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Curriculum

General Education Core – Total of 26 Hours

Area I – Language Arts/Communications – Choose 6 Hours
   ENGL 1101 Composition & Rhetoric (3)
   SPCH 1101 Public Speaking (3)

Area II – Social/Behavioral Sciences – Choose 6 Hours
   PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology (3)
   SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology (3)

Area III – Mathematics – Choose 3 Hours
   MATH 1101 Mathematical Modeling (3)
   MATH 1103 Quantitative Skills & Reasoning (3)
   MATH 1111 College Algebra (3)

Area III – Natural Sciences – Choose 8 Hours
   CHEM 1151 Survey of Inorganic Chemistry (3)
   CHEM 1151L Survey of Inorganic Chem Lab (1)
   CHEM 1152 Survey of Organic & Biochemistry (3)
   CHEM 1152L Survey of Organic & Biochem Lab (1)

Area IV – Humanities/Fine Arts – Choose 3 Hours
   ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation (3)
   ENGL 2110 World Literature (3)
   ENGL 2130 American Literature (3)
   HUMN 1101 Introduction to Humanities (3)
   MUSC 1101 Music Appreciation (3)
   ENGL 2130 American Literature (3)

Program-Specific Core – Total of 60 Hours
   BIOL 2113(L) Anatomy & Physiology I + Lab (4)
   BIOL 2114(L) Anatomy & Physiology II + Lab (4)
   BIOL 2117(L) Introductory Microbiology + Lab (4)
   DHYG 1000 Tooth Anatomy/Root Morphology (2)
   DHYG 1010 Oral Embryology/Histology (1)
   DHYG 1070 Radiology Lecture (2)
   DHYG 1020 Head & Neck Anatomy (2)
   DHYG 1030 Dental Materials (2)
   DHYG 1040 Preclinical Dental Hygiene (2)
   DHYG 1050 Preclinical Dental Hygiene Lab (2)
   DHYG 1090 Radiology Lab (1)
   DHYG 1110 Clinical Dental Hygiene I (2)
   DHYG 2200 Periodontology (3)
   DHYG 2010 Clinical Dental Hygiene II (2)
   DHYG 2020 Clinical Dental Hygiene II Lab (2)
   DHYG 2050 Oral Pathology (3)
   DHYG 1111 Clinical Dental Hygiene I Lab (3)
   DHYG 1206 Pharmacology & Pain Control (3)
   DHYG 2130 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Lecture (2)
   DHYG 2080 Clinical Dental Hygiene III (2)
   DHYG 2090 Clinical Dental Hygiene III Lab (4)
   DHYG 2140 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Lab (4)
   DHYG 2070 Community Dental Health (3)
   DHYG 2105 Nutrition (1)

Total: 86 Hours

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Program Description
The Dental Hygiene AAS degree program is a sequence of courses that prepares students for positions in the dental profession. Learning opportunities develop academic, technical, and professional knowledge and skills required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Registered dental hygienists work in a variety of professional settings. The public is most familiar with dental hygienists in the private dental office, where they perform numerous critical services designed to detect and prevent diseases of the mouth. These include oral prophylaxis; examining the head, neck, and oral areas for signs of disease; educating patients about oral hygiene; taking or developing radiographs; and applying fluoride or sealants. In this setting, registered dental hygienists play a vital role in protecting the oral health of the American public. Program graduates receive a Dental Hygiene Associate of Applied Science degree.

Program Specific Information
Students may begin taking their core courses in any semester. Students are accepted into Dental Hygiene courses Fall Semester. See program webpage for specific admissions details.

Program Length & Availability
6 Semesters
Campus Availability: Oakwood

Admissions Requirements
• Must be 18 years of age.
• High school diploma or GED is required prior to admission.  
  (Official transcripts or GED scores must be submitted from all colleges and/or high schools attended for credit.)
• ACCUPLACER Testing, or submit SAT, ACT, CPE, COMPASS, or ASSET test scores.

Financial Aid
This program is eligible for the Pell Grant and may be eligible for Institutional and State Financial Aid. Contact a Financial Aid Counselor for eligibility requirements and application materials.

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