

**Dental Hygiene Degree**

- Registered Dental Hygienist  
 (refer to Notes #2)
- Minimum of 15 Credit Hours  
 of General Education

**A.A.S.**  
**Maximum of 80**  
**Credit Hours**

**Required Courses within Program**

<b><u>Common Courses</u></b>	<b>12 credits:</b>
<b>Dental Radiography</b>	<b>2 credits</b>
<b>Dental Materials</b>	<b>2 credits</b>
<b>Periodontics</b>	<b>3 credits</b>
<b>General and Oral Pathology</b>	<b>3 credits</b>
<b>Dental Public Health</b>	<b>2 credits</b>

<b><u>Agreed Upon Dental Hygiene Courses*</u></b>	<b>24 - 25 credits</b>
1. <i>Clinical Dental Hygiene I: Pre-Clinic          or Dental Health Safety &amp; Dental Hygiene Process I          or Infection Control &amp; Pre-Clinical Hygiene Process</i>	<i>5 credits</i>
2. <i>Clinical Dental Hygiene II          or Dental Hygiene Process II</i>	<i>4 credits</i>
3. <i>Clinical Dental Hygiene III          or Dental Hygiene Process III</i>	<i>5-6 credits</i>
4. <i>Clinical Dental Hygiene IV          or Dental Hygiene Process IV &amp; Transition in to Dental Hygiene Practice</i>	<i>6 credits</i>
5. <i>Developmental Dentistry &amp; Head and Neck Anatomy          or Embryology, Histology &amp; Oral Anatomy          or Head and Neck Anatomy, Embryology and Histology</i>	<i>4 credits</i>

<b><u>Support Courses**</u></b>	<b>14 - 18 credits</b>
<i>Microbiology</i>	<i>4-5 credits</i>
<i>Anatomy &amp; Physiology</i>	<i>5-8 credits</i>
<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>5 credits</i>

**Notes**

Specifics pertaining to the Dental Hygiene programs:

1. All programs must be accredited by the American Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
2. All students are required to sit for the Dental Hygiene credential.
  - The National Dental Hygiene Board exam
  - State Dental Hygiene licensure exam
 And one of the following Regional Clinical Board exams:
  - Central Regional Dental Testing (CRDTS)
  - OR
  - Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)
3. \*Institutions may utilize existing course titles listed for courses that adhere to the agreed upon course length range and competencies for the agreed upon Dental Hygiene courses.
4. \*\*For support courses institutions may utilize existing like course(s) which adhere to the support course length range and competencies.