

DENTAL HYGIENE, A.A.S.

The **Dental Hygiene degree** prepares its graduates to provide comprehensive oral health care services in a variety of settings. Prior to completion of the dental hygiene program, students are eligible to take the National Dental Hygiene written examination and the Northeast Regional Clinical Board Examination and pass with a 75 percent on each exam. Upon successful completion of the program and passing of the National Dental Hygiene Examination and Regional Board Examination, graduates will be eligible to apply for mandatory state licensure. This degree requires 82 credits in program requirements and general education in the courses listed below.

For more information about Dental Hygiene, please visit the program of study page (<http://www.cod.edu/denthygiene/>).

Degree Requirements

Field of Study Code: DEHYG.AAS

Code	Title	Credits
Program Requirements		
DEHYG 1101	Principles in Dental Hygiene I	3
DEHYG 1102	Principles in Dental Hygiene II	2
DEHYG 1105	Dental Materials/Expanded Functions	3
DEHYG 1112	Dental Radiology I	2
DEHYG 1115	Dental Tooth Anatomy and Morphology	2
DEHYG 1120	Preclinical Dental Hygiene I	1
DEHYG 1121	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	1
DEHYG 1125	Head & Neck Anat: Histology & Embryology	2
DEHYG 1135	Applied Nutrition & Biochemistry	2
DEHYG 1136	General and Oral Pathology	2
DEHYG 1145	Medical Emergencies in a Dental Office	1
DEHYG 2201	Dental Hygiene Theory I	2
DEHYG 2202	Dental Hygiene Theory II	2
DEHYG 2211	Periodontics I	2
DEHYG 2212	Periodontics II	2
DEHYG 2213	Dental Radiology II	2
DEHYG 2222	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	1
DEHYG 2223	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	2
DEHYG 2224	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	2
DEHYG 2225	Review of Dental Literature	1
DEHYG 2232	Community Dental Health I	2
DEHYG 2233	Community Dental Health II	2
DEHYG 2235	Dental Pharmacology & Local Anesthetics	2
DEHYG 2245	Ethics and Jurisprudence: Practice Manag	2
ANAT 1551 & ANAT 1552	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II	8
or ANAT 1571 & ANAT 1572	Anatomy and Physiology With Cadaver I and Anatomy and Physiology With Cadaver II	
CHEMI 1211	Survey of General Chemistry	5
or CHEMI 1551	Principles of Chemistry I	
ENGLI 1101	English Composition I	3
MATH 1102	Mathematics for Health Sciences	3
MICRO 1420	Microbiology	4
PSYCH 1100	General Psychology	3

SOCIO 1100	Introduction to Sociology	3
SPEEC 1100	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
General Education		
Select five credits ^{1,2}		5
Total Credits		82

¹ In addition to the courses listed above.

² 2 credits in either Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills and 3 credits in Humanities and Fine Arts

General Education Requirements

For general education requirements for the AAS degree, please visit the AAS degree catalog page (<https://catalog.cod.edu/associate-degree-programs/associate-applied-science-degree/>).

Suggested Semester Sequence

Pre-Program Courses

Code	Title	Credits
MICRO 1420	Microbiology	4
SPEEC 1100	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
ENGLI 1101	English Composition I	3
ANAT 1551 & ANAT 1552	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II	8
or ANAT 1571 & ANAT 1572	Anatomy and Physiology With Cadaver I and Anatomy and Physiology With Cadaver II	
CHEMI 1211	Survey of General Chemistry	5
or CHEMI 1551	Principles of Chemistry I	
Total Credits		23

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First Semester		
DEHYG 1101	Principles in Dental Hygiene I	3
DEHYG 1120	Preclinical Dental Hygiene I	1
DEHYG 1115	Dental Tooth Anatomy and Morphology	2
DEHYG 1125	Head & Neck Anat: Histology & Embryology	2
DEHYG 1135	Applied Nutrition & Biochemistry	2
Credits		10

Second Semester		
DEHYG 1102	Principles in Dental Hygiene II	2
DEHYG 1121	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	1
DEHYG 1136	General and Oral Pathology	2
DEHYG 1112	Dental Radiology I	2
DEHYG 1145	Medical Emergencies in a Dental Office	1
DEHYG 1105	Dental Materials/Expanded Functions	3
Gen Ed: Humanities & Fine Arts		3
Credits		14

Summer Semester		
DEHYG 2222	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	1
DEHYG 2225	Review of Dental Literature	1
DEHYG 2211	Periodontics I	2
MATH 1102	Mathematics for Health Sciences	3
Credits		7

Third Semester

DEHYG 2201	Dental Hygiene Theory I	2
DEHYG 2223	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	2
DEHYG 2235	Dental Pharmacology & Local Anesthetics	2
DEHYG 2213	Dental Radiology II	2
DEHYG 2232	Community Dental Health I	2
DEHYG 2212	Periodontics II	2
PSYCH 1100	General Psychology	3
Credits		15

Fourth Semester

DEHYG 2202	Dental Hygiene Theory II	2
DEHYG 2224	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	2
DEHYG 2245	Ethics and Jurisprudence: Practice Manag	2
DEHYG 2233	Community Dental Health II	2
SOCIO 1100	Introduction to Sociology	3
Gen Ed: Contemporary Life Skills		2
Credits		13
Total Credits		59

Program Milestones

First Semester

- Consider joining or visiting with a professional, cultural or interest-based Student Club (http://cod.edu/student_life/clubs_org/).

Second Semester

- If you have not done so yet this semester, it is important to make an appointment with a Faculty or Program Advisor (<https://www.cod.edu/academics/programs/dental/contact.aspx>) to discuss your future academic progress.