

**Dental Hygiene**

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE (AS)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 88

**LIMITED ENTRY**  
DEGREE CODE: DH-AS

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.

**THIS PROGRAM IS INTENDED FOR TRANSFER ONLY TO THE CSN BS IN DENTAL HYGIENE OR TO BE A STAND ALONE DEGREE.**

**DESCRIPTION**

The Dental Hygienist is the licensed prevention specialist in the dental health team, providing health education, administering local anesthesia, removing deposits and stains from teeth, exposing x-rays, and applying topical fluoride. The curriculum is demanding, requiring a high degree of individual motivation, stamina, and manual dexterity. This program of classroom and clinical instruction 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 United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. Graduates will be eligible to take the written national Board and clinical State or Regional Boards in order to become licensed.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Demonstrate treatments that include preventive and therapeutic procedures to promote and maintain oral health and assist the patient in achieving oral health goals.
- Demonstrate the ability to acquire and synthesize information in a critical, scientific, and effective manner.
- Demonstrate the ability to initiate and assume responsibility for health promotion and disease prevention activities for diverse populations.
- Incorporate knowledge of scientific methods and the relationships among theory, experiments and analyses and apply these to a problem or issue in biology.
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic laboratory safety procedures and experimentation skills.

**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.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (37 CREDITS)****MATHEMATICS (3-5 credits)**

MATH 127 or 128

**ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6-8 credits)**

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses

**LITERATURE (3 credits)**

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**NATURAL SCIENCE (12 credits)**

BIOL 223 and 224; and CHEM 121

**HUMANITIES (3 credits)**

COM 101 or 102

**SOCIAL SCIENCE (6 credits)**

SOC 101 and PSY 101

**U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)**

Recommended: PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics

**VALUES AND DIVERSITY**

All students MUST fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements.

Completing PSY 101 or SOC 101 as required for the "Social Sciences" requirement will also cover the "Values and Diversity" requirement.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (51 CREDITS)**

CLS 261	Clinical Microbiology for Dental Hygienists	2
CLS 262	Applied Clinical Microbiology for Dental Hygienists	1
DH 102	Oral Biology	3
DH 104	Dental Hygiene I	3
DH 105	Introduction to Clinical Practice	2
DH 107	Legal and Ethical Implications in Dental Hygiene	2
DH 110	Concepts of Oral Health	2
DH 112	Oral Radiology	3
DH 115	Clinical Practice I	3
DH 117	Periodontics I	2
DH 119	General and Oral Pathology for Dental Hygienists	2
DH 122	Nutritional Aspects in Dentistry	2
DH 202	Pharmacology	2
DH 203	Special Patients	2
DH 208	Community Dental Health I	2
DH 209	Pain and Anxiety Control	3
DH 210	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	4
DH 211	Dental Materials and Techniques for Dental Hygienists	2
DH 212	Periodontic Principles II	2
DH 216	Principles of Dental Practice	1
DH 217	Periodontics III	1
DH 219	Community Dental Health Field Experience	1
DH 220	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	4

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](http://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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## FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN

Add more semesters to modify this plan to fit part-time student needs.

SEMESTER	Credits
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	
Complete Mathematics (see courses previous page)	3-5
ENG 100 or 101 or 113	3
BIOL 223 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
PSY 101 General Psychology <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>13-17</b>
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	
ENG 102 or 114	3
BIOL 224 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
COM 101 or COM 102	3
SOC 101 Principles of Sociology <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>13</b>
<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>	
Complete AA/AB/AS Literature p. 47	3
CHEM 121 General Chemistry I	4
PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics	4
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>11</b>
<b>FOURTH SEMESTER</b>	
DH 102 Oral Biology	3
DH 104 Dental Hygiene I	3
DH 105 Introduction to Clinical Practice	2
DH 107 Legal and Ethical Implications in Dental Hygiene	2
DH 110 Concepts of Oral Health	2
CLS 261 Clinical Microbiology for Dental Hygienists	2
CLS 262 Applied Clinical Microbiology for Dental Hygienists	1
Optional <sup>2</sup> - DH 116B Supervised Clinical Practice	(1)
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>15 (16)</b>
<b>FIFTH SEMESTER</b>	
DH 112 Oral Radiology	3
DH 115 Clinical Practice I	3
DH 117 Periodontics I	2
DH 119 General and Oral Pathology for Dental Hygienists	2
DH 122 Nutritional Aspects in Dentistry	2
DH 202 Pharmacology	2
Optional <sup>2</sup> - DH 116B Supervised Clinical Practice	(1)
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>14 (15)</b>
<b>SIXTH SEMESTER</b>	
DH 209 Pain and Anxiety Control	3
Optional <sup>2</sup> - DH 116B Supervised Clinical Practice	(1)
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>3 (4)</b>
<b>SEVENTH SEMESTER</b>	
DH 203 Special Patients	2
DH 208 Community Dental Health I	2
DH 210 Clinical Dental Hygiene II	4
DH 211 Dental Materials and Techniques for Dental Hygienists	2
DH 212 Periodontic Principles II	2
Optional <sup>2</sup> - DH 116B Supervised Clinical Practice	(1)
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>12 (13)</b>

SEMESTER	Credits
<b>EIGHTH SEMESTER</b>	
DH 216 Principles of Dental Practice	1
DH 217 Periodontics III	1
DH 219 Community Dental Health Field Experience	1
DH 220 Clinical Dental Hygiene III	4
Optional <sup>2</sup> - DH 296 Board Review	(1)
Optional <sup>2</sup> - DH 116B Supervised Clinical Practice	(1)
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>7 (9)</b>
<b>DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS</b> .....	<b>88-90 (94-96)</b>

<sup>1</sup>This course also covers the Values and Diversity general education requirement.<sup>2</sup>Optional DH courses listed on this pathway are offered to review topics in preparation for the Dental Hygiene National Board Exam and provide time for supervised clinical remediation. These courses are NOT included in the 88 credit total.