PATHWAY: Dental Hygiene
Visit your College Advisor, ccc.edu, or your college’s Transfer Center for more information.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in earning a degree in Dental Hygiene. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, you will earn an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Dental Hygiene.

The Dental Hygiene AAS degree program provides specialized educational, clinical, and therapeutic services in preventive oral healthcare preparing graduates for national, regional, and state board examinations required for licensure as registered dental hygienist. Major responsibilities include examination of the teeth and oral structures; the removal of plaque, calculus and stain from teeth; exposing and developing x-rays; and educating patients in home oral healthcare techniques.

This program has been modified and all admission information is effective beginning February 2nd, 2016. Students accepted into the Dental Hygiene program will enroll at Malcolm X College beginning in Summer 2016. The semester-by-semester plan is effective for students accepted into the program beginning Summer 2016.

Prospective students must apply for admission into the Dental Hygiene program

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The program is very competitive, and having the minimum requirements does not indicate that you will be accepted into the program. Students having less than minimum requirements will not be considered. In order to enter the program students must:
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Graduate from an accredited high school or earn a GED
- Meet general admissions requirements for Malcolm X College including successful completion of all prerequisite courses for the Dental Hygiene program
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all college-level work
- Grade of "C" or better in Biology 121, 226, and 227, Speech 101, and Microbiology 233
*All science prerequisite courses must be taken within five (5) years of applying to the program

Please note: Semesters 1–3 are “pre-dental hygiene pathway”. Semesters 4–9 occur after acceptance in the Dental Hygiene program. Biology 120 is not required.

Choose your courses with your College Advisor.

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SEMIESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

D SEMESTER 1 CATEGORY ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
- Biology 121–Biology I (5) Program Prerequisite DO THIS—Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals and plan coursework

5 CREDIT HOURS

D SEMESTER 2 CATEGORY ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
- Biology 226–Human Structure and Function I (4) Program Prerequisite
- Speech 101–Fundamentals of Speech Communication (3) Program Prerequisite

7 CREDIT HOURS

D SEMESTER 3 CATEGORY ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
- Microbiology 233–General Microbiology (4) Program Prerequisite
- Biology 227–Human Structure and Function II (4) Program Prerequisite

8 CREDIT HOURS

D SEMESTER 4 – SUMMER CATEGORY ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
- Dental Hygiene 112–Concepts of Preventive Therapy I (2) Required Program Core
- Chemistry 121–Basic Chemistry I (4) Physical & Life Sciences

6 CREDIT HOURS
### SEMESTER 5 – FALL

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- Dental Hygiene 119–Introduction to Dental Radiography (1.5) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 121–Principles of Dental Hygiene I (lecture) (2) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 123–Principles of Dental Hygiene I (lab) (2) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 125–Nutrition and Biochemistry (2) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 131–Oral Structures and Function (3) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 133–Head and Neck Anatomy (2) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 135–Concepts of Preventative Therapy II (1) (Required Program Core)
- English 101–Composition I (3) (Communications)

**Total Credit Hours:** 16.5

### SEMESTER 6 – SPRING

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- Dental Hygiene 122–Principles of Dental Hygiene II (lecture) (2) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 124–Principles of Dental Hygiene II (lab) (3) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 126–Dental Radiology (1.5) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 130–Dental Materials (3) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 132–General/Oral Pathology and Diagnosis (3) (Required Program Core)
- Sociology 201–Introduction to the Study of Society (3) (HD) (Social & Behavioral Sciences (HD))

**DO THIS:** Meet with advisor to confirm plans

**Total Credit Hours:** 15.5

### SEMESTER 7 – SUMMER

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- Dental Hygiene 200–Summer Clinic (3) (Required Program Core)
- Mathematics 118–General Education Mathematics (4) (Mathematics)

**Total Credit Hours:** 7

### SEMESTER 8 – FALL

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- Dental Hygiene 233–Expanded Functions (3) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 235–Community Dental Health I (2) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 241–Dental Pharmacology (2) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 244–Periodontics for the Dental Hygienist (3) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 251–Clinical Dental Hygiene (5) (Required Program Core)

**DO THIS:** Meet with advisor to confirm plans

*Dental Hygiene 244 is a new course that will be offered beginning in Fall 2017*

**Total Credit Hours:** 15

### SEMESTER 9 – SPRING

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- Dental Hygiene 202–Critique of Dental Literature (1) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 252–Clinical Dental Hygiene II (5) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 256–Community Dental Health II (1) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 258–Ethics and Jurisprudence (2) (Required Program Core)
- Dental Hygiene 260–Senior Seminar (2) (Required Program Core)
- Psychology 201–General Psychology (3) (Social & Behavioral Sciences)

**Completion:** Associate in Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene

**Total Credit Hours:** 14

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**Degree Minimum:** 74 Credit Hours // Pathway Total: 94 Credit Hours

**D = Degree // AC = Advanced Certificate // BC = Basic Certificate**

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