

## 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
<b>Year 1</b>					
BIO205	Microbiology	4			BIO109 or BIO115 or BIO203 encouraged as prerequisite: <b>Note:</b> Recommended completion prior to program application
DHY101	Anatomic Science for the Dental Hygienist I	3			BIO204 and admission into the Dental Hygiene Program; Co-requisites: DHY102, DHY103
DHY102	Dental Hygiene Process of Care I	5			Current CPR certification, health prof. level; BIO204 and admission into the Dental Hygiene Program. Co-requisites: DHY101, DHY103
DHY103	Dental Radiology (& Lab)	3			BIO204 and admission into the Dental Hygiene Program. Co-requisites: DHY101, DHY102
DHY 105	Anatomic Science for the Dental Hygienist II	3			DHY101; Co-requisites: DHY106, DHY107, DHY 108
DHY106	Dental Materials (& Lab)	3			DHY101, DHY102, DHY103; BIO205; Co-requisites: DHY105, DHY106, DHY108
DHY107	Periodontology	3			DHY101, DHY102, DHY103; BIO205; Co-requisites: DHY105, DHY106, DHY108
DHY108	Dental Hygiene Process of Care II	6			DHY101, DHY102, DHY103; BIO205; Co-requisites: DHY 105, DHY106 ,DHY107
<b>Summer</b>					
DHY205	Pain Control (& Lab)	3			DYH106, DHY107 and DHY108, ENG102; Co-requisites: DHY201, DHY202, DHY203, DHY204, PSY105
ENG102	English Composition II	3			<b>Prerequisite:</b> ENG101 <b>Note:</b> Recommended completion prior to program application
DHY201	Oral Pathology	2			DHY106,DHY107 & DHY108; ENG102, Co-requisites: DHY202,DHY203, ,DHY204, DHY205, PSY105;
DHY202	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	3			DHY106,DHY107 & DHY108, ENG102Co-requisites: DHY202,DHY203, DHY204, DHY205, PSY105
DHY203	Dental Hygiene Process of Care III	5			DHY106, DHY107 and DHY108, ENG102; Co-requisites: DHY201, DHY202, DHY204, DHY205, PSY105
DHY204	Oral Health Promotion	2			DYH106, DHY107 and DHY108, ENG102; Co-requisites: DHY201, DHY202, DHY203, DHY205, PSY105
PSY105	Introduction to Psychology	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement <b>Note:</b> Recommended completion prior to program application
DHY206	Community Health	3			DHY201, DHY202, DHY203 DHY204, DHY205; Co-requisites: DHY207 and DHY208; SOC103
DHY207	Dental Hygiene Process of Care IV	5			DYH201, DHY202, DHY203, DHY204, DHY 205; co-requisites: DHY206 and DHY 208; SOC103
DHY208	Dental Ethics and Professional Issues	2			DYH201, DHY202, DHY203 DHY204, DHY205; co-requisites: DHY207 and DHY206; SOC103
SOC103	Introduction to Sociology	3			ENG100, RDG100, 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, HUM, MUS, PHL, SPA, THE <b>Business Electives:</b> ACC, BSS, BUS, CIS, ECO, MAS, MGT, MKT, PLS
<b>Total: 67 credits</b>					

See page 101 of the college catalog for program competencies and technical standards

**Campus/format:** This program is selective and can be completed during the day at the Burbank Campus; however, many non-day courses can be completed at other campuses.

**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 pages 18-19 of the college catalog).

**Requirements for consideration:** Applicants must meet certain academic standards. See pages 18-19 of the college catalog for specific details, or refer to the program application available on our website or through the admissions office. Prior to admission, prerequisite courses needed are ENG101 (advised completion within three years of application with C+ or better), MAT126 with C+ or better, BIO203 and 204, and PER130.

**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 planning services website:  
<http://transer.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 19 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 should not be more than five years old. Applicants currently working in a health care field can petition to lengthen the time to 10 years after successfully passing a competency examination. For more information, please call (978) 630-9367.

**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:** \$56,488 to \$72,641 per year for full-time employment.