



Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene

Start your future today with a dental hygiene degree

Work in an in-demand field with great opportunities for career growth and job security. Become a dental hygienist and see people smile every day. As a dental hygienist you will interact with patients on a daily basis, offer preventative services, and promote good oral health.

Our associate degree program in Dental Hygiene is designed to equip students with the skills to become professionals ready to assist the public and the community by providing clinical and oral cancer screening, therapeutic services, as well as oral dental education. The program is centered on evidence-based learning with the theoretical foundation and hands-on classwork that prepare students for the workforce and create an appreciation for lifelong learning.

Upon completion of the required 80 credit program, students will be eligible to apply for the National Board exams. After successfully passing the National Board exams, students will obtain a Connecticut Dental Hygienist Licensure.

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Courses required for admission - NOT included

CAP 1XX	Computer Literacy (CAP)	3
MATH 1XX	Mathematics (MATH)	3
PSY 112	Introduction to Psychology	3

General education core: 15 credits

ENG 101	English Composition	3
ENG 1XX	English Elective	3
COM 1XX	Communications Elective	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Humanities (HIS, PHIL, SPAN, HUM)	3

Non-major core requirements: 16 credits

CHEM 101	Chemistry	4
BIO 211	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 212	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 235	Microbiology	4

Dental Hygiene core requirements: 49 credits

First semester

DHP 105	Radiology	3
DHP 104	Head and Neck Anatomy and Embryology	4

Second semester

DHP 110	Principles of Dental Hygiene I	4
DHP 202	Nutrition	3

Third semester

DHP 120	Principles of Dental Hygiene II	4
DHP 102	Periodontology	3

Fourth semester

DHP 106	Pharmacology and Pain Management	4
DHP 103	Dental Materials	4
DHP 113	General and Oral Pathology	3

Fifth Semester

DHP 210	Principles of Dental Hygiene III	5
DHP 201	Community and Public Health Dentistry	4

Sixth semester

DHP 220	Principles of Dental Hygiene IV	5
DHP 230	Dental Hygiene Capstone	3

Total credits: 80

All Dental Hygiene core courses must be completed with a C+ or better to graduate from this program.

Admission based on a point system including:

- Courses taken at Goodwin University
- Overall GPA for courses taken at Goodwin University
- GPA in prerequisite coursework
- Previous degree
- Essay
- Community service

Goodwin University is a nonprofit institution of higher education and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), formerly known as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

The Goodwin University Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and it has been granted the accreditation status of initial accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611