

# Dental Hygiene

## Associate in Applied Science

The Dental Hygiene curriculum prepares students for contemporary practice of dental hygiene. Graduates are qualified to take written and practical licensure examinations for immediate employment. Students may transfer to a baccalaureate program for careers in public health, management, or education.

The department teaches all functions allowed by the New York State Practice Act. All are taught to clinical competency except the following which are taught to laboratory competency: removing sutures; placing and removing matrix bands and periodontal dressings; selecting and prefitting provisional crowns and orthodontic bands; removing orthodontic arch wires and ligature ties. These may require additional training in office practice.

According to the 2004 Bureau of Labor Statistics, the National Dental Hygiene average wage was \$59,300 and the New York State average was \$57,600. By the year 2014, the national employment trend is expected to increase by 43%. BCC graduates meeting state and national licensing requirements are employed within six months of graduation.

The program in dental hygiene is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements." The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. **SEQUENCE OF COURSES:** This model is a two-year course schedule for students meeting all program requirements and deciding to pursue full-time study. Schedules will be redesigned for those requiring preparatory courses or those deciding to pursue part-time study.

### FIRST YEAR

### Credits

#### Fall Semester

BIO 131	Human Biology I .....	4
DEN 101	Dental Hygiene I .....	4.5
DEN 103	Oral Anatomy & Physiology .....	3
DEN 108	Infection Control in Dentistry .....	1
DEN 109	Ethical/Legal Considerations.....	1
ENG 110	College Writing I .....	3
		<b>16.5</b>

#### Spring Semester

BIO 132	Human Biology II .....	4
DEN 102	Dental Hygiene II.....	5.5
DEN 106	Clinical Dental Radiography .....	2
DEN 107	Introduction to Periodontology.....	1
DEN 110W	Dental Materials.....	2
MLT 208/209	Pathogenic Microbiology .....	4
		<b>18.5</b>

### SECOND YEAR

#### Fall Semester

DEN 201	Dental Hygiene III.....	6
DEN 203	Pain Management .....	2
DEN 204	General & Oral Pathology .....	3
DEN 205	Periodontology .....	2
DEN 206	Dental Pharmacology .....	2
DEN 209	Dental Nutrition.....	2
PSY 110	General Psychology.....	3
		<b>20</b>

#### Spring Semester

DEN 202	Dental Hygiene IV .....	6
DEN 213w	Public Health .....	2
DEN 214	Current Topics in DH .....	3
ENG 220	Communicating About Ideas and Values .....	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology .....	3
		<b>17</b>

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENT: 72 CREDITS**

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