DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

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Program Description
The vision of the Dixie State College Dental Hygiene Program is to provide a progressive atmosphere that meets the needs of culturally diverse populations through excellence in clinical care, disease prevention and health promotion. Our comprehensive educational atmosphere fosters effective, positive teamwork and emphasizes open lines of communication. Our vision is to have a student selection process which is competitive, fair, and ethical, allowing for a diverse population to be selected, with each contributing positively to the dental team in order to further the advancement of dental health. The Dixie State College Dental Hygiene Program values teamwork, communication, mutual respect and promotion of life-long learning opportunities for our students, patients, faculty, and community dental health professionals.

The Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene degree is a two year program. DSC Dental Hygiene students are instructed in the theoretical knowledge and clinical skills essential for dental hygiene practices. This includes anesthesia procedures and limited expanded functions. Upon successful completion of the Dental Hygiene program, graduates must pass a national written exam, and regional and state clinical board examinations to apply to become a registered dental hygienist (RDH). The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene is a 100% online degree completion program that enables a registered dental hygienist to work in other health related fields, such as dental hygiene education, research, and community practice.

Licensure
All Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene students will comprehensively prepare for success in the National Board of Dental Hygiene Exam and Regional or State Board Exams.

Accreditation
Dixie State College Dental Hygiene Program received an “approval without reporting requirements” status from Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) in our 2007 site visit. The next review is scheduled for 2014. The Commission on Dental Accreditation, which operates under the auspices of the American Dental Association, is a peer review mechanism that includes the involvement of members of the discipline, the broad educational community, employers, practitioners, the dental licensing community and public members. All of these groups participate in a process designed to ensure educational quality. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at:
211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago IL 60611
(312) 440-4653
http://www.ada.org/117.aspx

Facilities
The Dixie State College Dental Hygiene Program is located on the first floor in the state-of-the-art Russell C. Taylor Health Science Building. The building is located at 1526 E. Medical Center Drive, St. George UT. The Dixie State College Dental Hygiene Program has a 24-chair campus dental clinic as well as a 4-chair mobile dental clinic.

Clubs
Our students belong to Student American Dental Hygienists Association (SADHA). The purpose of SADHA is to help students understand the unique demands and experiences student dental hygienists encounter on the road to graduating and obtaining licensure. The goal of SADHA is to empower, support, and develop student members, by offering professional development, leadership, and recognition of achievements.

Services
The Dixie State College Dental Hygiene Program offers many dental hygiene and restorative services at a greatly reduced rate for persons who qualify. Please contact Dental Hygiene Clinic at (435) 879-4900 for information.
**Associate of Applied Science Admission Requirements**

Students are admitted to the dental hygiene program without discrimination regarding, gender, age, creed, ethnic origin, or marital status. Individuals should give careful consideration to the mental and physical demands of the program prior to making application. The pressure involved in undertaking the responsibilities of direct patient care should be considered when applying to the program.

To be considered for admission to the Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene, applicants must first apply to become a student of Dixie State College. All applicants must also complete a dental hygiene application.

**Prerequisite courses which must be completed before applying to the Dental Hygiene program:**

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<td>Elem General Organic Chem / Lab</td>
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<td>BIOL 2320/2325</td>
<td>Human Anatomy / Lab</td>
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<td>BIOL 2420/2405</td>
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<td>NFS 1020</td>
<td>Scientific Foundations of Nutrition</td>
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**Pre-requisite courses which must be completed before beginning the Dental Hygiene program:**

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<td>PSY 1010</td>
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<td>MATH 1040</td>
<td>Intro to Statistics</td>
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<td>College Algebra / Pre-Calculus</td>
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<td>SOC 1020</td>
<td>Social Problems</td>
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The applicant must be admitted to Dixie State College, all prerequisite requirements must be met, and the following must be received by the application deadline:

- Official transcript showing grades for all pre-requisite classes submitted directly to the Dental Hygiene Department (in addition to the official transcript sent to the DSC Admissions Office). Applicants will be judged on their performance in the Chemistry, Biology, and Nutrition & Family Science classes listed above.

- Confirmation of 100 minimum clinical hours (must be on dentist’s letterhead, signed by dentist and stating exact hours)

- Completed background check: Students with a history of misdemeanors, felony charges or convictions involving moral turpitude may not be eligible for state licensure and should contact the Dental Hygiene department before enrolling

A pool of applicants will be invited to complete additional tests at Dixie State College on specific dates. Applicants will be invited to enroll will based on their performance in specific courses and on the required tests. Students who enroll in the Dental Hygiene program will be required to provide proof of CPR/AED and health care provider First Aid certification and specific immunizations.

Class size for the Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene program: 20-24 students.

**Admission to the Bachelor’s of Science**

Students are admitted to the Dental Hygiene program without discrimination regarding, gender, age, creed, ethnic origin, or marital status.

To be considered for admission to the Bachelor’s of Science in Dental Hygiene program, applicants must first be accepted as a Dixie State College student. Then, applicants must complete a separate Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program application.

**Admission Requirements:**

- Provide official transcript from an ADA/CODA accredited dental hygiene program (in addition to the official transcript sent to the DSC Admissions Office)

- Completion of an Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Science, or equivalent degree in Dental Hygiene

- Evidence of current, active Dental Hygiene license*

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in Dental Hygiene courses

*There may be some exceptions to this requirement (i.e. waiting for receipt of license), but these must be approved by the program director.

Class size for Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program: 15-25 students.

**Course Prefixes**

- DHYG

**Degrees & Certificates**

- Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene
- Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene
The Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene degree has three basic components:

1. General Education Requirements
2. Prerequisite Courses
3. Discipline Core Requirements

### General Education Requirements
Complete the following:

- ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing 3
- ENGL 2010 Intermediate Writing 3
- CHEM 1110/15 Elem General Organic Chem / Lab 4/1
- NFS 1020 Scientific Foundations of Nutrition 3
- PSY 1010 General Psychology 3

Complete one of the following:

- MATH 1030 Quantitative Reasoning 3
- MATH 1040 Intro to Statistics recommended 3
- MATH 1050 College Algebra / Pre-Calculus 4

### Prerequisite Courses
Complete the following:

- BIOL 2320/2325 Human Anatomy / Lab 3/2
- BIOL 2420/2425 Human Physiology / Lab 3/1

Complete one of the following:

- SOC 1010 Intro to Sociology 3
- SOC 1020 Social Problems 3

### Discipline Core Requirements
Complete the following:

#### First Semester (Fall)

- DHYG 1010 Dental Hygiene Theory I 4
- DHYG 1015 Dental Hygiene Clinic I 3
- DHYG 2020 Radiology 2
- DHYG 2025 Radiology Clinic 1
- DHYG 2040 Tooth Morphology 1
- DHYG 2045 Tooth Morphology Lab 1
- DHYG 2062 Medical Emergencies 3
- DHYG 2072 Oral Anat, Histology, & Embryology 4

#### Second Semester (Spring)

- DHYG 2510 Dental Hygiene Theory II 3
- DHYG 2517 Dental Hygiene Clinic II 4
- DHYG 2520 General/Oral Pathology 3
- DHYG 2530 Pharmacology 2
- DHYG 2540 Periodontics I 3
- DHYG 3890 Pain Control Methodology 1
- DHYG 3895 Pain Control Methodology Clinic 1

### Summer Semester

- DHYG 2580 Dental Materials 1
- DHYG 2585 Dental Materials Lab 1
- DHYG 3815 Dental Hygiene Clinic III 2
- DHYG 3850 Expanded Functions Lab 1

### Third Semester (Fall)

- DHYG 3015 Dental Hygiene Clinic IV 5
- DHYG 3020 Special Needs 2
- DHYG 3030 Periodontics II 3
- DHYG 3050 Legal & Ethical Issues 2
- DHYG 3055 Expanded Functions Clinic I 1
- DHYG 3060 Community Dental Health I 2
- DHYG 3065 Community Dental Health I Clinic 1

### Fourth Semester (Spring)

- DHYG 3515 Dental Hygiene Clinic V 5
- DHYG 3555 Expanded Functions Clinic II 1
- DHYG 3565 Community Dental Health II Clinic 1
- DHYG 3570 Dental Health Practice Management 1

### Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 97 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 20 lower-division credits (below 3000) at DSC for institutional residency.
3. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
4. Grade C or higher in all General Education courses, Prerequisite Courses, Discipline Core Requirements.
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene
120 credits

Prerequisites
- Completion of an AAS, AS, or equivalent degree in Dental Hygiene
- Current, active Dental Hygiene license

General Education & Institutional Requirements
All DSC General Education and Institutional requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to DSC’s minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

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<td>CS 1400/CS 1410 Computer Programming</td>
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General Education Requirements
Complete the following:

| ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing                     | 3 |
| ENGL 2010 Intermediate Writing                 | 3 |
| Complete one of the following:                 |   |
| LIB 1000 Information Literacy Exam             | 0 |
| LIB 1010 Information Literacy                  | 1 |
| Complete the following:                        |   |
| American Institutions GE course                | 3 |
| Mathematics GE course                          | 3-5|
| Life Sciences GE course                        | 3-5|
| Physical Sciences course                       | 3-5|
| Laboratory Science GE course                   | 0-1|
| Fine Arts GE course                            | 3 |
| Literature/Humanities GE course                | 3 |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences GE course         | 3 |
| PSY 1010, SOC 1010, or SOC 1020 recommended    |   |
| Exploration GE course                          | 3-5|
| Two (2) Global & Cultural Perspectives GE courses | 0-6|

Discipline Core Requirements
Complete the following:

| DHYG 4010 Biostatistics & Epidemiology         | 3 |
| DHYG 4020 Research Methodology                 | 3 |

Discipline Emphasis Requirements
Complete one or both of the following tracks (Both tracks are available to students needing 30 DSC credits for institutional residency):

Track I: Education Track
Complete the following:

| DHYG 4510 Instructional Design & Measurement  | 3 |
| DHYG 4520 Instructional Practice              | 3 |
| DHYG 4530 Psych & Philosophical Foundations   | 3 |

Track II: Public Health Track
Complete the following:

| DHYG 4540 Cult Diversity, Care & Competency   | 3 |
| DHYG 4550 Dental Public Health Administration | 3 |
| DHYG 4560 Community Services Practice         | 3 |

Graduation Requirements
1. Complete a minimum of 120 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits (3000 and above).
3. Complete at least 30 upper-division credits at DSC for institutional residency.
4. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
5. Grade C or higher in all Discipline Core and Emphasis Requirements.