Dental Pharmacology	2 cr
DH 2542	Community Dental Health	3 cr

TOTAL 83 Credits

Purpose: The goal of the program is to provide academic and clinical educational opportunities for capable individuals to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for the professional practice of dental hygiene. The program prepares individuals for a variety of career opportunities in private dental offices, schools, hospitals, clinics, and public health agencies. Members of the dental hygiene profession act as allied personnel to the dentist and make it possible for more complete preventive dental services to be provided to the public. The dental hygienist provides direct patient care and functions as an integral member of the dental team.

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DENTAL HYGIENE COURSE SEQUENCE:

General education courses and Nutrition may be completed prior to enrollment in the Dental Hygiene course sequence or as allowed during the first year

Fall Semester (first year)

DH 1512	4 cr
DH 1510	2 cr
DH 1511	3 cr

Fall Semester (second year)

DH 2530	3 cr
DH 2531	6 cr
DH 2532	2 cr
DH 2533	2 cr

Spring Semester (first year)

DH 1520	2 cr
DH 1521	5 cr
DH 1523	2 cr
DH 1524	2 cr
DS 1300	3 cr

Spring Semester (second year)

DH 2542	3 cr
DH 2540	3 cr
DH 2541	6 cr

Registration and Sequence of Courses: General education credits may be taken prior to entering the Dental Hygiene Program. The dental hygiene courses are a four semester sequence and must be taken without a break in registration.

Program Completion: Those who complete the program will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science Degree by RCTC. Graduates are eligible to take the licensure exams which are required in all 50 states for the practice of dental hygiene.

Prerequisites to Application:

1. Minimum overall GPA of 2.00
2. Raw science GPA of 2.25
Raw science GPA = Any and all earned or attempted grade points in BIOL 1217, 1218, 2021 and CHEM 1117 (or equivalents) times the number of credits divided by the total number of credits.
3. No less than 8 credits of basic sciences completed to include BIOL 1217, CHEM 1117.
4. All basic science courses must be completed within the past five years.
5. All program curriculum courses completed must be completed with a minimum grade of C. This is to include all transfer courses.
6. Application is valid for the current year only and must include an official copy of transcripts from high school and each institution of higher education attended. The application fee will only be assessed one time.
7. Application deadline is March 15.
8. Sixteen students will be admitted annually.

Program Selection Process:

1. Number of dental hygiene program basic science credits completed (with a continued minimum 2.25 raw science GPA) x 3 points per credit.
2. Number of dental hygiene program general education credits completed (with a continued minimum 2.00 GPA) x 1 point per credit.
3. Date of application for current academic year (beginning September 1).
4. If all criteria are equal and the date of application is the same, cumulative grade point average of dental hygiene program credits will be used as a tie breaker.
5. The selection process for admission will be completed by May 1.
6. Admission will be based on individual merit, without regard for race, creed, color, sex, age, marital status, national origin or physical handicap.

Although all of the above requirements are necessary for admittance, please be advised that having all the requirements does not imply acceptance into the dental hygiene program. The dental hygiene program receives many applications annually for the 16 available positions thus, admission is competitive.

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