

Bergen Community College

Dental Hygiene Program Admission Information Package

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Dental Hygienists are members of the preventive oral health care team.

If you enjoy helping people, working with your hands as well as your mind, and playing an important role in helping your patients maintain ideal health, then Dental Hygiene may be the career for you.

A Dental Hygienist is a licensed professional, oral health educator and clinician, who, under the supervision of a dentist, is responsible for providing treatment that promotes both oral and total health care. Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs) provide a wide range of services in dental practices and may pursue a variety of career options including clinical, administrative, education, public health and research.

Each state has established licensure requirements for Dental Hygienists. The Dental Hygiene curriculum is a challenging one that emphasizes a "hands on" approach and incorporates a variety of educational experiences and environments from the traditional classroom to the lab and state of the art clinic.

Roles of a Dental Hygienist

Obtained from https://www.adha.org/resources-docs/The_Roles_of_a_Dental_Hygienist.pdf

Health Professions AAS – Dental Hygiene Program

Code: AAS.HP.DENTL

The Dental Hygiene Program is designed to provide the student with both an academic and clinical education that prepares them for employment opportunities in the field of dental hygiene. The program subscribes to Bergen Community College's mission to education not only within a specific curriculum but to provide a variety of student activities and community outreach which enhances professional development and access to care. The program incorporates didactic, clinical, technological, and laboratory teaching approaches throughout the curriculum. The program prepares the student to meet national, regional, and state licensing requirements and fulfills requirements for an Associate in Applied Sciences degree.

Program Length: 24 months; Pre-Admission Test: Dental Hygiene Admissions Exam; GPA for admissions eligibility: 2.50

High school applicants must attain the age of 18 by the first day of the first semester of the program.

High School prerequisite courses: Chemistry, with lab; Biology, with lab; Algebra.

All students must take the placement test for Math and English. Students who place into Developmental Math must take MAT 041/150 prior to the application deadline. If students score above the minimum threshold, no additional Math prerequisites courses are required. College requirements: BIO-109, CHM-112. Application **Deadline: January 15; Program Admits: Fall semester**

Eligible candidates are invited to sit for the Dental Hygiene Admissions Examination.

A college student must successfully complete CHM-112 before the application deadline, **Jan 15**.

If a high school student is going to apply to the DH program, they must complete CHM-112, College Chemistry, before the application deadline, January 15. A junior or senior high school student, 16 years of age or older, may apply for dual enrollment, with their guidance counselors or principals permission/endorsement. Then they can register for CHM-112 during the fall semester and successfully complete prior to the application deadline.