

Required Dental Hygiene Courses

Once accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program, a student must follow this two-year course sequence for a total of 64.5 dental hygiene units.

<u>First Semester</u>		Units
DH 310	Oral Biology	3
DH 311	Oral Radiology	3
DH 312	Head and Neck Anatomy	2.5
DH 313	Dental Health Education Seminar	1
DH 314	Introduction to Dental Hygiene Practice	3
DH 315	Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene	2
COMM 316	Organizational Communication	3
Total		17.5

<u>Second Semester</u>		Units
DH 320	Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide	2
DH 321	General and Oral Pathology	4
DH 322	Pharmacology	2
DH 323	Clinical Practice I	3
DH 324	Clinic Seminar I	3
DH 325	Periodontics I	2
Total		16

<u>Third Semester</u>		Units
DH 430	Special Needs Patients/Geriatrics	1
DH 431	Nutrition in Dentistry	1
DH 432	Dental Materials & Expanded Functions	2
DH 433	Clinic Seminar II	2
DH 434	Clinical Practice II	4
DH 435	Periodontics II	2
DH 436	Community Oral Health I	2
PSY 437	Research Design & Methodology	3
Total		17

<u>Fourth Semester</u>		Units
DH 440	Advanced Clinical Topics	2
DH 441	Practice Management	1
DH 442	Clinic Seminar III	2
DH 443	Clinical Practice III	4
DH 444	Community Oral Health II	1
DH 445	Ethics and Jurisprudence	1
HED 446	Optimizing Health Across the Lifespan	3
Total		14

General Information (805) 678-5800

Oxnard College is a locally controlled, public comprehensive two-year college, part of the California state system of higher education. As such, and in keeping with the policies of both the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees and the State Legislature, the college exists to serve members of the community who are high school graduates or who are over the age of 18 and capable.

Financial Services (805) 678-5828

This office offers a complete array of financial support services, which are designed to help Oxnard College students, cover some of the expenses involved in obtaining a college education. The Financial Aid office is located in the Student Services building.

<https://www.oxnardcollege.edu/departments/student-services/financial-aid-office>

Transfer Center (805) 678-5837

The Transfer Center is designed to provide assistance to students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university. The Transfer Center provides current information, reference materials, college catalogs, applications, and support services necessary for planning and achieving a smooth transition between institutions. Transfer Center activities are scheduled and distributed monthly through the "Transfer Center Calendar." The Transfer Center is located in the Student Services building.

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General Counseling (805) 678-5816

Provides information on the program and requirements with review of transcripts. Assist in creating an education plan.

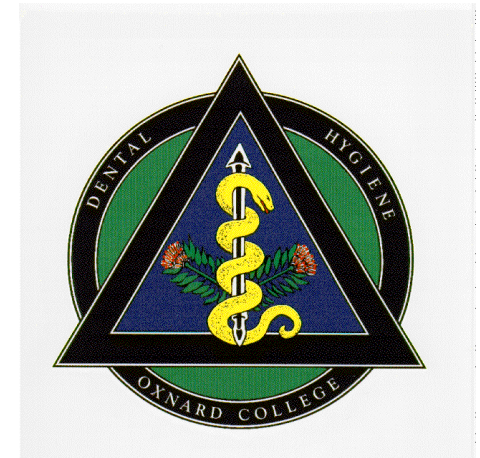
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Oxnard College Dental Hygiene



Bachelor of Science Degree Program

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Dental Hygiene

The Dental Hygiene Program prepares students for the practice of dental hygiene. A Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) is a licensed dental professional who is part of the dental care team, performing preventive and therapeutic oral health care services such as oral examinations, radiographs, oral prophylaxis, non-surgical periodontal therapy (scaling, root planing, soft tissue curettage), and administering local anesthesia and nitrous oxide-oxygen sedation for pain control. They also apply preventive treatments such as topical fluorides and dental sealants along with educating patients in oral health care, nutrition, and the connection between oral health and one's general health.

Successful Dental Hygiene Program students are eligible to take the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (written) in their final year. Graduates qualify to take a regional practical exam and the California Law & Ethics exam (written) to gain licensure.

Career Opportunities

A baccalaureate degree not only prepares the dental hygienist to assume roles treating diverse populations in many different health care settings such as general and specialty practices, public schools, public health, acute and extended care facilities, federal and state-run dental clinics, and hospitals, but could lead to more career options for higher level positions in management, administration, public health, teaching, and research development as well as providing a pathway to further ones education.

About the Program

The Dental Hygiene Program begins each fall and enrolls one cohort of students. This is an intense program requiring a full-time commitment that may include evening and weekend classes and activities.

All dental hygiene didactic instruction is taught at Oxnard College. Practical clinical experience is gained through patient experience at the on-site dental hygiene clinic. In addition, students will have the opportunity to observe dental specialty practices (i.e., Periodontal, Endodontic, Orthodontic, etc.) or other facilities located off campus. Students will also engage in a variety of enrichment activities such as community health fairs, dental society and dental hygiene society meetings, State and National Dental Professional Association Conventions, and community outreach activities.

Preparation

High school courses in algebra, biology and chemistry are recommended to prepare the applicant for the prerequisite college classes. Students must have an associate degree with one of the following general education patterns, IGETC, CSU GE, Cal-GETC., as well as completion of the prerequisite courses for admission to the Dental Hygiene program.

<u>Program Recommended Course</u>	<u>Units</u>
BIS R122 <i>Microsoft Office</i>	3
<i>Spanish Course {SPAN R100, R110, R200, or R210,}</i>	4
<u>Program Prerequisite Courses</u>	<u>Units</u>
ENGL C1001 Critical Thinking & Writing	4
COMM R102 Introduction to Comm. Studies	3
ANAT R101 General Human Anatomy*	4
CHEM R110 Elementary Chemistry	5
CHEM R112 Elem. Organic/Bio Chem.	5
STAT C1000 Introduction to Statistics	4
DH R001 Pre-Dental Hygiene	1
ENGL C1000 Academic Reading & Writing	4
MICR R100 Principles of Microbiology	3
MICR R100L Principles of Microbiology Lab	2
PHSO R101 Human Physiology*	5
PSYC C1000 Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCI C1000 Introduction to Sociology	3
COMM C1000 Introduction to Public Speaking	3
ANTH R119 Introduction to Border Studies	3**
*No combined Anatomy/Physiology courses	
**Or accepted Ethnic Studies Class	

Costs Associated with the Program

Normal student expenses (textbooks, in-state tuition, college fees, etc.) are estimated to be about \$11,000. In addition to the normal student expenses, the dental hygiene program requires approximately another \$12,000 during the two years. These additional costs are associated with instruments, equipment, uniforms, fees for licensing examinations, professional dues, and course expenses. Students who anticipate financial need should contact the College's Financial Aid Office at (805) 678-5828.

VCCCD has adopted the state-mandated enrollment fee. The enrollment fee is \$130 per unit for the baccalaureate program. Other fees, including non-resident tuition, parking fees, and Health Center Fees remain in force. All fees are subject to change without notice.

Applicant Requirements & Selection

Application packets are available every December for the fall class and are accepted from January 1st to March 15th of the year entrance is desired. Applications and additional information are available online under the Dental Hygiene Banner on the OC website.

Applicant Selection is based on the following criteria:

As GPA calculations and course equivalencies can vary between institutions, please be sure to confirm your eligibility with an Oxnard College counselor prior to application, (805) 678-5816.

1. Completion of all prerequisites to be eligible for admission
2. Minimum cumulative college GPA of 3.0. *(All colleges ever attended must be reported)*
3. 3.0 or better GPA upon completion of all college science prerequisites; ANAT, CHEM, MICR, PHSO + Labs
4. Five-year recency requirement for all science prerequisites
5. High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent
6. Current BLS CPR AED certification with an in-person skills portion

Upon verification of program selection criteria, all qualified candidates will be included in a selection pool. A prioritized lottery selection process is utilized to select the entering students and alternates. There is currently no waitlist therefore students not accepted must reapply each year. In addition to a lottery, the program uses a structured point-based admissions system combined with a personal interview component. This approach affords a fair opportunity for admission by ensuring that all applicants are reviewed using the same objective measures, minimizing subjectivity and increasing consistency.