



## DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Dental Hygiene Program is to develop the knowledge, skills and ethical behaviors of its students. The program will strive to provide a high quality, low cost education in a multicultural community.

Students will receive a broad educational experience which emphasizes communication skills, research, critical thinking, psychosocial concepts, cultural awareness, service learning, ethical behaviors and professionalism.

To achieve this mission the program is committed to preparing students to address the oral health care needs of the community by providing affordable, high quality patient centered care to diverse patient populations in a variety of health care settings as well as participating in community health promotion projects.

### PHILOSOPHY

The dental hygiene program at Wayne County Community College District provides an education based in the social, behavioral and biological sciences. In support of the Colleges' Mission the program has continued to develop and deliver curriculum which addresses instruction, learning and assessment. The program emphasizes advising, curriculum delivery, faculty and staff training and student outcomes.

The program helps students in the development of clinical skills, critical thinking skills and acquiring a knowledge base in dental hygiene.

The major emphasis of the dental hygiene education is a preventive approach to dental diseases. Committed faculty and staff and adherence to program goals facilitates positive directions in both student attainment of knowledge and the development of responsible and competent dental hygienists.

### Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Successful completion of the following requirements is required for eligibility and acceptance into the program. The program is 83 credit hours.

1. Eligible applicants must meet with the Dental Program Dean at some point prior to application completion deadline, which is due May 15 of each year.
2. Be admitted to Wayne County Community College District and declare intent to enter the dental hygiene program. See current college catalog for specific college admissions procedures, which includes providing a high school transcript or G.E.D. and any related college transfer transcripts. Demonstration of reading comprehension at Freshman Level via the Accuplacer Test.
3. Demonstrate successful completion of the required pre-requisite courses:  
DEN 100; ENG 110; ENG 120; BIO 155; BIO 295; BIO 240; BIO 250; CHM 105; CHM 155; PHL201; SOC 100; SPH 101; PS 101; PSY 101; and a Humanities elective course.
4. DT 130 and ALH 230 must be completed to receive an Associate Degree from the college, but may be taken during the professional dental hygiene track. It is highly recommended to take the courses PRIOR to entry. These grades will not be utilized in the selection of students for admission into the dental hygiene program.
5. Pre-program students must earn a minimum of 2.0 in each required pre-requisite course listed above. Courses may be retaken as needed. Students are responsible for their financial aid information in this regard. There is no penalty to re-taking a course. However, in the case of a tie score between two applicants



for the limited enrollment dental hygiene program, the number of repeats of the natural science courses (BIO and CHM designations) will be used as the initial tie breaker for entrance.

6. All transfer credits must be from an accredited institution.
7. A minimum of 12 credits must be obtained from WCCCD prior to application. These can be obtained through the taking of the necessary pre-requisite courses. If a student is interested in a future Bachelor Degree program, and their pre-requisites are already taken, it is recommended they take these 12 credit hours in classes that could potentially be utilized for degree completion purposes.
8. Completion of the WCCCD Allied Health Application by May 15th.
9. Completion of an acceptable criminal background check by May 15th, for the purpose of identifying any student who could not continue in the program due to a felony conviction (within the last 15 years) or misdemeanor conviction (within the last 1, 3, 5 or 10 years) in accordance with State statutes and laws. Students will be required to have an additional criminal background check at the time of application for licensure as required by the Board of Dentistry. The cost of the criminal background check is the responsibility of the student.
10. Submission of a current CPR card following acceptance into the dental hygiene professional track. This must be training for the Health Care Professional. On-line certification is NOT accepted. This CPR must be current for the duration of the dental hygiene program.
11. Documentation of a physical examination with required immunizations prior to entry, following acceptance is required.

### **Program Completion Requirements:**

1. A passing grade of at least a “C” is required to pass each dental hygiene course (DHY/DEN designation). However, a student is allowed to have two (2) academic failures prior to being dismissed from the program. There are specific courses that may be allowed to be taken a second time should failure occur. These include: DEN 112, DEN 200, DHY 110, DHY 111, DHY 121, DHY 211, DHY 213, DHY 221, DHY 223, DHY 225, DHY 226, DHY 227, DHY 231, and DHY 214. Students will meet with the program dean to obtain information on ability to re-register for these courses. They will need to be taken the next time the class is offered, which in most cases, is the following year.
2. A student may not continue in the dental hygiene program if a grade of less than a “C” is achieved in the clinical dental hygiene theory and/or lecture courses which include: DEN 201, DHY 101, DHY 120, DHY 129, DHY 130, DHY 131, DHY 132, DHY 209, DHY 210, DHY 219, DHY 220, DHY 229, and DHY 230.
3. Once admitted, students will be provided with additional information regarding policies and procedures for promotion. Because the dental hygiene program employs the use of a dental clinic/facility for educational purposes with treatment of patients, specific guidelines are in place for promotion of the clinical courses listed above.
4. Dental hygiene courses are offered mostly during day hours with some evening and Saturday hours, and must be taken together in an outlined sequence.



## **Fees, Tuition and Program Costs**

1. Please see the college website for information regarding tuition and registration fees.
2. The dental hygiene program has an extensive clinical educational component to the program. Therefore, the student does incur other fees beyond the program cost for tuition and textbooks. The student should be prepared to spend at least \$3,800 prior to the first day of class, following program acceptance, for particular dental supplies needed for the clinical educational coursework.
3. An exact breakdown of costs will be provided during summer orientation for all entering students. This will include costs of taking the required national and regional board examinations, currently estimated at near \$1,800, at completion of the professional program.
4. There are two distance learning courses (currently DHY 226 and DHY 227). The program will verify that the student who participates in, completes, and receives academic credit of the course is the correct student, via a unique identification student number, with a secure password. The on-line courses incur an additional minor fee increase due to the technologies involved in protecting the student's identity.

## **Current Employment Opportunities**

Dental hygienists rank among the fastest growing occupations, and job opportunities are expected to remain very good throughout the country. The demand for dental services is expected to grow because of increased population growth, elderly people retaining more of their natural teeth, and an improved focus on preventative dental care. To meet this expected demand, facilities that provide dental care, particularly dentists' offices, will increasingly employ dental hygienists, to perform not only preventative care, but treatment of oral diseases once identified.

Dental hygienists are not only employed in the traditional dental office, but increasing are offered alternatives to career opportunities. Some of these may include working in schools, hospitals, public health programs, in specialty dental settings, as well as working with companies dealing with pharmaceutical sales and research, dental equipment and supplies, as well as insurance companies, utilizing many of the non-technical skills learned from the dental hygiene program.

## **Patient Recruitment**

Efforts are made to obtain suitable clinic patients from the community through our liaisons with the local organizations, and through class assignments and recruitment activities. However, it is also necessary for students to make additional individual efforts. It is ultimately the students' responsibility to obtain appropriate patients for each clinic semester in order to obtain the appropriate competency for clinical requirements. The clinic is open to the public and continuous patient recruitment is required to increase the opportunity for exceptional clinic learning cases.

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A.S. Dental Hygiene  
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Wayne County Community College

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University of Detroit-Mercy  
Wayne County Community College District  
Washtenaw Community College

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