

Dental Hygiene – Public Health Specialist

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 120

LIMITED ENTRY

DEGREE CODE: DPHS-BS

This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and MUST be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students MUST attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.

DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Program allows associate degree students and licensed dental hygienists the opportunity to build upon their current knowledge, enhance their current professional role, and advance to broader careers to meet the growing public health and education needs in dentistry. The curriculum is designed to introduce students to the expanding role of dental hygienists in public health and education. Graduates of the Baccalaureate program will be qualified for an array of challenging career opportunities in public health, education, administration, research, management, and related fields. The online cohort program is offered part-time to provide flexibility for working professionals.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Synthesize industry specific information in a critical, scientific, and effective manner.
- Justify advanced dental hygiene roles, health promotion, and disease prevention activities for diverse populations by involvement in education and public health programs.
- Collaborate with other health professionals to provide educational services and strategies that promote and advance the health of the public.
- Advocate for the advancement of the dental hygiene body of knowledge and/or conduct research.

PLEASE NOTE - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

LOWER DIVISION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS (89 CREDITS)

A.S. or A.A.S from a CODA accredited Dental Hygiene Program	30
and Lower Division General Education Credits Awarded	
Additional Credits - May be Dental Hygiene course credits	55
General Education US & Nevada Constitutions	4-6
Recommended: PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics	

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (16 CREDITS)

DH 400	Leadership and Group Dynamics	2
DH 402	Public Health and Special Populations	2
DH 404	Research Methodology	2
DH 406	Future Directions in Dental Hygiene	2
DH 408	Introduction to Teaching Methodologies	2
DH 412	Dental Public Health Administration	2
DH 422	Oral Epidemiology and Biostatistics	2
DH 440	Capstone Seminar I	2

UPPER DIVISION**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (15 CREDITS)**

COM 340	Cross Culture Communication in Health Care	3
ENG 333	Professional Communications	3
EPY 303	Educational Psychology	3
PHIL 302	Intermediate Reasoning and Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 311	Professional Ethics	3

See Degree Plan on next page.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
 - Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit www.csn.edu/honors.
 - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
 - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.



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Applicants must have achieved a minimum of 30 general education credits and a total of 89 transferrable credits (up to 55 credits may be awarded for DH designated course credits) prior to admission to the program. Effective Fall 2014, applicants must also have completed the U.S. and Nevada Constitutions requirement prior to acceptance into the BSDH program.

FIRST SEMESTER (SUMMER)	Credits
COM 340 Cross Cultural Communication	3
EPY 303 Educational Psychology	3
TOTAL CREDITS	6

SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
PHIL 302 Intermediate Reasoning and Critical Thinking	3
DH 400 Leadership and Group Dynamics	2
DH 402 Public Health and Special Populations	2
DH 404 Research Methodology	2
DH 406 Future Directions in Dental Hygiene	2
DH 408 Teaching Methodologies	2
TOTAL CREDITS	13

THIRD SEMESTER	Credits
ENG 333 Professional Communications	3
PHIL 311 Professional Ethics	3
DH 412 Dental Public Health Administration	2
DH 422 Oral Epidemiology and Biostatistics	2
DH 440 Capstone Seminar I	2
TOTAL CREDITS	12

DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS¹ **31**

¹Adding 30 General Education credits + 55 Additional credits (may be DH courses) + 4 credits for PSC 101 (US/Nevada Constitutions Requirement) + 31 Total Degree Plan credits = 120 Total Bachelor of Science credits.

