



# DENTAL HYGIENE

## About the Career

Dental hygienists are the preventative specialists of the dental field. They examine patients for signs of oral diseases, such as gingivitis, and provide patient care, including taking x-rays, scaling, and oral hygiene instruction. Qualities of individuals who seek to enter the field of dental hygiene typically include having a caring nature, wanting to help others and working collaboratively to improve the oral and overall health in the patients they serve.

## Why College of the Mainland?



Finish Faster



Affordable Cost



Convenient



Ongoing  
Enrollment



Trusted



State-of-the-Art  
Facilities



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[com.edu/academics/dental](https://com.edu/academics/dental).

## About the program

The COM Dental Hygiene Program's goal is to provide the knowledge, skills, and values to comprehensively prepare students to qualify for licensure to deliver safe, ethical, and effective dental hygiene care to the patients which they will serve as Registered Dental Hygienists.

## Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene

### Semester 1: Fall

DHYG 1201	Orofacial Anatomy, Histology & Embryology	2
DHYG 1304	Dental Radiology	3
DHYG 1227	Preventive Dental Hygiene Care	2
DHYG 1431	Preclinical	4

### Semester 2: Spring

DHYG 1211	Periodontology	2
DHYG 2201	Dental Hygiene Care I	2
DHYG 1235	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	2
DHYG 1261	Clinic I	2
* SPCH 1318	Interpersonal Communication	
* or SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	3

### Semester 3: Mini & Summer

DHYG 1162	Clinic II	1
* PYSC 2301	General Psychology	
* or PYSC 2314	Lifespan Growth & Development	3
* SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	3

### Semester 4: Fall

DHYG 1239	General & Oral Pathology	2
DHYG 1219	Dental Materials	2
DHYG 2231	Dental Hygiene Care II	2
DHYG 1207	General & Dental Nutrition	2
DHYG 2261	Clinic III	2

### Semester 5: Spring

DHYG 1191	Special Topics in Dental Hygiene	1
DHYG 1215	Community Dentistry	2
DHYG 2153	Dental Hygiene Practice	1
DHYG 2362	Clinic IV (Capstone)	3
* PHIL 2306	Introduction to Ethics	3

**DEGREE TOTAL: 68 CREDIT HOURS**

\* All Non-DHYG Courses can be taken prior to acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program.

## Program Details

The program will enroll 15 students each fall beginning in 2024; all patient care will occur in the brand new dental clinic on COM campus.

### Prerequisites: 19 Credit Hours

* ENGL 1301	Composition I
* BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I
* BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II
* CHEM 1406	Introduction to Chemistry
* BIOL 2420	Microbiology for the Non-Science Major

The Dental Hygiene program is currently seeking initial accreditation from the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Financial assistance is available!

Have questions or want to tour the lab? Please contact:

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