

HERZING

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE (AASDH)

(Offered at the Minneapolis Campus only)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The goal of the dental hygiene program is to prepare students with the knowledge and skills required to provide direct patient care under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This includes training in scaling and root planing, polishing teeth, application of sealants, patient assessment, pain management, and oral health education. The ultimate goal is to prepare students to gain employment as a dental hygienist.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Provide dental hygiene care based on accepted scientific theories, research, and the accepted standard of care.
2. Promote patient health using critical thinking and problem solving in the provision of evidence-based dental hygiene care.
3. Provide accurate, consistent and complete documentation for assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluations of dental hygiene care.
4. Apply a professional code of ethics; adhere to state and federal laws, recommendations, and regulations in the provision of dental hygiene care.
5. Ensure the privacy of the patient during the dental hygiene treatment and counseling and the confidentiality of patient records.
6. Think critically, both conceptually and by using mathematical analysis; write and speak effectively; use basic computer applications; and understand human behavior in the context of the greater society.

POTENTIAL JOB POSITION TITLES

The potential entry-level position title is dental hygienist.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 90.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM

Acceptance into the dental hygiene program is on a selective basis. Students who meet the minimum criteria for admission to the University will be further evaluated on a competitive basis through entrance test scores and prior academic performance as well as other criteria determined by the University. In addition, all students must have all immunizations current.

GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

The accreditation requirements of the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association stipulate unique general education requirements for dental hygiene programs that are satisfied with the requirements shown here.

A total of 30.00 semester credit hours of general education and prerequisite courses is required. Each course marked with the following symbol (▲) must be completed with a grade of 76% (C+) or better before a student may begin the professional, technical curriculum.

Students must complete 10.00 semester credit hours in courses distributed among the following disciplines:

- 1.00 Semester Credit Hours in Information Literacy
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in English Composition
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Speech
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Humanities With a Critical Thinking Focus **

* Transfer students may transfer courses that are within 1.00 semester credit hour of the courses listed above to meet these discipline requirements. Any resulting deficiency in the total of 30.00 semester credit hours required in general education may be made up with general education electives from any of the listed disciplines.

** A course with a critical thinking focus would be a course that addresses the theories and application of critical analysis with an emphasis on developing sequential reasoning skills.

In addition, students must complete 20.00 semester credit hours with the specific courses listed below.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
PS 101	Psychology	None	3.00
SC 129	Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology I ▲	None	3.00
SC 150	Principles of Nutrition ▲	None	2.00
SC 165	General Microbiology ▲	Corequisite SC 165L	2.00
SC 165L	General Microbiology Lab	Corequisite SC 165	1.00
SC 185	General Chemistry ▲	Corequisite SC 185L	2.00
SC 185L	General Chemistry Lab	Corequisite SC 185	1.00
SC 229	Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology II ▲	SC 129	3.00
SS 120	Introduction to Sociology	None	3.00

REQUIRED COURSES

All courses, 58.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
DH 105	Dental and Medical Terminology	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229	1.00
DH 111	Medical Emergencies in Dentistry	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229	2.00
DH 119	Orofacial Structures	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229	3.00
DH 122	General and Oral Pathology	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229	3.00
DH 123	Dental Hygiene Seminar I	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229	2.00
DH 125	Pre-Clinical Lecture	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229; Corequisite DH 125C	1.00
DH 125C	Pre-Clinical Lab	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229; Corequisite DH 125	2.00
DH 130	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229	2.00
DH 135	Periodontology	DH 105, DH 111, DH 119, DH 123, DH 125, DH 125C, DH 136, DH 141, DH 142 and DH 142C	3.00
DH 136	Radiography Interpretation	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229	1.00
DH 139	Concepts in Community Dental Health	DH 122, DH 130, DH 135, DH 140, DH 140L and DH 143C	3.00
DH 140	Dental Hygiene Seminar II	DH 105, DH 111, DH 119, DH 123, DH 125, DH 125C, DH 136, DH 141, DH 142 and DH 142C; Corequisite DH 140L	2.00
DH 140L	Dental Hygiene Seminar II Lab	DH 105, DH 111, DH 119, DH 123, DH 125, DH 125C, DH 136, DH 141, DH 142 and DH 142C; Corequisite DH 140	1.00
DH 141	Oral Histology and Embryology	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229	2.00
DH 142	Principles of Dental Radiography	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229; Corequisite DH 142C	2.00

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
DH 142C	Principles of Dental Radiography Clinical	SC 150, SC 165, SC 165L, SC 185, SC 185L and SC 229; Corequisite DH 142	1.00
DH 143C	Dental Hygiene Clinical Practice I	DH 105, DH 111, DH 119, DH 123, DH 125, DH 125C, DH 136, DH 141, DH 142 and DH 142C	3.00
DH 223	Dental Hygiene Seminar III	DH 122, DH 130, DH 135, DH 140, DH 140L and DH 143C	2.00
DH 226	Dental Hygiene Materials	DH 122, DH 130, DH 135, DH 140, DH 140L and DH 143C; Corequisite DH 226L	2.00
DH 226L	Dental Hygiene Materials Lab	DH 122, DH 130, DH 135, DH 140, DH 140L and DH 143C; Corequisite DH 226	1.00
DH 227C	Dental Hygiene Clinical Practice II	DH 122, DH 130, DH 135, DH 140, DH 140L and DH 143C	4.00
DH 229	Local Anesthesia and Pain Management	DH 105, DH 111, DH 119, DH 123, DH 125, DH 125C, DH 136, DH 141, DH 142 and DH 142C; Corequisite DH 229L	2.00
DH 229L	Local Anesthesia and Pain Management Lab	DH 105, DH 111, DH 119, DH 123, DH 125, DH 125C, DH 136, DH 141, DH 142 and DH 142C; Corequisite DH 229	1.00
DH 230	Dental Hygiene Ethics and Jurisprudence	DH 139, DH 223, DH 226, DH 226L, DH 227C, DH 229 and DH 229L,	2.00
DH 236	Dental Hygiene Board Review	DH 139, DH 223, DH 226, DH 226L, DH 227C, DH 229 and DH 229L; Corequisite DH 236L	2.00
DH 236L	Dental Hygiene Board Review Practicum	DH 139, DH 223, DH 226, DH 226L, DH 227C, DH 229 and DH 229L; Corequisite DH 236	1.00
DH 327C	Dental Hygiene Clinical Practice III	DH 139, DH 223, DH 226, DH 226L, DH 227C, DH 229 and DH 229L	4.00
DH 336	Dental Hygiene Seminar IV	DH 139, DH 223, DH 226, DH 226L, DH 227C, DH 229 and DH 229L	3.00

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

2.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
PD 121	Professional Development I	None	1.00
PD 202	Professional Development II	None	1.00

Distribution of Clock Hours by Course					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Clock Hours	Credits
DH 105	15.00			15.0	1.0
DH 111	30.00			30.0	2.0
DH 119	45.00			45.0	3.0
DH 122	45.00			45.0	3.0
DH 123	30.00			30.0	2.0
DH 125	15.00			15.0	1.0
DH 125C			90.0	90.0	2.0
DH 130	30.00			30.0	2.0

Distribution of Clock Hours by Course					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Clock Hours	Credits
DH 135	45.00			45.00	3.00
DH 136	15.00			15.00	1.00
DH 139	45.00			45.00	3.00
DH 140	30.00			30.00	2.00
DH 140L		30.00		30.00	1.00
DH 141	30.00			30.00	2.00
DH 142	30.00			30.00	2.00
DH 142C			45.00	45.00	1.00
DH 143C			135.00	135.00	3.00
DH 223	30.00			30.00	2.00
DH 226	30.00			30.00	2.00
DH 226L		30.00		30.00	1.00
DH 227C			180.00	180.00	4.00
DH 229	30.00			30.00	2.00
DH 229L		30.00		30.00	1.00
DH 230	30.00			30.00	2.00
DH 236	30.00			30.00	2.00
DH 236L		30.00		30.00	1.00
DH 327C			180.00	180.00	4.00
DH 336	45.00			45.00	3.00
PS 101	45.00			45.00	3.00
SC 129	45.00			45.00	3.00
SC 150	30.00			30.00	2.00
SC 165	30.00			30.00	2.00
SC 165L		30.00		30.00	1.00
SC 185	30.00			30.00	2.00
SC 185L		30.00		30.00	1.00
SC 229	45.00			45.00	3.00
SS 120	45.00			45.00	3.00
Information Literacy	15.00			15.00	1.00
English Composition or Literature	45.00			45.00	3.00
Speech	45.00			45.00	3.00
Humanities With a Critical Thinking Focus	45.00			45.00	3.00
Personal/Professional Development	30.00			30.00	2.00
Totals	1,050.00	180.00	630.00	1,860.00	90.00

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.herzing.edu/academics/dental-hygiene>