

Required Dental Hygiene Courses

Once accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program, a student must follow this two-year course sequence for a total of 55.5 dental hygiene units*.

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>Units</u>
DH 10	Oral Biology	3
DH 11	Oral Radiology	3
DH 12	Head and Neck Anatomy	2.5
DH 13	Dental Health Education Seminar	1
DH 14	Introduction to Dental Hygiene Practice	3
DH 15	Introduction to Pre-Clinic/Clinic	2
Total		14.5

<u>Second Semester</u>		<u>Units</u>
DH 20	Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide	2
DH 21	General and Oral Pathology	4
DH 22	Pharmacology	2
DH 23	Clinical Practice I	3
DH 24	Clinic I Seminar	3
DH 25	Periodontics I	2
Total		16

<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Units</u>
DH 30	Special Patients/Geriatrics	1
DH 31	Nutrition in Dentistry	1
DH 32	Dental Materials	2
DH 33	Clinic II Seminar	2
DH 34	Clinical Practice II	4
DH 35	Periodontics II	2
DH 36	Community Oral Health I	2
Total		14

<u>Fourth Semester</u>		<u>Units</u>
DH 40	Advanced Clinical Topics	2
DH 41	Practice Management	1
DH 42	Clinic III Seminar	2
DH 43	Clinical Practice III	4
DH 44	Community Oral Health II	1
DH 45	Ethics and Jurisprudence	1
Total		11

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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

The student who is hesitant about attending college because the financial expenses involved in obtaining a college education may prove to be too much of a personal or family burden will find a welcome campus friend in the office of the Student Financial Services. 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. <https://www.oxnardcollege.edu/departments/student-services/transfer-center>

General Counseling (805) 678-5816

Provides information on the program and requirements with review of transcripts. Can also assist in creating an education plan. <https://www.oxnardcollege.edu/departments/student-services/counseling>

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Oxnard College Dental Hygiene



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DENTAL HYGIENE

A dental hygienist is a licensed dental professional who is part of the dental care team. They perform services such as oral examination, oral prophylaxis (scaling, root planing, soft tissue curettage and polishing the teeth). They expose and process dental x-rays, administer local anesthesia and nitrous oxide sedation for pain control. Also, they apply preventive medications such as topical fluorides and dental sealants along with instructing patients in oral disease control and nutrition.

Successful Dental Hygiene Program students are eligible to take the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (written) in their second year. Upon completion of the two-year degree program, graduates qualify to take a clinical exam administered through CRDTS, WREB, or CDCA/ADEX and must take the California Law & Ethics exam (written) to gain licensure.

Career Opportunities

Dental hygienists usually work in private dental offices or clinics. In addition, there are opportunities for employment in alternative settings such as hospitals, community health programs or public health institutions.

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 (including evenings and weekend classes and activities). It is highly recommended that the general education courses that are required for the Associate in Science Degree be completed prior to entrance into the dental hygiene program.

All dental hygiene didactic instruction is taught at Oxnard College. Practical clinical experience is gained through a combination of patient experience at our on-site dental hygiene clinic and at off-site rotations. In addition, students will be required to observe at specialty practice offices (i.e., Periodontal, Endodontic, Orthodontic, etc.) or other facilities located off campus. Students will also participate in a variety of enrichment activities such as community health fairs, meetings with dental/dental hygiene societies and associations, conventions of professional dental associations, and community service projects.

Preparation

High school courses in algebra, biology and chemistry are recommended to prepare the applicant for the prerequisite college classes. Students should plan to complete general education requirements such as fine arts, humanities, and physical education prior to program entry to be eligible for an Associate of Science degree in Dental Hygiene upon completion of the program. Consult an OC academic counselor for details.

Program Recommended Courses

	<u>Units</u>
READ R105 Critical Reading	3
Spanish Course if no basic verbal skills in Spanish	3-5

Program Prerequisite Courses

	<u>Units</u>
BIOL 101 General Biology*	3
BIOL 101L General Biology Lab*	1
ANAT R101 General Human Anatomy	4
CHEM R110 Elementary Chemistry	5
CHEM R112 Elem. Organic/Bio Chem.	5
MATH R105 Introductory Statistics	4
DH R001 Pre-Dental Hygiene	1
ENGL R101 College Composition	4
MICR R100 Principles of Microbiology	3
MICR R100L Prin. of Microbiology Lab	2
PHSO R101 Human Physiology***	5
PSY R101 General Psychology	3
SOC R101 Intro to Sociology	3
COMM R101 Intro to Oral Communication	3
ANTH R102 Cultural Anthropology**	3

*Prerequisites for Anatomy at Oxnard College only

**Or equivalent Ethnic Studies/Diversity Class

***No combined Anatomy/Physiology courses

Costs Associated with the Program

Normal student expenses (textbooks, in-state tuition, college fees, etc.) are estimated to be about \$6,000. In addition to the normal student expenses, the dental hygiene program requires approximately another \$11,000 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 a financial need should contact the College's Financial Aid Office at (805) 678-5828.

The VCCCD has adopted the state-mandated enrollment fee. The basic enrollment fee is \$46 per unit, and the health fee is \$21 per semester. Other fees, such as nonresident tuition, 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 1st of the year entrance is desired. Students must have all prerequisites completed by the end of the fall semester of the prior year.* Applications and additional information is 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 by the end of the Fall Semester prior to program entry*
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

****One science course and DH R001 may be in progress at the time of application***

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 waiting list; therefore, students not accepted must reapply each year. Candidates taking 32 units of their prerequisites, with 15 units in science prerequisites at Oxnard College, are in the first pool. Candidates who take 32 units of prerequisites, with 15 units in science prerequisites at any of the VCCCD Colleges or SBCC, are included in the second pool along with the first pool candidates. The remaining candidates are in the final pool along with the first and second pool candidates.