

Program Student Learning Outcome Statement:

- Create and perform dance studies for a small group using accompaniment.
- Employ the concepts of specific dance techniques in the demonstration and performance of center and tor movement combinations.

ANTH 102	Cultural Anthropology	3
BIOL 260	Human Anatomy	4
DANC 109	Modern Dance I	1.5
DANC 110	Modern Dance II	1.5
DANC 113	Ballet I	1.5
DANC 114	Ballet II	1.5
DANC 115	Ballet III	1.5
DANC 117	Jazz Dance I	1.5
DANC 118	Jazz Dance II	1.5
DANC 200	Dance History and Appreciation	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
Total units		23.5

Recommended Electives: BIOL 100, 101; DANC 111, 112, 125, 126.

To earn an associate degree, additional general education and graduation requirements must be completed. See page 64.

- * Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete courses specific to the transfer institution of choice. University requirements vary from institution to institution and are subject to change. Therefore, it is important to verify transfer major preparation and general education requirements through consultation with a counselor in either the Counseling Center or Transfer Center. See catalog TRANSFER COURSES INFORMATION section on page 45 for further information.

DENTAL HYGIENE

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A dental hygienist is a licensed healthcare professional, oral health educator, and clinician who, as a co-therapist with a dentist, provides preventive, educational, and therapeutic services supporting total health for the control of oral diseases and the promotion of oral health. A registered dental hygienist has graduated from a minimum of two year college program that includes classroom studies and extensive supervised clinical experience.

The program prepares students for a career in dental hygiene through the study of humanities, social and natural sciences, and the field of dental hygiene. Emphasis is on clinical practice in the context of dental hygiene care. Graduates are eligible to apply to take national, and regional examinations to earn the RDH license.

The dental hygienist may work in general and specialty oral health practices. Other areas of employment include programs for research, professional education, and community health; hospital and institutional care of disabled persons; federal programs, such as the armed services; or other health service locations as specified in statute or as authorized by the state board of dentistry/dental hygiene.

CAREER OPTIONS

Although the dental hygienist primarily provides preventive and therapeutic services in a private dental office or clinic, he/she may provide services in public health settings, schools, skilled nursing facilities and mobile clinics. Clinical practice generally requires an associate degree education. The dental hygienist may also serve as an administrator/manager for community dental health programs or dental product companies, an educator in dental hygiene and dental school programs, or a researcher in a university or corporate setting. Many of these roles may require a bachelor's or graduate-level degree.

PROGRAM GOALS

Upon completion of the dental hygiene program the graduate will:

- Demonstrate the knowledge to pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE).
- Demonstrate the clinical skills necessary to pass the Regional Registered Dental Hygienist Licensure Examination.
- Demonstrate the knowledge to pass the California Dental Law and Ethics Examinations.
- Secure entry-level employment as a dental hygienist.



DEGREE/CERTIFICATE OPTIONS

Associate in Science Degree: Career/Technical

Dental Hygiene

MAJOR CODE

02380

Refer to Dental Hygiene Program within the SWC website for admission requirements.

Consult with a counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP), which lists the courses necessary to achieve your academic goal.

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

DENTAL HYGIENE



ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE CAREER/TECHNICAL (MAJOR CODE: 02380)

Prepares students for a career in dental hygiene through the study of humanities, social and natural sciences, and the field of dental hygiene. Emphasis is on clinical practice in the context of dental hygiene care. Graduates are eligible to apply to take both regional and national examinations for licensure.

Program Student Learning Outcome Statement:

- Analyze and evaluate dental hygiene theory to achieve a minimum of 75% on the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination.
- Assess patient needs, coordinate dental hygiene treatment and demonstrate clinical skills to pass regional licensing examination.

PREREQUISITIES:

BIOL 260	Human Anatomy	4
BIOL 261	Principles of Human Physiology	4
BIOL 265	General Microbiology	4
CHEM 100	Introduction to General Chemistry	4
CHEM 110	Elementary Organic and Biological Chemistry	4
HLTH 204	Fundamentals of Nutrition	3
COMM 103	Oral Communication (3) OR	3
COMM 174	Interpersonal Communication (3) OR	3
COMM 176	Intercultural Communication (3)	
ENGL 115	College Composition: Reading and Writing Analytically	4
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (3) OR	3
SOC 110	Contemporary Social Problems (3)	
Total Units		36

DEPARTMENT ACCEPTANCE INTO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

FIRST SEMESTER

DH 101	Introduction to Clinical Concepts	2
DH 114	Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DH 123	Oral Anatomy and Physiology	1
DH 124	Oral Embryology and Histology	2
DH 108	Introduction to Clinical Practice	2.5
DH 109	Dental Radiography	3
DH 125	Oral Health	2

SECOND SEMESTER

DH 112	Clinic I	4
DH 115	Periodontics	2
DH 121	Pain Control	2
DH 113A	Clinical Concepts I	1
DH 203	Pathology	2
DH 206	Dental Pharmacology	2

SECOND SUMMER SESSION

DH 118	Transitional Clinic	1.5
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THIRD SEMESTER

DH 122	Clinic II	4
DH 200A	Community Dental Health	2
DH 205	Advanced Periodontics	2
DH 113B	Clinical Concepts II	1
DH 106	Special Need Patient Care	2
DH 116	Dental Materials	2

FOURTH SEMESTER

DH 202	Clinic III	4
DH 211	Ethics and Jurisprudence	2
DH 214	Seminar	2
DH 113C	Clinical Concepts III	1
DH 200B	Community Dental Health II	2

Total units **53**

Note: A grade of 75% ("C") or better is required in all dental hygiene courses for progression in the Dental Hygiene program and to graduate.

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