

ASSOCIATE in DENTAL HYGIENE

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Application to the Dental Hygiene Program occurs through formal application submission to the Admissions Office at the Fort Steilacoom campus. Complete and submit the Dental Hygiene Application Packet and pay a \$40 non-refundable Application Fee. You may download the packet from the dental hygiene website or call the Program Secretary to have the packet mailed to you.

Due to the special admission requirements, we do not allow online application submittal.

Deadline for submitting the completed application is typically in January each year for the following fall quarter entering class. Please see our department website for the current year's date and time. It is the applicant's responsibility to see that his/her file is complete and up-to-date.

1. All Pre-dental Hygiene courses must be passed with a minimum 2.5GPA (2.0 for computer courses)
2. Pre-dental Hygiene courses must maintain a cumulative 3.3GPA
3. All Pre-dental Hygiene courses must be complete by the end of Spring quarter prior to Fall admission
4. CHEM&121, ENGL103 (or ENGL&102), three (3) other science/math courses, and one (1) non-science course must be complete before the application deadline in January of the year you intend to apply.
5. All sciences and English must be within five years current.
6. You must be available for testing on the designated date. No exceptions. There are no testing fees.
7. Pass a Criminal History Background check.

EVALUATION OF CANDIDATES

Six separate categories create the basis for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program.

- 35% Science, Math and English GPA
- 10% Non-science GPA
- 20% Health Science Reasoning Test
- 10% Extracurricular activities
- 15% Space Relations score
- 10% Writing Sample score

The **Associate in Dental Hygiene** prepares students for eligibility to take all National, Regional and State licensing examinations to become an entry level

Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH)

Graduates of our program will also be eligible to apply for the Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary license in WA State.

Pierce College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability or age in its programs and activities.

Related Codes

Intent: **F or J**

Dental Hygiene: **308**

Special funding may be available for unemployed workers and low-wage working parents. See your advisor or call (253) 964-6265.

If accepted, the applicant will enter the two-year, seven quarter program leading to an **Associate in Dental Hygiene**. Information on total cost, including books, instruments, equipment, lab fees, uniforms, etc. is available from the Dental Hygiene Program.

REQUIREMENTS AFTER ACCEPTANCE

1. Pay the Advance Tuition Deposit when requested by Pierce College to CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE into the Program. Currently \$100.00, but subject to increase.
2. Tuberculin test or chest x-ray and tetanus shot
3. Eye examination
4. Vaccination for Hepatitis B and current with the CDC standard immunizations for the health care worker
5. Dental examination with most dental work completed
6. Background check
7. Physical examination

TO SCHEDULE AN ADVISING APPOINTMENT

via email:

denthyg@pierce.ctc.edu or fharvey@pierce.ctc.edu

or via telephone to Program Secretary:
(253) 964-6695

Office of Professional/Technical Education
(253) 964-6645

Eastern Washington University at Pierce College (BSDH)

Earn your **Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH)** at **Pierce College** in one year full-time or two years part-time *post graduation* from the Pierce College Dental Hygiene program!

Once you earn your RDH license and can practice dental hygiene, continue your education with EWU at Pierce! You can earn your BSDH in three total years (dependant on enrollment numbers) if you immediately continue into the EWU program from Pierce College just like at the EWU campus in Spokane; HOWEVER, you are licensed at the end of the Pierce program and can work in the profession while earning your BSDH!

Open doors to new possibilities in education, research, sales, public health, business, etc.

Call 253-912-3642 for more information!

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FIRST YEAR

Fall Quarter (18 Credits)

DHYG 102	Dental Imaging I	3
DHYG 103	Preventive Dentistry I	2
DHYG 104	Biological Structures I	2
DHYG 106	Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice	1
DHYG 107	Fundamentals of Restorative Dentistry I	2
DHYG 108	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene I	3
DHYG 109	Dental Hygiene Practice I	4

Winter Quarter (17 Credits)

DHYG 112	Dental Imaging II	2
DHYG 113	Preventive Dentistry II	1
DHYG 114	Biological Structures II	2
DHYG 115	General Pathology	2
DHYG 117	Fundamentals of Restorative Dentistry II	2
DHYG 118	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene II	2
DHYG 119	Dental Hygiene Practice II	6

Spring Quarter (19 Credits)

DHYG 121	Intro to Periodontology I	3
DHYG 122	Pharmacology for Dental Hygiene	3
DHYG 123	Preventive Dentistry III	1
DHYG 125	Oral Pathology	2
DHYG 127	Intro to Restorative Dentistry III	2
DHYG 128	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene III	2
DHYG 129	Dental Hygiene Practice III	6

Summer Quarter (16 Credits)

DHYG 161	Intro to Periodontology II	2
DHYG 162	Dental Imaging III	1
DHYG 164	Oral Health Profession Dynamics	2
DHYG 166	Local Anesthesia I	3
DHYG 167	Fundamentals of Restorative Dentistry IV	1
DHYG 168	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene IV	1
DHYG 169	Dental Hygiene Practice IV	6

SECOND YEAR

Fall Quarter (20 Credits)

DHYG 207	Fundamentals of Restorative Dentistry V	2
DHYG 231	Advanced Periodontology	2
DHYG 232	Nutrition for Dental Hygiene	1
DHYG 233	Gerodontology/Special Needs	2
DHYG 236	Nitrous Oxide Sedation	1
DHYG 237	Clinical Restorative Dentistry I	2
DHYG 238	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene V	3
DHYG 239	Dental Hygiene Practice V	7

Winter Quarter (20 Credits)

DHYG 217	Fundamentals of Restorative Dentistry VI	2
DHYG 243	Community Dental Health	3
DHYG 246	Extramural Dental Hygiene Practice I	2
DHYG 247	Clinical Restorative Dentistry II	2
DHYG 248	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene VI	3
DHYG 249	Dental Hygiene Practice VI	7
DHYG 266	Local Anesthesia II	1

Spring Quarter (16 Credits)

DHYG 227	Fundamentals of Restorative Dentistry VII	1
DHYG 253	Community Dental Health Practice	1
DHYG 256	Extramural Dental Hygiene Practice II	2
DHYG 257	Clinical Restorative Dentistry III	2
DHYG 258	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene VII	3
DHYG 259	Dental Hygiene Practice VII	7

Total Program Credits Required 126

Total Credits including Pre-dental Hygiene 184

Total Program Contact Hours 1885



NOTE: Minor curricular changes can occur in the course of the two-year dental hygiene program to meet current accreditation standards.

PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE COURSES (FS ONLY, but Common Course Numbering Reflected for Most Courses)

Below is a **Sample Pre-dental Hygiene course sequence**; however, many of the Pre-dental Hygiene courses require prerequisites prior to enrollment. Therefore, the Pre-dental Hygiene courses may take longer than one year to complete. The Running Start Program can expedite the coursework. Please contact your High school Advisor for more information.

PLEASE NOTE:

Compass/Asset Placement Math and English test scores are needed for your Pierce College advising appointment.

Fall I	Winter I	Spring I	Summer or Fall II
BIOL&241 (6 credits)	BIOL&242 (6 credits)	BIOL&260 (5 credits)	CMST&101 (5 credits)
MATH&146 or MATH 107 (5 credits)	PSYC&100 (5 credits)	SOC&101 (5 credits)	NUTR&101 (5 credits)
ENGL 103 (5 credits)	CHEM&121 (5 credits)	CHEM&131 (6 credits)	
16 credits	16 credits	16 credits	10 credits



Possibilities. Realized.