

Dental Hygiene

Associate of Applied Science Degree

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Program Website (<http://www.gfcmsu.edu/webs/dh>)

Program Application (http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/academic-programs/dental-hygiene/%20http://www.gfcmsu.edu/webs/dh/documents/Dental_Hygiene_Application.pdf) (Fall 2018 application available February 15)

The Dental Hygienist is a licensed professional member of the healthcare team who integrates the roles of educator, consumer advocate, practitioner, manager, and researcher to support total health through the promotion of oral health and wellness. The focus of dental hygiene is on preventing oral disease.

Upon receipt of the Associate of Applied Science Degree, successful completion of the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination is required. The graduate will also need to obtain a license for the state he/she wishes to practice in by successfully completing a regional practical examination (WREB). The dental hygienist must practice in accordance with the requirements of the individual state's practice acts and abide by requirements to maintain licensure.

The Great Falls College MSU's Dental Hygiene Program is a limited enrollment program, accepting 18 students each year. Interested students are urged to contact the Program Director or the Advising & Career Center Advisors for student advising specific to admission requirements and criteria for program acceptance.

Outcomes

Graduates are prepared to:

- Formulate comprehensive dental hygiene care plans that include accurate, consistent and complete documentation for assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation that are dental centered and based on current scientific evidence based treatment.
- Employ professional judgement and critical thinking to identify, assess, analyze and creatively address situations in a safe and ethical manner.
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills through verbal and written communication with all individuals and groups from various populations.
- Demonstrate leadership skills and provide service to the community through health promotion activities and oral health prevention education while respecting their values and beliefs.
- Apply the concepts of oral health prevention and promotion to improve overall wellness by understanding the link between oral and systemic health.
- Provide safe and competent dental hygiene services to all individuals who seek treatment regardless of age, physical status, or intellectual ability with an individualized approach that is humane, empathetic, and caring.
- Demonstrate appropriate cultural, legal, ethical, and professional values at all times while practicing within the standards established by the professions code of ethics and identify parameters of accountability.
- Determine when the collaboration with other healthcare professionals is required to ensure safe appropriate comprehensive dental hygiene care is provided.

- Develop goals based on continuous self assessment to ensure lifelong learning and professional growth.
- Exhibit effective customer service and practice building skills that are designed to promote the area and importance of preventive oral health.

Estimated Cost

Estimated Resident Program Cost*

Tuition and Fees	\$11,392
Application Fee	\$30
Insurance	\$30
Lab Fees	\$200
Program Fee	\$1,265
Books/Supplies/Instruments	\$4,418
Total	\$17,306

* **Fall 2017 MUS Student Health Insurance Premiums will be changing. Please check the Health Insurance website** (<http://students.gfcmsu.edu/insurance.html>) **and/or Student Central for confirmed premium rates. Students will be charged an additional fee of \$21 per credit for online/hybrid courses.**

Students will be required to purchase dental instruments, supplies, uniforms, and may also be required to provide transportation to clinical sites and lodging costs depending on the clinical sites selected.

Program Requirements

Many students need preliminary math, science, and writing courses before enrolling in the program requirements. These courses may increase the total number of program credits. Students should review their math and writing placement before planning out their full program schedules.

GFC MSU Additional Graduation Requirement

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
COLS 103	Becoming a Successful Student *	1	_____

Prerequisite Courses

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
BIOH 201	Human Anat Phys I/Lab (= 301) **,+	4	_____
BIOH 211	Human Anat Phys II & Lab(=311) **,+	4	_____
BIOM 250	Microbiology for Hlth Sci w/Lab **,+	4	_____
M 121 (or any math course in the MUS Core) **,+		3-4	_____
WRIT 101	College Writing I **,+	3	_____
Select one of the following:			
CHMY 121	Intro to General Chem w/Lab **,+	4	_____
OR BOTH			
CHMY 141	College Chemistry I w/Lab **,+	4	_____
CHMY 143	College Chemistry II w/Lab **,+	4	_____
Total Credits		22-27	_____

All prerequisite courses and dental hygiene program application must be completed by June 10th prior to fall entry into the program. A grade of C (not a C-) or above must be achieved in all prerequisite and program courses to advance in the program and to graduate.

Program Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
First Year			
Fall			
DENT 101	Intro to Dental Hyg/Preclinic +	2	_____
DENT 102	Intro to DH/Preclinic Lab +	2	_____
DENT 110	Theory of Infect Ctrl and Dis +	1	_____
DENT 118	Oral Anatomy for Hygienists +	3	_____
DENT 122	Radiology I/Lab +	2	_____
HTH 140	Pharmacology for HC Providers +	2	_____
Credits		12	
Spring			
DENT 150	Clinical Dent Hyg Theory I *,+	2	_____
DENT 151	Clinical Dent Hyg Practice I *,+	4	_____
DENT 160	Periodontology I *,+	3	_____
DENT 165	Oral Histology and Embryology *,+	2	_____
DENT 125	Radiology II/Lab *,+	2	_____
DENT 240	Local Anes/Nitrous Ox Theo/Lab *,+	2	_____
Credits		15	
Summer			
DENT 220	Dental Nutrition Health *,+	3	_____
DENT 260	Periodontology II *,+	2	_____
DENT 223	Clinical Dent Hyg Theory II *,+	2	_____
DENT 251	Clinical Dent Hyg Practice II *,+	4	_____
Credits		11	
Second Year			
Fall			
DENT 130	Dental Materials *,+	2	_____
DENT 263	General/Oral Pathology *,+	3	_____
DENT 237	Gerontology/Special Needs Pts *,+	2	_____
DENT 250	Clinical Dent Hyg Theory III *,+	2	_____
DENT 252	Clinical Dent Hyg Practice III *,+	5	_____
Select one of the following:			
COMX 111	Intro to Public Speaking +	3	_____
COMX 115	Intro to Interpersonal Communc +	3	_____
Credits		17	
Spring			
DENT 232	Comm Dental Hlth and Educ *,+	2	_____
DENT 235	Prof Issues/Ethics in Dent Pra *,+	2	_____
DENT 280	Clinical Dent Hyg Theory IV *,+	1	_____
DENT 281	Clinical Dent Hyg Practice IV *,+	5	_____
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology +	3	_____
Select one of the following:			
PSYX 100	Introduction to Psychology +	3	_____
PSYX 230	Developmental Psychology +	3	_____
Credits		16	
Total Credits		71	

TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS: 93-98

* Indicates prerequisites needed.

** Placement in course(s) is determined by placement assessment.

+ A grade of C or above is required for graduation.