

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.

Number	Suggested Course Order	Cr	Semester	Grade	Prerequisites/Notes
Year 1					
BIO205	Microbiology	4			Prerequisites: RDG100, ENG100, FYE101, MAT096; BIO109 or BIO115 or BIO203 encouraged as prerequisite Note: Recommended completion prior to program application
DHY101	Anatomic Science for the Dental Hygienist I	3			Prerequisites: BIO204 and admission into the Dental Hygiene Program Co-requisites: DHY102, DHY03
DHY102	Dental Hygiene Process of Care I	5			Prerequisites: Current CPR certification, health prof. level; BIO204 and admission into the Dental Hygiene Program. Co-requisites: DHY101, 103
DHY103	Dental Radiology	3			Prerequisites: BIO204 and admission into the Dental Hygiene Program Co-requisites: DHY101, 102
DHY105	Anatomic Science for the Dental Hygienist II	3			Prerequisite: DHY101 Co-requisites: DHY106, 107, 108
DHY106	Dental Materials	3			Prerequisites: DHY101, DHY102, DHY103, BIO205, Co-requisites: DHY105, 107, 108
DHY107	Periodontology	3			Prerequisites: DHY101, DHY102, DHY103, BIO205 Co-requisites: DHY105, 106, 108
DHY108	Dental Hygiene Process of Care II	6			Prerequisites: DHY101, DHY102, DHY103, BIO205 Co-requisites: DHY105, 106, 107
Summer					
DHY205	Pain Control	3			Prerequisites: DYH106, DHY107, DHY108, ENG102 Co-requisites: DHY201, 202, 203, 204
ENG102	English Composition II	3			Prerequisite: ENG101 Note: Recommended completion prior to program application
DHY201	Oral Pathology	2			Prerequisites: DHY106, DHY107, DHY108; ENG102 Co-requisites: DHY202, 203, 204, 205
DHY202	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	3			Prerequisites: DHY106, DHY107, DHY108; ENG102 Co-requisites: DHY201, 203, 204, 205
DHY203	Dental Hygiene Process of Care III	5			Prerequisites: DHY106, DHY107, DHY108; ENG102 Co-requisites: DHY201, 202, 204, 205
DHY204	Oral Health Promotion	2			Prerequisites: DYH106, DHY107, DHY108, ENG102 Co-requisites: DHY201, 202, 203, 205
PSY105	Introduction to Psychology	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement Note: Recommended completion prior to program application
DHY206	Community Health	3			Prerequisites: DHY201, 202, 203 204, 205 Co-requisites: DHY207, DHY208, SOC103
DHY207	Dental Hygiene Process of Care IV	5			Prerequisites: DHY201, 202, 203, 204, 205 Co-requisites: DHY206, DHY208; SOC103
DHY208	Dental Ethics and Professional Issues	2			Prerequisites: DHY201, 202, 203 204, 205 Co-requisites: DHY207, DHY206, SOC103
SOC103	Introduction to Sociology	3			Prerequisites: ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement Note: Recommended completion prior to program application
	Humanities or Business Elective	3			Prerequisites: Humanities Electives ART, ASL, ENG, FRE, HUM, MUS, PHL, SPA, THE Business Electives: ACC, BUS, CIS, ECO, FIN, MAS, MGT, MKT, PLS
Total: 67 credits					

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 (see page 17 of the college catalog).

Requirements for consideration: Applicants must meet certain academic standards. See page 17 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 ENG101, PER130; MAT126. BIO203, BIO204 with a C+ or higher.

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 and the University of Phoenix.

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

3 Plus ONE eligible—go to: 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 18 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, BIO203, 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.