DENTAL ASSISTING

The Dental Assisting Program prepares students for the high demand field of professional dental assisting. Dental assistants are a significant and valuable member of the dental health care team. Students are trained to perform a wide variety of duties including working chairside as patients are examined and treated, taking and developing dental radiographs, removing sutures, and applying anti-cavity agents to teeth. Dental assisting students are also taught to perform laboratory duties such as taking and pouring impressions and making temporary crowns. Additionally, the Dental Assisting Program offers curriculum on executing office duties like scheduling and confirming patients, filing patient treatment records, billing, and ordering dental supplies.

The Dental Assisting Program at Oxnard College includes patient care practice in a fully-equipped, on-site facility and off-campus externship experiences.

For more information, contact the Dental Assisting Program at (805) 986-5823.

FACULTY

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DENTAL ASSISTING

Associate in Science Degree*
Certificate of Achievement

*Submitted for State Chancellor's Approval.

REQUIRED COURSES:  

UNITs
DA R101  Introduction to Dental Assisting  9
DA R101L Introduction to Dental Assisting Lab  5

REQUIRED ADDITIONAL COURSES (COMPLETE 3 COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING):

COMM R101  Introduction to Oral Communication  3
COMM R110  Small Group Communication  3
COMM R111  Interpersonal Communication  3
COMM R113  Intercultural Communication  3

AND

DA R009  Office Procedures  3
or
CAOT R122  Microsoft Office  3
or
CIS R020A  Introduction to Microcomputers  3

AND

DA R105  First Aid/Personal Safety  3
or
HED R101  Health and Society  3
or
HED R104  Family & Personal Health  3

TOTAL REQUIRED UNITS  23

To complete the Certificate of Achievement, students must also meet requirements in scholarship and residency. Refer to Education Pathways - Earn a Certificate of Achievement section in this catalog for specific information.

To complete the Associate Degree, students must also meet requirements in general education, competency, units, scholarship, and residency. Refer to Education Pathways - Earn an Associate Degree and the A.A. or A.S. Degree in Specific Majors sections of this catalog.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the Dental Assisting program students will be able to:

- Be competent in employing the skills of chairside dental assisting in general practice and be able to compare and contrast those general practice skills to the duties of a dental assistant in specialty practice.
- Effectively practice anti-cariogenic techniques and employ the appropriate anti-cariogenic dental materials (e.g., administer oral hygiene instructions, apply fluoride varnish) under the proper supervision of a dentist.
- Examine the ethical and legal decisions inherent to the dental field and distinguish between unethical and illegal actions.
- Manage their fundamental roles in the dental practice.
- Operate dental radiographic equipment properly and safely.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

DA R009—Office Procedures  3 units

Prerequisites: Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process. Advisory: CAOT R001B or CAOT R002 and CAOT R003C.

3 hours lecture weekly

This course provides instruction and practical applications in current office techniques. Students will learn about the workplace environment, communication skills, technology basics, workforce behaviors, correspondence, meetings and travel, and job search and advancement among other related topics essential for employment in office positions. Field trips may be required. (Same as CAOT R009). Course is offered Pass/No Pass (P/NP) at student’s option.

DA R101—Introduction to Dental Assisting  3 units

Prerequisites: Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process. Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness: non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titers showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.

3 hours lecture weekly

This course is an introduction to dental assisting, dental terminology, basic anatomy of the oral cavity, dental anatomy and physiology, oral embryology, tooth morphology, classifications of restorations, preliminary oral inspection, charting existing conditions of the hard and soft tissues, taking and recording vitals signs and the introduction to systemic conditions which may affect dental care. Field trips will be required.
DA R011—Beginning Radiology  3 units
Prerequisites: Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process.  
Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness: non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.  
2 hours lecture, 3 hours lab weekly 
This course teaches the fundamentals of radiation safety and the operation of dental radiography equipment, along with the clinical application of procedures involved in exposing, processing, mounting and interpreting dental radiographs. Materials fee is required.

DA R012—Dental Materials for the DA  3 units
Prerequisites: Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process.  
Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness: non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.  
2 hours lecture, 3 hours lab weekly 
This course teaches the composition and use of restorative materials, impressions materials, pouring dental impressions, the procedural steps in using composite resin material, temporary restorative materials used in dentistry and the role of the dental team in the various procedures performed. Materials fee is required.

DA R013—Occupational Health  1 unit
Prerequisites: Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process.  
Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness: non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.  
1 hour lecture weekly 
This course teaches the dental assistant the rules and regulations in a dental office that are required by the federal, state and local regulations concerning the handling of hazardous chemicals, employee safety and waste management.

DA R014—Introduction to Chairside Dental Assisting  2 units
Prerequisites: Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process.  
Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness: non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.  
6 hours lab weekly 
This class is an introduction to the chairside dental assistant, preparing the patient for dental treatment, positioning of the patient, operator and assistant for four-handed and six-handed dentistry. Students will learn how to obtain patient health history and vital signs, treatment planning and data gathering. In addition, instrument grasp/transfer, tripex syringe use, oral evacuation and retraction will be taught. Identification and use of hand instruments, equipment maintenance, tub, tray and cassette set-ups of the basic general dental procedures will be learned. Materials fee is required. Field trips may be required.

DA R015—Dental Specialties  2 units
Prerequisites: Admittance to Dental Assisting program per application process.  
Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness: non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.  
1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab weekly 
This course provides instruction in assisting and instrumentation for the following specialties in dentistry: orthodontics, endodontics, periodontics, removable prosthodontics, pediatric dentistry and oral maxillofacial surgery, and assisting in the administration of nitrous oxide. Field trips may be required.

DA R020—Advanced Dental Assisting  2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Assisting Program courses (DA R010, DA R011, DA R012, DA R013, DA R014, and DA R015).  
Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness: non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.  
1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab weekly 
This course focuses on the development of the pre-clinical skills required for the registered dental assisting student. Students are required to meet standards of competency for each registered dental assisting task. This class is designed to prepare students for the practical component of the California Registered Dental Assistant examination. Mannequins are used for most instruction. Materials fee is required.

DA R022—Clinical Dental Experiences  3 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Assisting Program courses (DA R010, DA R011, DA R012, DA R013, DA R014, and DA R015)  
Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness: non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.  
1 hour lecture, 6 hours lab weekly 
This class incorporates practical experience working in a private practice in all fields of dentistry through a clinical externship. Experiences are in chairside and office management techniques, with emphasis on performance of Registered Dental Assistant tasks. Seminars are used to evaluate and review clinical application. Written reports are required. Field trips may be required.

DA R021—Practice Management for the Dental Assistant  3 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Assisting Program courses (DA R010, DA R011, DA R012, DA R013, DA R014, and DA R015).  
Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness: non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.  
2 hours lecture, 3 hours lab weekly 
This course focuses on instruction for the non-clinical functions which dental assistants are required to perform with emphasis on: financial arrangements, collection techniques, completing insurance forms, and maintaining current insurance records, office mail, dental office computer systems, group practice, inventory, marketing, purchasing, payroll, tax records, disbursements, and petty cash. Students will learn soft dent integrated record system.
DA R023—Ethics and Jurisprudence for the Dental Assistant
1 unit
Prerequisites: Successful completion of DA R010.
Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness; non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titers showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.
1 hour lecture weekly
This class is the study of the fundamental factors necessary to be employed. The scope of dental assistant practice within the ethical and legal framework of the State Dental Practice Act, and the Code of Ethics of the American Dental Association are explored.

DA R024—Dental Assisting Seminar
2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Assisting Program courses (DA R010, DA R011, DA R012, DA R013, DA R014, and DA R015).
Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness; non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titers showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.
2 hours lecture weekly
This course focuses on the preparation for the dental assisting certificate examination.

DA R025—Dental Health Education
2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of DA R010.
Limitations: Admission to the dental assisting program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness; non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titers showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.
2 hours lecture weekly
This course teaches the principles and practices of prevention and control of dental diseases with emphasis on nutrition, plaque control, motivation, and chairside patient education.

DA R101—Dental Assisting
9 units
Corequisites: DA R101L.
Advisory: ENGL R101.
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis; non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titers showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity.
9 hours lecture weekly
This course is a comprehensive overview of dental assisting. Topics will include dental terminology, basic anatomy of the oral cavity, dental anatomy and physiology, oral embryology, tooth morphology, classifications of restorations, preliminary oral inspection, charting existing conditions of the hard and soft tissues, taking and recording vital signs, and the introduction to systemic conditions which may affect dental care. Dental radiology/radiography, dental materials, occupational health, and dental specialties will also be discussed. Field trips may be required.
Transfer credit: CSU

DA R101L—Dental Assisting Laboratory
5 units
Corequisites: DA R101.
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis; non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titers showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity.
15 hours lab weekly
This class is a hands-on introduction to the primary dental assistant duties. Topics include preparing the patient for dental treatment, positioning of the patient and dental team, and four-handed and six-handed dentistry. Students will learn how to obtain patient health history and vital signs, treatment planning, and data gathering. In addition, instrument grasp/transfer, triplex syringe use, oral evacuation, and retraction will be taught. Identification and use of hand instruments, equipment maintenance, tub, tray and cassette set-ups of the basic general dental procedures will be covered. Dental radiology/radiography techniques, dental materials uses and techniques will also be practiced. Field trips may be required.
Transfer credit: CSU

DA R105—First Aid/Personal Safety
3 units
3 hours lecture weekly
This course develops safety awareness and positive reactions to emergency situations. It covers ways of reacting to persons suffering from traumatic shock as well as ways of interacting with and calming family members of injured persons. The course includes, but is not limited to, recognition and standard treatment procedures for four life-threatening situations (unconsciousness, breathing, circulation-pulse, and severe bleeding); use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED); care for poisoning, fractures, emergencies, shock; identification and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases; injury prevention and safety of infants, toddlers/preschoolers and young children; and preventative drug education. Students successfully completing the course receive an National Safety Council First Aid Card, Adult and Child and Infant CPR Cards, and an Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Card. (Same as HED R105). Course is offered Pass/No Pass (P/NP) at student’s option.
Transfer credit: CSU; UC. C-ID: KIN 101

DENTAL HYGIENE

The Dental Hygiene Program prepares students for the practice of dental hygiene. A Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) is a licensed professional who is part of the dental care team, performing such services as oral examination, oral prophylaxis (scaling, root planing, soft tissue curettage and polishing the teeth), exposing and processing dental x-rays, administering local anesthesia and nitrous oxide sedation for pain control, applying preventive substances such as topical fluorides and dental sealants along with instructing patients in oral disease control and nutrition.

This Dental Hygiene, Associate of Science Degree Program offers academic and clinical skills curriculum within an on-campus clinic. The student is prepared for the National Board written examination and the State practical examination for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist.

For more information, contact the Dental Hygiene Program at (805) 986-5823

FACULTY

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Richard Enriquez, DDS
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Part-Time
Susan McDonald, RDH
DENTAL HYGIENE

Associate in Science Degree

Upon completion of the two-year degree program, graduates are eligible to take the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination and the California Registered Dental Hygiene Licensure.

PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

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TOTAL PREREQUISITES

To complete the Associate Degree, students must also meet requirements in general education, competency, units, scholarship, and residency. Refer to Education Pathways - Earn an Associate Degree and the A.A. or A.S. Degree in Specific Majors sections of this catalog.

PROGRAM ADMISSION

Upon completion of the prerequisites, students must apply for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. All science prerequisites must have been completed no more than 5 years prior to application to the Dental Hygiene Program and must have been completed with a 3.0 GPA. Contact the program director at 986-5823 for details on the selection process.

The program requires full-time enrollment.

The courses listed above are not necessarily entry-level. Oxnard College offers courses to prepare students to succeed in these prerequisites. See a counselor for more information.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

DH R001 — Pre-Dental Hygiene  1 unit
1 hour lecture weekly

This course is an introduction to the field of dentistry with a specific focus on the basics of dental hygiene. Emphasis will be placed on dental terminology, communication, critical thinking skills, along with some of the basic clinical techniques required for the practice of dental hygiene. Field trips may be required.

REQUIRED DENTAL HYGIENE COURSES

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TOTAL DENTAL HYGIENE REQUIRED COURSES

Upon successful completion of the Dental Hygiene program students will be able to:

• Be competent in performing the common local anesthetic techniques used in the practice of dental hygiene.
• Analyze oral structures/tissues and evaluate these oral structures/tissues for pathology and treat any pathology appropriately.
• Construct dental hygiene treatment plans and employ these plans to provide comprehensive dental hygiene treatment to patients.
• Manage their fundamental roles in the dental practice.
• Operate dental radiographic equipment properly and safely.
• Evaluate patients’ medical/dental histories and make appropriate adjustments to their dental hygiene treatment.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

DH R001 — Pre-Dental Hygiene  1 unit
1 hour lecture weekly

This course is an introduction to the field of dentistry with a specific focus on the basics of dental hygiene. Emphasis will be placed on dental terminology, communication, critical thinking skills, along with some of the basic clinical techniques required for the practice of dental hygiene. Field trips may be required.

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DH R010 — Oral Biology 3 units
Prerequisites: Completion of program prerequisites as stipulated by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and DH R001.
Corequisites: DH R010, DH R011, DH R012, DH R014, and DH R015.
Advisory: MATH R011, BIOL R101, BIOL R101L, and CIS R020A.
Limitations: Admission to the dental hygiene program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness; non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.
2 hours lecture, 3 hours lab weekly
This course focuses on dental embryology, dental histology, the clinical recognition of normal oral structures, the physiological and structural functions of teeth and supporting tissues, and oral anatomy as related to dental hygiene procedures. Field trips may be required.

DH R011 — Oral Radiology 3 units
Prerequisites: Completion of program prerequisites as stipulated by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and DH R001.
Corequisites: DH R010, DH R012, DH R013, DH R014, and DH R015.
Advisory: MATH R011, BIOL R101, BIOL R101L, and CIS R020A.
Limitations: Admission to the dental hygiene program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness; non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.
2 hours lecture, 3 hours lab weekly
This course teaches the fundamentals of radiation safety and the operation of dental radiology equipment, along with the clinical application of procedures involved in exposing, processing, mounting and interpreting dental radiographs. This course presents the opportunity to gain certification to legally take dental radiographs. Field trips may be required.

DH R012 — Head and Neck Anatomy 2½ units
Prerequisites: Completion of program prerequisites as stipulated by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and DH R001.
Corequisites: DH R010, DH R011, DH R012, DH R014, and DH R015.
Advisory: MATH R011, BIOL R101, BIOL R101L, and CIS R020A.
Limitations: Admission to the dental hygiene program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness; non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.
2 hours lecture, 1½ hour lab weekly
This course studies the anatomical structures of the head and neck regions and relates these structures to the clinical practice of dental hygiene. Field trips may be required.

DH R013 — Dental Health Education Seminar 1 unit
Prerequisites: Completion of program prerequisites as stipulated by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and DH R001.
Corequisites: DH R010, DH R011, DH R012, DH R014, and DH R015.
Advisory: MATH R011, BIOL R101, BIOL R101L, and CIS R020A.
Limitations: Admission to the dental hygiene program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness; non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.
1 hour lecture weekly
This course teaches the principles and practices of prevention and control of dental diseases with emphasis on nutrition, plaque control, motivation, and chairside patient education. Field trips may be required.

DH R014 — Introduction to Dental Hygiene Practice 3 units
Prerequisites: Completion of program prerequisites as stipulated by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and DH R001.
Corequisites: DH R010, DH R011, DH R012, DH R013, and DH R015.
Advisory: MATH R011, BIOL R101, BIOL R101L, and CIS R020A.
Limitations: Admission to the dental hygiene program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness; non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.
3 hours lecture weekly
This course is an introduction to all theoretical and didactic components of the practice of dental hygiene, including disease transmission and prevention, universal precautions, record keeping documentation and protocol, and dental hygiene instrumentation for scaling and root planing. Field trips may be required.

DH R015 — Introduction to PreClinic/Clinic 2 units
Prerequisites: Completion of program prerequisites as stipulated by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and DH R001.
Corequisites: DH R010, DH R011, DH R012, DH R013, and DH R014.
Advisory: MATH R011, BIOL R101, BIOL R101L, and CIS R020A.
Limitations: Admission to the dental hygiene program and physical/clinical examination (within the last 12 months) with CBC and urinalysis verifying physical fitness; non-reactive VDRL or RPR; negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or negative chest x-ray; Hepatitis B vaccine & titer showing immunity; Tetanus vaccine; MMR vaccine or titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella titer showing immunity; CPR certification.
6 hours lab weekly
This course is an introduction to all clinical procedures, such as maintaining the chain of aspesis, and skills, like identifying plaque and calculus, needed for the practice of dental hygiene. Field trips may be required.

DH R020 — Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide 2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R021, DH R022, DH R023, DH R024, and DH R025.
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Advisory: MATH R011, BIOL R101, BIOL R101L, and CIS R020A.
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer showing immunity to Rubella and Rubeola; Varicella Vaccine & titer showing immunity; CPR certification.
1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab weekly
This course teaches pharmacology, physiology, and proper use of local anesthetic agents. The course also teaches the anatomy of the trigeminal nerve, physiology of nerve conduction, how anesthesia works, and prevention and management of emergencies.

DH R021 — General and Oral Pathology 4 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R020, DH R022, DH R023, DH R024, and DH R025.
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
4 hours lecture weekly
This is a study of the pathological processes of inflammation, immunology defense, degeneration, neoplasms, developmental disorders, and healing and repair. This class focuses on the recognition of abnormalities in the human body with a special emphasis on normal and abnormal conditions in the oral cavity.

DH R022 — Pharmacology 2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R020, DH R021, DH R023, DH R024, and DH R025.
2 hours lecture weekly
This course focuses on the classification and study of drugs according to origin, physical and chemical properties, therapeutic effect and values, particularly of drugs used in dentistry.
DH R023—Clinical Practice I 3 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R020, DH R021, DH R022, DH R024, and DH R025
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
9 hours lab weekly
This course provides beginning clinical experience in the treatment of adult and child patients. Various clinical procedures utilizing scaling and polishing techniques, extraoral and intraoral inspections, cancer screening, dental and periodontal charting, plaque control instructions and topical fluoride application will be put into supervised practice. Field trips may be required.

DH R024—Clinic Dental Hygiene Seminar I 3 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R020, DH R021, DH R022, DH R023, and DH R025 3 hours lecture weekly.
This course is designed to provide additional didactic material for clinical procedures that students apply in clinical situations. Information presented in previous clinic/patient treatment-related courses is reviewed. Clinical issues and cases are reviewed and discussed. Field trips may be required.

DH R025—Periodontics I 2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all first semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R020, DH R021, DH R022, DH R023, and DH R024 2 hours lecture weekly
This course in periodontics provides identification of the normal periodontium and recognition of deviations from norm. The etiology and principles of periodontal diseases, examination procedures, treatment and preventive measures are also examined. Field trips may be required.

DH R030—Special Patients/Geriatrics 1 unit
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all second semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R031, DH R032, DH R033, DH R034, DH R035, and DH R036
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
1 hour lecture weekly
This course teaches characteristics and alternative management techniques of individual patients with special needs, including providing motivation and honing interpersonal communication for these patients. The treatment of the compromised patient and myofunctional therapy is presented. Field trips may be required.

DH R031—Nutrition in Dentistry 1 unit
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all second semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R030, DH R032, DH R033, DH R034, DH R035, and DH R036
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
1 hour lecture weekly
This course provides the basic principles of nutrition and its relationship to oral health and well-being. The students perform dietary surveys on clinic patients and plan nutritional dietary programs. Field trips may be required.

DH R032—Dental Materials 2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all second semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R030, DH R031, DH R033, DH R034, DH R035, and DH R036
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab weekly
This course teaches the composition and application of various materials used in dental procedures. The fundamentals of chairside assisting while using dental materials are taught and the roles of the entire dental team in working with various dental materials in the care of oral dentition are covered. Field trips may be required.

DH R033—Clinical II Seminar 2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all second semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R030, DH R031, DH R032, DH R034, DH R035, and DH R036
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
2 hours lecture weekly
This course expands knowledge of comprehensive dental hygiene care through lecture and group discussions. Didactic material from other courses is reviewed and supplemented. Clinical issues and cases are also covered. Field trips may be required.

DH R034—Clinical Practice II 4 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all second semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R030, DH R031, DH R032, DH R033, DH R035, and DH R036
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
12 hours lab weekly
This course provides intermediate experience in the treatment of dental hygiene patients to expand on the procedures and techniques and provides additional experience on more difficult patient cases. Field trips may be required.

DH R035—Periodontics II 2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all second semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R030, DH R031, DH R032, DH R033, DH R034, and DH R036
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
2 hours lecture weekly
This course enhances assessment skills applicable to the treatment of patients with advanced periodontal disease. This course teaches the dental hygienist ethical and clinical responsibility in periodontal disorders and the relationship of the specialty practice of periodontics within the broad scope of dentistry and legal ramifications thereof. Field trips may be required.
DH R036—Community Oral Health I 2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all second semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R030, DH R031, DH R032, DH R033, DH R034, and DH R035
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
2 hours lecture weekly
This course introduces students to the principles and practices of dental public health. The emphasis is placed on the role of the dental hygienist as an innovator of and educator in community health programs. Public health issues will be introduced and discussed. Field trips may be required.

DH R040—Advanced Clinical Topics 2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all third semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R041, DH R042, DH R043, DH R044, and DH R045
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab weekly
This course emphasizes advanced dental hygiene skills and procedures, state board patient selection, ways to minimize occupational hazards common to dental practice, and interactive skill development for the dental practice. Field trips may be required.

DH R041—Practice Management 1 unit
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all third semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R040, DH R042, DH R043, DH R044, and DH R045
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
1 hour lecture weekly
This course presents office practice management; ethical and legal aspects of dentistry and dental hygiene, and business matters relating to dental hygiene practice. Field trips may be required.

DH R042—Clinic III Seminar 2 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all third semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R040, DH R041, DH R043, DH R044, and DH R045
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
2 hours lecture weekly
This course emphasizes advanced treatment planning and treatment of advanced periodontal patients and State Board review and preparation. Field trips may be required.

DH R043—Clinical Practice III 4 units
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all third semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R040, DH R041, DH R042, DH R044, and DH R045
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
12 hours lab weekly
This course provides advanced clinical experiences in the treatment of adult patients. Various clinical procedures utilizing advanced scaling and root planing, polishing techniques, extraoral and intraoral inspections, cancer screening, dental and periodontal charting, plaque control instructions, nutritional counseling, and topical fluoride will be put into supervised practice. Field trips may be required.

DH R044—Community Oral Health II 1 unit
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all third semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R040, DH R041, DH R042, DH R043, and DH R045
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
3 hours lab weekly
This class is the laboratory portion of the community oral health courses (the lecture portion is Community Oral Health I, DH R036). It uses community settings as the forum to relay the principles of dental public health as they relate to both children and adult populations. Field trips may be required.

DH R045—Ethics and Jurisprudence 1 unit
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all third semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Corequisites: DH R040, DH R041, DH R042, DH R043, and DH R044
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
1 hour lecture weekly
This course examines the fundamental factors necessary to be employed and practiced within the ethical and legal framework of the state dental practice act and the code of ethics of the American Dental Association. Field trips may be required.

DH R050—Clinical Practice IV 1 unit
Prerequisites: Successful completion of all fourth semester Dental Hygiene Program courses as stipulated by the American Dental Association.
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
3 hours lab weekly
This course provides clinical practice for students as they prepare to take the state dental hygiene licensure examination. Field trips may be required. Not applicable for degree credit. Course is offered Pass/No Pass (P/NP) at student’s option.

DH R051—Clinical Skills Review ½ unit
Prerequisites: Successful completion of the Oxnard College Dental Hygiene Program.
Limitations: Physical/clinical examination (within the last year); Negative Tuberculosis Mantoux test or chest x-ray; Hepatitis B Vaccine & titer; Tetanus Vaccine; Titers showing immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella; CPR certification.
1½ hours lab weekly
This course provides the opportunity for additional instruction in dental hygiene clinical skills and related studies. Field trips may be required. Not applicable for degree credit.

DH R098—Short Courses in Dental Hygiene ½-10 units
Lecture and/or lab hours as required by unit formula
The course covers specialized topics designed to inform or update interested persons in various disciplines within the dental hygiene field. The length of course determines unit credit. Field trips may be required.