

PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE

Associate of Science degree



Program and Career Description:

The Tennessee Transfer path in Dental Hygiene leads to a Bachelor's degree program at selected universities. Dental hygienists clean teeth, examine patients for signs of oral diseases such as gingivitis, and provide other preventive dental care. They also educate patients on ways to improve and maintain good oral health. All states require dental hygienists to be licensed; requirements vary by state.

Career	Median Salary (U.S.)	Median Salary (Tennessee)
Dental Hygienists	\$72,330	\$66,625

Career and salary information taken from www.bls.gov. Check out this web site for additional information about education requirements and preferred work styles and abilities for these careers. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at www.tntransferpathway.org.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information.



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Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Pre-Dental Hygiene (A. S.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support or pre-requisite courses.

Communications Requirement

ENGL 1010, 1020
SPCH 1010 or SPCH 1030

History Requirement (Take 2 courses)

HIST 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020, 2030

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 3 courses -- one must be a literature course)

ART 1030
ARTH 2010, 2020
ENGL 2015, 2440
HUM 1130, 1131
MUS 1030
PHIL 1030, 2030, 2033
THEA 1030
Literature Options: ENGL 2130, 2230, 2310, 2320, 2920

Natural Sciences Requirement

BIOL 2010, 2020

Mathematics Requirement

MATH 1730

Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take two courses)

SOCI 1010 or SOCI 1020
PSYC 1030

Major Required Courses

BIOL 1110, 2230*
CHEM 1110, 1120
COLS 101
HED 241

*BIOL 2230 may satisfy upper level course requirement at four-year institution.

Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- cumulative GPA must be 2.0.
- taking the Exit Exam.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

Sample Academic Plan

First Year – Fall Semester

___ ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
___ PSYC 1030	General Psychology	3
___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ BIOL 2010	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
___ MATH 1730	Pre-Calculus	4
___ COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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First Year – Spring Semester

___ ENGL 1020	Composition II	3
___ BIOL 1110	General Biology I	4
___ SPCH 1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication <u>or</u>	
___ SPCH 1030	Argumentation and Debate	3
___ BIOL 2020	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
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Second Year – Fall Semester

___ CHEM 1110	General Chemistry I	4
___ Literature Requirement		3
___ History Requirement		3
___ BIOL 2230*	Microbiology	4
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Second Year – Spring Semester

___ CHEM 1120	General Chemistry II	4
___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ History Requirement		3
___ SOCI 1010	Introduction to Sociology <u>or</u>	
___ SOCI 1020	Social Problems	3
___ HED 241	Principles of Nutrition	3
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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 62

Additional hours of coursework may be required prior to acceptance in to a professional school. Please check with the institution you wish to transfer to for any prerequisites.

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