

## Dental Hygiene Degree (DHY) (*selective—day only*)

The registered dental hygienist is the member of the dental health care team who provides preventive oral health care services including oral prophylaxis, dental health education, dental x-rays, nutritional counseling, dental sealants, preliminary examinations, and other preventive measures in dentistry. Students will take the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination and the Northeast Regional Board Exam at the successful completion of the Dental Hygiene program. The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, which is a specialized accreditation body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at 312-440-4653 or 211 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Year 1				
BIO205	Microbiology	4		<b>Prerequisites:</b> ENG098, FYE101, MAT096, RDG098, or placement; BIO099 (or placement), BIO109, or BIO115, with C or better <b>Note:</b> Recommended completion prior to program application
DHY101	Anatomic Science for the Dental Hygienist I	3		<b>Prerequisites:</b> Admission into the Dental Hygiene Program; current CPR certification; BIO205 (or co-requisite) <b>Note:</b> DHY101, 102, 103 must be taken concurrently
DHY102	Dental Hygiene Process of Care I	5		
DHY103	Dental Radiology	3		
DHY105	Anatomic Science for the Dental Hygienist II	3		
DHY106	Dental Materials	3		<b>Prerequisites:</b> BIO205, DHY101, DHY102, DHY103 <b>Notes:</b> DHY105,106,107,108 must be taken concurrently; DHY106 is offered as a hybrid/online course
DHY107	Periodontology	3		
DHY108	Dental Hygiene Process of Care II	6		
Summer				
DHY205	Pain Control	3		<b>Prerequisites:</b> DHY106, DHY107, DHY108, ENG102 (or co-requisite)
ENG102	English Composition II	3		<b>Prerequisite:</b> ENG101 <b>Note:</b> Recommended completion prior to program application
Year 2				
DHY201	Oral Pathology	2		
DHY202	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	3		<b>Prerequisites:</b> DHY105, DHY106, DHY107, DHY108, DHY205, ENG102, PSY105 (or co-requisite) <b>Note:</b> DHY201, 202, 203, 204 must be taken concurrently
DHY203	Dental Hygiene Process of Care III	5		
DHY204	Oral Health Promotion	2		
PSY105	Introduction to Psychology	3		<b>Prerequisites:</b> ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement <b>Note:</b> Recommended completion prior to program application
DHY206	Community Health	3		<b>Prerequisites:</b> DHY201, 202, 203, 204; SOC103 and Humanities/Business Elective (or co-requisites) <b>Note:</b> DHY206, 207, 208 must be taken concurrently
DHY207	Dental Hygiene Process of Care IV	5		
DHY208	Dental Ethics and Professional Issues	2		
SOC103	Introduction to Sociology	3		<b>Prerequisites:</b> ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement <b>Note:</b> Recommended completion prior to program application
	Humanities <i>or</i> Business Elective	3		<b>Humanities Electives:</b> ART, ASL, ENG, FRE, HUM, MUS, PHL, SPA, THE <b>Business Electives:</b> ACC, BUS, CIS, ECO, FIN, MAS, MGT, MKT, PLS <b>Note:</b> Recommended completion prior to program application
<b>Total: 67 credits</b>				

See page 109 of the college catalog for program competencies and technical standards

**Campus/format:** A majority of this program is selective and can be completed during the day at the Fitchburg Campus; however, many non-dental hygiene courses can be completed at other campuses during both days and evenings.

**Application deadline:** The application deadline is February 1. This selective enrollment program requires additional application components. The selection process is competitive and space is limited.

**Requirements for consideration:** Applicants must meet certain academic standards. See page 16 of the college catalog for specific details or refer to the program application available on the MWCC website or through the admissions office. Prior to admission, prerequisite courses needed are: MAT126 or higher (not MAT140); ENG101, PER130, BIO199, and BIO204.

**Helpful hints:** Because of an extensive classroom/clinical commitment, students are encouraged to complete some of the general education requirements prior to beginning dental hygiene courses.

**Transfer options:** Transfer agreements are currently being explored and developed for a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene. Transfer agreements exist with Charter Oak State College, Mount Ida College, and the University of Phoenix.

Visit MWCC's transfer services website:  
<http://transfer.mwcc.edu>

3 Plus ONE eligible—go to: [www.mwcc.edu/3PlusONE](http://www.mwcc.edu/3PlusONE).

**Special requirements:** Applicants must meet all requirements for consideration before entering the program. Students must meet technical standards and additional requirements including immunizations, CPR certification, liability insurance, and a Criminal/Sexual Offender Records Information (CORI/SORI) check (see page 17 of the college catalog). All BIO, MAT (prerequisite) and DHY courses require a minimum grade of C+ or better to be eligible for promotion to the next level. Also, BIO199, 204, and 205 credits cannot be more than five years old.

**Career options:** Registered dental hygienists can work in private practice, hospitals, clinics, health departments, schools, sales, or research. They can also pursue careers as educators employed at dental hygiene and dental schools.

**Earning potential:** \$65,000-\$70,000 per year based on full time employment.