

Dental Hygiene (1015)

Program Description

A Registered Dental Hygienist is a licensed professional who, under the supervision of the dentist, provides for patients preventive and therapeutic dental hygiene services which help to prevent periodontal disease and dental decay. This program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Graduation from this program ensures eligibility to take state, regional, and national licensure exams, which are required before beginning employment. Graduates of this program are also certified in all advanced functions legal in the state of Oklahoma.

Students must receive a grade of "C" in the following courses under General Education Requirements: ENGL 1113 and ENGL 1213 (English Composition I and II) and PSYC 1113 (Introduction to Psychology). Students must maintain a grade of "C" in each Program Requirement course throughout the program to progress through the semester and continue concurrent enrollment. Students must successfully complete all required courses in the Program Requirements and Support and Related Requirements sections with a minimum grade of "C" in each course to receive the Associate in Applied Science degree.

Admission to the Dental Hygiene Program is based on specific admission requirements and limited to twelve students. Specific Program Goals and Objectives are available in the Dental Hygiene Program Application Packet distributed annually at the Allied Dental Program Information Meeting or from the Allied Dental Program Director. A point system is utilized for selection of the most qualified applicants.

The application period for the Dental Hygiene Program is December 1 to February 1. Applications may be obtained during the application period in the program office or by telephone request at (405) 733-7336. Completed applications and all requested documents must be returned to the Allied Dental Program Office by February 1. All applicants are notified of their admission status by the end of May. Successful completion of course work listed in General Education Requirements and Support and Related Requirements sections, with the exception of HSBC 2114 Human Anatomy and LFSC 2424 Human Physiology, is required before program course work begins.

Degree Awarded

Associate in Applied Science

For Information Contact:

Health Sciences Division
Allied Dental Programs
(405) 733-7336

Program Requirements

Must earn a "C" or better in each course in this section for graduation.

HSDH 1105	Dental Hygiene I+
HSDH 1113	Dental Anatomy+
HSDH 1205	Dental Hygiene II+
HSDH 1213	Dental Materials+
HSDH 1222	Dental Radiography+
HSDH 1241	Periodontics I+
HSDH 2305	Dental Hygiene III+
HSDH 2312	Community Dental Health I+
HSDH 2323	Pathology for the Dental Hygienist+
HSDH 2331	Periodontics II+
HSDH 2343	Pharmacology/Anxiety and Pain Control+
HSDH 2405	Dental Hygiene IV+
HSDH 2413	Community Dental Health II+
HSDH 2423	Practice Administration+
HSDH 2431	Periodontics III+
HSAD 1243	Advanced Clinical Procedure

Support and Related Requirements

PSYC 1113	Introduction to Psychology
HSBC 1224	Introduction to Clinical Microbiology or
LFSC 2034	Principles of Microbiology+
LFSC 2424	Human Physiology+**
HSBC 2114	Human Anatomy**
SPCH 1213	Fundamentals of Speech
CHEM 1114	Introductory Chemistry*+
CHEM 1124	Introductory Organic and Biochemistry*+
SOC 1113	Introduction to Sociology+
HES 2323	Nutrition

General Education Requirements

ENGL 1113	English Composition I
ENGL 1213	English Composition II+
HIST 1483	U.S. History to 1877 or
HIST 1493	U.S. History since 1877
POLS 1113	American Federal Government
Science / Mathematics	(Requirements met by program)
General Education Electives	(Requirements met by program)

Minimum Total Credit Hours

**Course can be completed with program requirements.

*Only 12 of the 21 hours of General Education appear in the General Education Requirement section. The remaining 9 hours are shown in Support and Related Requirement section.

+Check course description for prerequisites.

Suggested order of enrollment:

	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>
Year 1	ENGL 1113 CHEM 1114 PSYC 1113 HIST 1483 or 1493 POLS 1113	ENGL 1213 CHEM 1124 HES 2323 SOC 1113 SPCH 1213	HSBC 1224 or LFSC 2035
Year 2	HSBC 2114** LFSC 2424** HSDH 1105 HSDH 1113	HSDH 1205 HSDH 1213 HSDH 1222 HSDH 1241 HSAD 1243	
Year 3	HSDH 2305 HSDH 2312 HSDH 2323 HSDH 2331 HSDH 2343	HSDH 2405 HSDH 2413 HSDH 2423 HSDH 2431	

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