

Dental Hygiene

The dental hygienist is a highly valued and integral part of the oral health care team. The licensed dental hygienist is able to practice in a variety of settings from the private and group dental offices to health departments, hospitals, health maintenance organizations, long-term care facilities, the armed services and government agencies.

Dental Hygiene Program Goals:

- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of Dental Hygiene practice.
- Demonstrate clinical proficiency by developing patient treatment plans to provide comprehensive oral hygiene care.
- Learn and develop leadership and organizational skills to facilitate community-based service.
- Foster team building, communication and Integrity necessary to contribute to clinical employment settings.
- Prepare for successful completion of the National Dental Hygiene Exam and the Western Regional Clinic Board Exam (WREB).

Admittance Requirements:

CSI application, placement information, meet with program advisor.

Applications are due each year by February 1st

Ten (10) students are admitted to the program each year

Pre-requisite Courses:

ALLH 220 Nutrition

BIOL 221 Microbiology

BIOL 227 and BIOL 228 Anatomy & Physiology I & II

CHEM 101 Chemistry or any general education Chemistry course

ENGL 101 English

COMM 101 Communications or any general education Communication course

MATH 143 College Algebra or MATH 153 Statistics (*preferred*)