

Dental Hygiene

Associate of Science Degree Program

Contact Hours: 1,810

Semester Credits: 88.5

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 70

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 17 Months

Program Overview

Dental Hygienists are licensed, professional oral clinicians and dental health educators who prevent and treat oral disease, promote and encourage preventive aspects of dental care, and assume responsibility for patient care in the dental office. They provide a variety of services to patients, including comprehensive examination of the oral cavity, radiographs, prophylaxis, fluoride treatments, patient education, and preventive services. They are required to pass written and clinical examinations before they apply for licensure to practice. Dental Hygienists are integral members of the dental team who use their dental, clinical, and social sciences to aid individuals in achieving optimum oral health. Besides working in a private dental practice, Dental Hygienists also work as educators, administrators, and researchers.

Program Mission

The mission is to provide a supportive learning environment in which the student acquires theoretical knowledge, technical skills, and professional attributes necessary to qualify for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist and entry-level employment as a Dental Hygienist. The program strives to instill the importance of personal growth, professional commitment, community involvement, and continued research. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination. Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing these examinations are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take these exams, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

Applicants to the Dental Hygiene program at Concorde must follow the admissions process and successfully meet all admissions criteria. CPR is required prior to Term 3.

Program Delivery

The Dental Hygiene program is delivered in a blended format. Courses will be delivered entirely online, entirely on-ground or with an appropriate blend of both online and on-ground hours in the same course. Of the 1,810 program hours, a maximum of 714 course hours (39.4%) may be offered online.

Term 1

| Course # | Course Title | Theory Hours (Ground/Online) | Lab Hours (Ground/Online) | Clinical Hours (Ground/Online) | Semester Credit Hours |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| BIOL1405 | Anatomy & Physiology | 60 (0 / 60) | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| ENGL1310 | English Composition I | 45 (0 / 45) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| MATH1320 | College Algebra | 45 (0 / 45) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| PSYC1310 | General Psychology | 45 (0 / 45) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Subtotal | 195 (0/195) | 0 | 0 | 13 |

Term 2

| Course # | Course Title | Theory Hours (Ground/Online) | Lab Hours (Ground/Online) | Clinical Hours (Ground/Online) | Semester Credit Hours |
|----------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| BIOL1330 | Microbiology | 45 (0 / 45) | 0 | 0 | 3 |

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| CHEM1310 | Chemistry | 45 (0 / 45) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| COMM1310 | Elements of Human Communication | 45 (0 / 45) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| SOCI1310 | Introduction to Sociology | 45 (0 / 45) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Subtotal | | 180 (0/180) | 0 | 0 | 12 |

Term 3

| Course # | Course Title | Theory Hours (Ground/Online) | Lab Hours (Ground/Online) | Clinical Hours (Ground/Online) | Semester Credit Hours |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| DH101 | Dental Hygiene I | 30 (25 / 5) | 90 (80 / 10) | 0 | 5 |
| DH103 | Dental Radiography | 30 (30 / 0) | 30 (20 / 10) | 0 | 3 |
| DH105 | Dental Anatomy/Tooth Morphology | 60 (40 / 20) | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| DH111 | Dental Office Emergencies | 15 (15 / 0) | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Subtotal | | 135 (110/25) | 120 (100/20) | 0 | 13 |

Term 4

| Course # | Course Title | Theory Hours (Ground/Online) | Lab Hours (Ground/Online) | Clinical Hours (Ground/Online) | Semester Credit Hours |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| DH102 | Dental Hygiene II | 30 (30 / 0) | 60 (45 / 15) | 80 (80 / 0) | 5.5 |
| DH104 | Dental Materials | 15 (10 / 5) | 30 (30 / 0) | 0 | 2 |
| DH110 | Oral Embryology & Histology | 45 (30 / 15) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| DH203 | Periodontology | 45 (40 / 5) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Subtotal | | 135 (110/25) | 90 (75/15) | 80 (80/0) | 13.5 |

Term 5

| Course # | Course Title | Theory Hours (Ground/Online) | Lab Hours (Ground/Online) | Clinical Hours (Ground/Online) | Semester Credit Hours |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| DH201 | Dental Hygiene III | 30 (15 / 15) | 0 | 135 (120 / 15) | 5 |
| DH209 | Nutrition | 45 (20 / 25) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| DH224 | Dental Public Health | 45 (30 / 15) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| DH226 | Dental Law/Ethics | 30 (6 / 24) | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Subtotal | | 150 (71/79) | 0 | 135 (120/15) | 13 |

Term 6

| Course # | Course Title | Theory Hours (Ground/Online) | Lab Hours (Ground/Online) | Clinical Hours (Ground/Online) | Semester Credit Hours |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| DH202 | Dental Hygiene IV | 30 (15 / 15) | 0 | 185 (165 / 20) | 6 |
| DH206 | Dental Pharmacology | 45 (30 / 15) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| DH228 | Oral Pathology | 45 (25 / 20) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Subtotal | | 120 (70/50) | 0 | 185 (165/20) | 12 |

Term 7

| Course # | Course Title | Theory Hours (Ground/Online) | Lab Hours (Ground/Online) | Clinical Hours (Ground/Online) | Semester Credit Hours |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| DH207 | Dental Hygiene Seminar | 30 (15 / 15) | 0 | 0 | 2 |

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| DH227 | Board Review | 45 (30 / 15) | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| DH221 | Dental Office Management | 30 (10 / 20) | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| DH252 | Dental Hygiene V | 30 (10 / 20) | 0 | 150 (130 / 20) | 5 |
| | Subtotal | 135 (65/70) | 0 | 150 (130/20) | 12 |
| | Total | 1050 (426/624) | 210 (175/35) | 550 (495/55) | 88.5 |