

Dental Hygiene

Associate in Science Degree Program

Contact Hours: 1,810

Semester Credits: 88.5

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 70

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 17 Months

Program Overview

Dental Hygienists are licensed, professional oral clinicians and dental health educators who prevent and treat oral disease, promote and encourage preventive aspects of dental care, and assume responsibility for patient care in the dental office. They provide a variety of services to patients, including comprehensive examination of the oral cavity, radiographs, prophylaxis, fluoride treatments, patient education, and preventive services. They are required to pass written and clinical examinations before they apply for licensure to practice. Dental Hygienists are integral members of the dental team who use their dental, clinical, and social sciences to aid individuals in achieving optimum oral health. Besides working in a private dental practice, Dental Hygienists also work as educators, administrators, and researchers.

Program Mission

The mission is to provide a supportive learning environment in which the student acquires theoretical knowledge, technical skills, and professional attributes necessary to qualify for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist and entry-level employment as a Dental Hygienist. The program strives to instill the importance of personal growth, professional commitment, community involvement, and continued research. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination. Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing these examinations are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take these exams, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

Applicants to the Dental Hygiene program at Concorde must follow the admissions process and successfully meet all admissions criteria. CPR is required prior to Term 3.

Program Delivery

The Dental Hygiene program is delivered in a blended format. Courses will be delivered entirely online, entirely on-ground, or with an appropriate blend of both online and on-ground hours in the same course. Of the 1,810 program hours, a maximum of 714 course hours (39.4%) may be offered online.

Term 1

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
BIOL1405	Anatomy & Physiology			60 (0 / 60)			4
ENGL1310	English Composition I			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
MATH Elective	MATH1310 Contemporary Mathematics or MATH1320 College Algebra			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
PSYC1310	General Psychology			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3

				Subtotal	195 (0/195)	0	0	13
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Term 2

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
BIOL1330	Microbiology			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
CHEM1310	Chemistry			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
COMM1310	Elements of Human Communicati on			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
SOCI1310	Introduction to Sociology			45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
Subtotal				180 (0/180)	0	0	12

Term 3

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DHYG1130	Dental Office Emergencies	BIOL1330 BIOL1405 CHEM1310		15 (15 / 0)	0	0	1
DHYG1230	Dental Hygiene I	BIOL1330 BIOL1405 CHEM1310	DHYG1330	30 (25 / 5)	0	0	2
DHYG1330	Dental Hygiene I Pre- Clinic	BIOL1330 BIOL1405 CHEM1310	DHYG1230	0	90 (80 / 10)	0	3
DHYG1331	Dental Radiography	BIOL1330 BIOL1405 CHEM1310		30 (30 / 0)	30 (20 / 10)	0	3
DHYG1430	Dental Anatomy/ Tooth Morphology	BIOL1330 BIOL1405 CHEM1310		60 (40 / 20)	0	0	4
Subtotal				135 (110/25)	120 (100/20)	0	13

Term 4

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DHYG1240	Dental Hygiene II	DHYG1130 DHYG1230 DHYG1330 DHYG1331 DHYG1430	DHYG1340	30 (30 / 0)	0	0	2
DHYG1241	Dental Materials	DHYG1130 DHYG1230 DHYG1330 DHYG1331 DHYG1430		15 (10 / 5)	30 (30 / 0)	0	2
DHYG1340	Dental Hygiene II Clinic	DHYG1130 DHYG1230	DHYG1240	0	60 (45 / 15)	80 (80 / 0)	3.5

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DHYG1341	Oral Embryology & Histology	DHYG1130 DHYG1230 DHYG1330 DHYG1331 DHYG1430	45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3
DHYG1342	Periodontology	DHYG1130 DHYG1230 DHYG1330 DHYG1331 DHYG1430	45 (40 / 5)	0	0	3
Subtotal			135 (110/25)	90 (75/15)	80 (80/0)	13.5

Term 5

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DHYG1250	Dental Hygiene III	DHYG1240 DHYG1340 DHYG1241 DHYG1341 DHYG1342	DHYG1350	30 (15 / 15)	0	0	2
DHYG1251	Dental Law/ Ethics	DHYG1240 DHYG1340 DHYG1241 DHYG1341 DHYG1342		30 (6 / 24)	0	0	2
DHYG1350	Dental Hygiene III Clinic	DHYG1240 DHYG1340 DHYG1241 DHYG1341 DHYG1342	DHYG1250	0	0	135 (120 / 15)	3
DHYG1351	Nutrition	DHYG1240 DHYG1340 DHYG1241 DHYG1341 DHYG1342		45 (20 / 25)	0	0	3
DHYG1352	Dental Public Health	DHYG1240 DHYG1340 DHYG1241 DHYG1341 DHYG1342		45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3
Subtotal				150 (71/79)	0	135 (120/15)	13

Term 6

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DHYG2260	Dental Hygiene IV	DHYG1250 DHYG1350 DHYG1351 DHYG1352 DHYG1251	DHYG2460	30 (15 / 15)	0	0	2

DHYG2360	Oral Pathology	DHYG1250 DHYG1350 DHYG1351 DHYG1352 DHYG1251		45 (25 / 20)	0	0	3
DHYG2361	Dental Pharmacology	DHYG1250 DHYG1350 DHYG1351 DHYG1352 DHYG1251		45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3
DHYG2460	Dental Hygiene IV Clinic	DHYG1250 DHYG1350 DHYG1351 DHYG1352 DHYG1251	DHYG2260	0	0	185 (165 / 20)	4
Subtotal				120 (70/50)	0	185 (165/20)	12

Term 7

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DHYG2270	Dental Hygiene V	DHYG2260 DHYG2460 DHYG2361 DHYG2360	DHYG2370	30 (10 / 20)	0	0	2
DHYG2271	Dental Hygiene Seminar	DHYG2260 DHYG2460 DHYG2361 DHYG2360		30 (15 / 15)	0	0	2
DHYG2272	Dental Office Management	DHYG2260 DHYG2460 DHYG2361 DHYG2360		30 (10 / 20)	0	0	2
DHYG2370	Dental Hygiene V Clinic	DHYG2260 DHYG2460 DHYG2361 DHYG2360	DHYG2270	0	0	150 (130 / 20)	3
DHYG2371	Board Review	DHYG2260 DHYG2460 DHYG2361 DHYG2360		45 (30 / 15)	0	0	3
Subtotal				135 (65/70)	0	150 (130/20)	12
Total				1050 (426/624)	210 (175/35)	550 (495/55)	88.5

General education courses (those with prefixes other than DHYG) may be scheduled in any term providing that prerequisites are honored. In addition, these courses may be offered 100% online or 100% on ground.