

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE (AS)

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 - Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:**

- 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.

Courses with "H" suffixes are designated Honors level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (37 Credits):**

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|  | CR  | SEMESTER |               | CR  | SEMESTER |       |
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| <b>ENGLISH:</b><br>ENG 100 or 101 or 113 and 102 or 114,   | 6-8 | _____    | <b>DH 102</b> | Oral Biology  | 3        | _____ |
| <b>HUMANITIES:</b><br>COM 101, 102   | 3   | _____    | <b>DH 104</b> | Dental Hygiene I                                      | 3        | _____ |
| <b>LITERATURE:</b><br>ENG 223 or above   | 3   | _____    | <b>DH 105</b> | Introduction to Clinical Practice                     | 2        | _____ |
| <b>MATHEMATICS:</b><br>MATH 127, 128   | 3-5 | _____    | <b>DH 107</b> | Legal and Ethical Implications in Dental Hygiene      | 2        | _____ |
| <b>LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES:</b><br>BIOL 223, 224, CHEM 121  | 12  | _____    | <b>DH 110</b> | Concepts of Oral Health                               | 2        | _____ |
| <b>SOCIAL SCIENCES:</b><br>SOC 101, PSY 101  | 6   | _____    | <b>DH 112</b> | Oral Radiology  | 3        | _____ |
| <b>U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS:</b><br>PSC 101 or<br>HIST 101 and HIST 102 or<br>HIST 101 and HIST 217         | 4-6 | _____    | <b>DH 115</b> | Clinical Practice I                                   | 3        | _____ |
| <b>THIS PROGRAM IS INTENDED FOR TRANSFER ONLY TO THE CSN BS IN DENTAL HYGIENE OR TO BE A STAND ALONE DEGREE.</b> |     |          | <b>DH 117</b> | Periodontics I  | 2        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 119</b> | General and Oral Pathology for Dental Hygienists      | 2        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 122</b> | Nutritional Aspects in Dentistry                      | 2        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 202</b> | Pharmacology  | 2        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 203</b> | Special Patients                                      | 2        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 208</b> | Community Dental Health I                             | 2        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 209</b> | Pain and Anxiety Control                              | 3        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 210</b> | Clinical Dental Hygiene II                            | 4        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 211</b> | Dental Materials and Techniques for Dental Hygienists | 2        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 212</b> | Periodontic Principles II                             | 2        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 216</b> | Principles of Dental Practice                         | 1        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 217</b> | Periodontics III                                      | 1        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 219</b> | Community Dental Health Field Experience              | 1        | _____ |
|  |     |          | <b>DH 220</b> | Clinical Dental Hygiene III                           | 4        | _____ |

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (51 Credits):**

|  | CR | SEMESTER |
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| <b>CLS 261</b> Clinical Microbiology for Dental Hygienists         | 2  | _____    |
| <b>CLS 262</b> Applied Clinical Microbiology for Dental Hygienists | 1  | _____    |

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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.

DH-AS **88** Total Credits

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.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

**Guided Pathway**  
**Associate of Science (AS) – Dental Hygiene**  
**Total Credits: 88\***

| <b>First Semester</b>  | <b>Requirement</b>                  | <b>Credit Hours</b> | <b>Term</b> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| ENG 101** or test      | English                             | 3                   |             |
| PSY 101                | Social Sciences                     | 3                   |             |
| BIOL 189*              | Natural Science                     | (4)*                |             |
| Math 126**or test      | Math                                | 3*                  |             |
| ALS 101***             | Optional                            | (1)                 |             |
|                        | <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>9 (14)</b>       |             |
| <b>Second Semester</b> | <b>Requirement</b>                  | <b>Credit Hours</b> | <b>Term</b> |
| ENG 102                | English                             | 3                   |             |
| BIOL 223               | Natural Science                     | 4                   |             |
| MATH 127 or 128        | Math                                | 3                   |             |
| CHEM 103 or test*      | Natural Science                     | (4)*                |             |
|                        | <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>10 (14)</b>      |             |
| <b>Third Semester</b>  | <b>Requirement</b>                  | <b>Credit Hours</b> | <b>Term</b> |
| ENG 223 or higher      | Humanities- Literature              | 3                   |             |
| CHEM 121               | Natural Science                     | 4                   |             |
| COM 101or 102          | Humanities-<br>Communications       | 3                   |             |
| BIOL 224               | Natural Science                     | 4                   |             |
|                        | <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>14</b>           |             |
| <b>Fourth Semester</b> | <b>Requirement</b>                  | <b>Credit Hours</b> | <b>Term</b> |
| PSC 101                | NV Constitutions                    | 4                   |             |
| DH 100***              | Intro to DH- Optional               | (1)                 |             |
| PHIL 102               | Social Science-<br>Recommended      | (3)                 |             |
| SPAN 111               | Spanish- Recommended                | (4)                 |             |
| ART 101                | Fine Arts- Recommended              | (3)                 |             |
|                        | <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>4 (15)</b>       |             |
| <b>Fifth Semester</b>  | <b>Requirement</b>                  | <b>Credit Hours</b> | <b>Term</b> |
| DH 102                 | Oral Biology                        | 3                   |             |
| DH 104                 | Dental Hygiene I                    | 3                   |             |
| DH 105                 | Intro to Clinical Practice          | 2                   |             |
| DH 107                 | Legal & Ethical Implications        | 2                   |             |
| DH 110                 | Concepts of Oral Hygiene            | 2                   |             |
| CLS 261                | Clinical Micro for DH               | 2                   |             |
| CLS 262                | Applied Micro for DH                | 1                   |             |
| DH 116***              | Supervised Practice-<br>Optional    | (1)                 |             |
|                        | <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>15 (16)</b>      |             |
| <b>Sixth Semester</b>  | <b>Requirement</b>                  | <b>Credit Hours</b> | <b>Term</b> |
| DH 112                 | Oral Radiology                      | 3                   |             |
| DH 115                 | Clinical Practice I                 | 3                   |             |
| DH 117                 | Periodontics I                      | 2                   |             |
| DH 119                 | General & Oral Pathology            | 2                   |             |
| DH 122                 | Nutritional Aspects in<br>Dentistry | 2                   |             |

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| DH 202                  | Pharmacology                     | 2                   |             |
| DH 116***               | Supervised Practice- Optional    | (1)                 |             |
|                         | <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>14 (15)</b>      |             |
| <b>Seventh Semester</b> | <b>Requirement</b>               | <b>Credit Hours</b> | <b>Term</b> |
| DH 209                  | Pain & Anxiety Control           | 3                   |             |
| DH 116***               | Supervised Practice- Optional    | (1)                 |             |
|                         | <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>3 (4)</b>        |             |
| <b>Eighth Semester</b>  | <b>Requirement</b>               | <b>Credit Hours</b> | <b>Term</b> |
| DH 203                  | Special Patients                 | 2                   |             |
| DH 208                  | Community Dental Health I        | 2                   |             |
| DH 210                  | Clinical Dental Hygiene II       | 4                   |             |
| DH 211                  | Dental Materials                 | 2                   |             |
| DH 212                  | Periodontics II                  | 2                   |             |
| DH 116***               | Supervised Practice- Optional    | (1)                 |             |
|                         | <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>12 (13)</b>      |             |
| <b>Ninth Semester</b>   | <b>Requirement</b>               | <b>Credit Hours</b> | <b>Term</b> |
| DH 216                  | Principles of Dental Practice    | 1                   |             |
| DH 217                  | Periodontics III                 | 1                   |             |
| DH 219                  | Community Dental Health<br>Field | 1                   |             |
| DH 220                  | Clinical Dental Hygiene III      | 4                   |             |
| DH 296B                 | Board Review- Optional           | (1)                 |             |
| DH 116***               | Supervised Practice- Optional    | (1)                 |             |
|                         | <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>7 (9)</b>        |             |
|                         | <b>Degree TOTAL</b>              | <b>88</b>           |             |

\* Note – This degree includes courses that are pre-requisites to required pre-requisite courses and are not included in the 88 credit total.

\*\* Note – Additional course work in math and English may be needed depending on outcome of math testing.

\*\*\* Note – These courses are optional however count towards admission ranking.

Upon successful completion of the A.S. Dental Hygiene Program and graduation from CSN, graduates will be able to apply and sit for the National Board Dental Hygiene Exam and Regional Clinical Board Exam. Passing of these exams is required in order for a Dental Hygienist to obtain licensure in the state of Nevada, as well as all other states. Please note, the A.S. degree in dental hygiene is a prerequisite to the Bachelor of Science degree program in dental hygiene at CSN.

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