

DENTAL HYGIENE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (524P, 524)

Program Coordinator

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Program Accreditation

Commission on Dental Accreditation (Program of Dental Hygiene).

Allied health is defined as all the professional, technical and supportive workers in patient care, public health and health research. Allied health professions encompass a wide distribution of personnel with various levels of health education and training, which enables them to function as a member of the health care team.

Programs of Dental Hygiene

Students with an interest in the program of dental hygiene may contact the dental hygiene program coordinator. When planning a program of study in this program, each student should be aware of the University's academic requirements and regulations contained in this catalog in the chapter "Academic Information." Specific attention should be given to the subsections in the chapter entitled (a) Academic Programs, (b) Colonnade Program Requirements and (c) Academic Requirements and Regulations. Students should be aware that this academic program might require additional scholastic regulations and standards not specified in the catalog. To obtain a copy of these regulations, students should contact the program office.

Enrollment in the program of dental hygiene is limited and special admission information and other special rules, standards and requirements should be obtained directly from the program office (Academic Complex, Room 236G) or from the program website (<https://www.wku.edu/dentalhygiene/>).

The baccalaureate degree curriculum is designed to prepare dental hygienists with a background for teaching, for organization and management, for research, as well as for clinical dental hygiene.

The educational experience offered prepares the graduate hygienist to effectively carry out the duties as prescribed by licensure. Hygienists are prepared for varied career opportunities, which include the following settings: general dentistry practice, specialty practices, public health, military installations, hospitals or clinics, research facilities or public school dental hygiene.

Although 18 hours of Colonnade courses (including Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology) are prerequisites, most beginning dental hygiene students will have successfully completed one or more years of college.

Program Requirements (66 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php. (https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php)

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/>

colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

For admission to the program, students must complete the following prerequisites.

Prerequisites for Admission into the Major

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 131	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL 207	General Microbiology	3
BIOL 208	General Microbiology Laboratory	1
ENG 100	Introduction to College Writing	3
PSY/PSYS 100	Introduction to Psychology	3
CHEM 109	Chemistry for the Health Sciences	4
Total Hours		18

Program Requirements

A degree in dental hygiene requires 120 semester hours, including 66 hours in the major plus 9 hours of additional support courses, and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. The curriculum may be completed in eight semesters and one summer term within four years.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
DH 201	Dental Radiology I	3
DH 204	Periodontics	3
DH 206	Dental Pharmacology	3
DH 210	Dental Materials and Expanded Functions in Restorative Dentistry I	1
DH 212	Oral Anatomy	3
DH 222	Preventive Dental Hygiene Care	2
DH 226	Dental Materials and Expanded Functions in Restorative Dentistry II	2
DH 230	Oral Histology and Embryology	3
DH 270	Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene	3
DH 271	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	4
DH 302	Dental Radiology II	2
DH 303	Community Dental Health	4
DH 304	Advanced Periodontology	4
DH 307	General and Oral Pathology	3
DH 309	Pain Control in Dentistry	4
DH 323	Research Methods	3
DH 324	Practice Management and Ethics	3
DH 370	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	5
DH 371	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	5
Total Hours		60

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Select 6 hours from the following:		6
CHHS 370	Local to Global Healthcare Issues	
COMM 365	Intercultural Communication	
HCA 340	Health Care Organization and Management	

HCA 347	International Comparisons of Health Care Systems
IDFM 431	Clothing and Human Behavior
PH 365	Human Sexuality
PH 412	Health Disparities and Health Equity
PH 443	Health and Aging
PH 447	Human Values and the Health Sciences
PH 464	Women's Health
PSY/PSYS 350	Social Psychology
SOCL 342	Aging in Society
SOCL 375	Diversity in American Society
SWRK 300	Diversity and Social Welfare
Total Hours	6

Additional Courses

Code	Title	Hours
COMM 145	Fundamentals of Public Speaking and Communication	3
HMD 211	Human Nutrition	3
SOCL 100	Introductory Sociology	3
Total Hours		9

Finish in Four Plan

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 100		3 COMM 145	3
PSY 100 or PSYS 100		3 BIOL 207 & BIOL 208	4
MATH 109		3 HIST 101 or HIST 102	3
BIOL 131		4 CHEM 109	4
SOCL 100 (or World Language Requirement)		3	
	16		14

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
DH 222		2 DH 271		4 DH 309	4
DH 270		3 DH 230		3	
DH 212		3 DH 206		3	
DH 210		1 DH 226		2	
DH 201		3 DH 204		3	
HMD 211		3			
	15		15		4

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DH 370		5 DH 304	4
DH 302		2 DH 371	5
DH 303		4 DH 323	3
DH 307		3 DH 324	3
SOCL 100 (if not previously taken or Major/ Minor/Elective)		3	
	17		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 200		3 ENG 300	3
Colonnade - Social & Cultural		3 Colonnade - Arts & Humanities	3
Colonnade - Local to Global		3 Major/Minor/ Elective	3
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	12		12

Total Hours 120