



2012-2013 Career Planning Guide

DENTAL HYGIENE

Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences Degree (A.A.A.S.)

Shoreline Community College

16101 Greenwood Avenue North

Shoreline, Washington 98133

Length of Program: 116 credits, 7 quarters

Completion Award: A.A.A.S. Degree

A.A.S-T Option Available

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Approximate Program Costs (estimate, 7 quarters)

Check quarterly class schedule for Tuition Table

Parking Fee	\$135
Books	\$1430
Instruments	\$5200
Lab Supply Fee	\$2525
Clinical Use Fee	\$2600
Student Uniform Fee	\$150
Insurance	\$35

Enrollment: Selective Admission: *Students interested in this program must read the brochure found on the website.*

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Dental Hygiene is a health profession with a primary focus on preventive care. Dental hygienists examine and clean teeth, take dental x rays, apply cavity prevention agents such as fluoride and sealants, place and finish fillings, administer local anesthetics and nitrous oxide sedation. They help patients develop and maintain habits which support good oral health. They show patients how to properly brush and floss their teeth and explain the importance of a healthy diet. Shoreline Community College offers one of the most respected dental hygiene programs in the state. Students begin learning dental hygiene skills in a laboratory setting and proceed to supervised clinical practice with patients. Classroom work emphasizes dental sciences. Students graduate from the program prepared to take the national, regional and state licensing examinations.

Selective Admission: The Dental Hygiene program receives more applications each year than there are available student spaces. It is therefore necessary to employ strict admissions requirements and selection procedures so that those applicants who are deemed best qualified to succeed in the Dental Hygiene Program and the dental hygiene profession may be selected.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete this program should be able to:

1. Examine patients using appropriate screening procedures.
2. Expose and develop radiographs.
3. Remove calculus and plaque (hard and soft deposits) from teeth.
4. Teach patients how to maintain healthy teeth and gums through proper oral hygiene.
5. Counsel patients concerning the role of good nutrition in oral health maintenance.
6. Apply cavity preventive agents such as fluoride and sealants.
7. Make impressions of patients' teeth for study models used in the evaluation of treatment options.
8. Place and finish dental restorations (fillings.)
9. Administer local anesthetic injections and nitrous oxide sedation.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Employment opportunities for dental hygienists are expected to grow much faster than the average occupational growth over the next decade. Most hygienists are employed by private dental offices. Dental hygienists also may be employed by public health facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, group homes, the military, as well as research and education facilities. Part-time and flexible schedules are often available.

POTENTIAL POSITIONS INCLUDE

Dental Hygienist, Public Health or School Hygienist, Health Educator, Research Assistant, Teacher, Sales Representative. Median annual wages of dental hygienists were \$66,570 in May 2008. The middle 50% earned \$55,220 - \$78,990. For employment outlook, see the U.S. Dept. of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook at <http://www.bls.gov/OCO/>.

DENTAL HYGIENE

Shoreline Community College: A.A.A.S. Degree or A.A.S.-T Option

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

High School Diploma or G.E.D. and satisfactory completion of pre-requisite college coursework: ENGL& 101, CMST& 101 or 220, PSYC& 100, BIOL& 211, 231, 232 & 260, CHEM& 121 and CHEM& 131, NUTR& 101, and General Education Requirements: Multicultural Understanding, Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning and Human Relations.

See approved list of courses that meet General Education Requirements.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

FIRST YEAR

<u>Fall Quarter</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
DENHY 100	Head & Neck Anatomy	2	___	
DENHY 101	Histology/Embryology	3	___	
DENHY 102	Prn Gen Path Syst Diseas	2	___	
DENHY 110	Dental Radiology	2	___	
DENHY 121	Clinical Dental Hyg I	3	___	
DENHY 131	Dental Hygiene Fund I	5	___	
DENHY 141	Procedures Seminar I	1	___	

<u>Winter Quarter</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
DENHY 111	Dental Radiology	3	___	
DENHY 112	Dental Anat & Morphology	2	___	
DENHY 120	Medical Emergencies	2	___	
DENHY 115	Pain Control I	3	___	
DENHY 122	Clinical Dental Hyg II	4	___	
DENHY 132	Dental Hygiene Fund II	2	___	
DENHY 142	Procedures Seminar II	1	___	
DENHY 151	Patient Records I	1	___	

<u>Spring Quarter</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
DENHY 161	Peridontology I	2	___	
DENHY 114	Oral Pathology	2	___	
DENHY 130	Pharmacology	3	___	
DENHY 181	Restorative Dentistry I	3	___	
DENHY 123	Clinical Dental Hyg III	4	___	
DENHY 133	Dental Hygiene Fund III	2	___	
DENHY 152	Patient Records II	1	___	

<u>Summer Quarter</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
DENHY 162	Periodontology II	2	___	
DENHY 171	Comm Dental Health Educ	2	___	
DENHY 140	Ethics and Jurisprudence	3	___	
DENHY 182	Restorative Dentistry II	1	___	
DENHY 124	Clinical Dental Hyg IV	3	___	
DENHY 134	Dental Hygiene Fund IV	2	___	

SECOND YEAR

<u>Fall Quarter</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
DENHY 250	Dental Gerontology	1	___	
DENHY 261	Periodontology III	1	___	
DENHY 260	Special Needs Patient	1	___	
DENHY 281	Rest Dentistry III	3	___	
DENHY 282	Rest Preclinic&Clin	3	___	
DENHY 221	Clinical Dental Hyg V	6	___	
DENHY 231	Dental Hygiene Fund V	2	___	
DENHY 241	Procedures Seminar V	1	___	
DENHY 251	Patient Records III	1	___	

<u>Winter Quarter</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
DENHY 271	Pub & Comm Dent Health	2	___	
DENHY 283	Restorative Clinic	2	___	
DENHY 215	Pain Control II	1	___	
DENHY 222	Clinical Dental Hyg VI	6	___	
DENHY 232	Dental Hygiene Fund VI	2	___	
DENHY 242	Procedures Seminar VI	1	___	
DENHY 278	Extramural Clinic I	1	___	
DENHY 252	Patient Records IV	1	___	

<u>Spring Quarter</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
DENHY 272	Spec Cnty Dent Hlth Proj	1	___	
DENHY 270	Professional Issues	1	___	
DENHY 284	Restorative Clinic	2	___	
DENHY 223	Clinical Dental Hyg VII	6	___	
DENHY 233	Dental Hygiene Fund VII	2	___	
DENHY 243	Procedures Seminar VII	1	___	
DENHY 288	Extramural Clinic II	1	___	
DENHY 253	Patient Records V	1	___	

Total Credits Required 116

COMMENTS: _____

This program is Associate of Applied Science-Technology (AAS-T) Degree eligible. The AAS-T degree indicator, which will appear on your transcript, will enable students to transfer this degree directly to **some** four-year institutions. Please check with your program advisor for more specific information.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication. However, the information is subject to change without notice, and final career decisions are the responsibility of the reader. **308 & 308T**

STUDENT NAME

STUDENT I.D.

APPROVAL TO GRADUATE

ADVISOR APPROVAL DATE

DIVISION DEAN APPROVAL DATE

CREDENTIALS APPROVAL DATE