



WHAT IS DENTAL HYGIENE?

A dental hygienist works to meet the oral health needs of patients. The range of services performed by hygienists varies from state to state. Some of the services provided by dental hygienists may include: patient screening procedures, developing dental

For more Career Resources to help you explore the possibilities, see the other side.

WHAT DEGREE DO I GET AT WWCC?

For most Health Technology Degrees, the Associate in Arts-DTA works to incorporate prerequisite courses at WWCC in your education plan. Below are recommended courses to prepare you for this type of program. Check out www.wbcc.edu/associateinarts for specific degree requirements.

RECOMMENDED COURSES

Every program / institution may require slightly different prerequisites. It is highly recommended that you speak with a representative at the future institution to identify specific prerequisite coursework or other requirements to be ready for your program (eg-minimum GPA requirements) and work with your advisor to develop an Education Plan including proper courses.

The courses listed below are recommended only, completion of these courses does not guarantee admissions to institutions or programs.

COMMUNICATIONS (13 CREDITS REQUIRED)

- ENGL&101
- ENGL&102
- Select Speech course based on school

HUMANITIES (15 CREDITS REQUIRED)

- PHIL131-Intro to Ethics

NATURAL SCIENCES (15 CREDITS REQUIRED)

- BIOL&160-General Biology
- BIOL&241-Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIOL&242-Anatomy & Physiology II

The AA degree requires an additional 3 credits for Physical Activity courses, First Year Experience, and a Diversity course for completion.

Important Notes:

While an advisor is available to help research and plan courses, it is the student's responsibility to research and communicate with schools and programs to which they intend to apply to verify prerequisites and requirements as these vary and are subject to change.

Please check out the links to schools available at www.wbcc.edu/health-technology

Some programs accept BIOL&175 rather than the Anatomy & Physiology sequence.

SOME SCHOOLS WITH A DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM:

Bellingham Technocal College	Clark College	College of Southern Idaho
Columbia Basin College	Eastern Washington University-	Idaho State University
Lake Washingot Technical College	Bachelor's Program	Mt. Hood Community College
	Lane Community College	

This is general guide for planning purposes and does not include specific dates for specific schools; that information must be obtained from your prospective colleges and universities. For more Planning Tips and Resources for this pathway, see the other side.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN DENTAL HYGIENE

American Dental Hygienists Association - www.adha.org

American Dental Association - www.ada.org

CAREER RESOURCES

For more information and resources, please visit our Career website at: www.wvcc.edu/career-services

TIPS FOR PREPARING

Please visit the Health Technology page at www.wvcc.edu/health-technology for a full listing of regional programs. Use this information to determine deadlines, start dates, additional prerequisites for programs, information sessions, and contacts.

Most programs require volunteer experience prior to application.

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