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.

For more information, contact:
(800) 889-3282
www.goodwin.edu/contactus
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.