



Dental Hygiene, AAS Degree - 82 credits

Program Area: Health (Fall 2020)

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**THE ELECTRONIC PROGRAM APPLICATION MAY BE FOUND ON THE LSC WEBSITE.
APPLICATION DATES TO APPLY ARE DECEMBER 26TH – JANUARY 22TH ANNUALLY.**

Program Description

The dental hygiene program provides academic and clinical educational opportunities for capable individuals to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitude for the professional practice of dental hygiene. The curriculum focuses on basic sciences, as well as essential technical and clinical skills in preparation for providing preventive dental hygiene services to the public. Dental hygienists are preventive oral health professionals, licensed in dental hygiene, who provide educational, clinical, and therapeutic services supporting total health through the promotion of optimal oral health.

Due to the nature of the clinical experiences in the dental hygiene program, students will be participating in a work environment that has the potential of exposure to bloodborne pathogens. All students accepted into the dental hygiene program are provided with written policy and instruction on infection control protocol to reduce the risk of disease transmission. Policies and procedures on the dental hygiene program's infection control protocol are available to all applicants upon request. Other work-related disorders associated with the practice of dental hygiene could result from repetitive activities and exposure to high decibel sounds. Advancements in design and technology in the profession are continually evolving to minimize the effects. The program complies with all institutional, local, state, and federal policies.

Program Outcomes

- To prepare graduates with the knowledge and clinical competence required to provide current comprehensive dental hygiene services.
- Interact effectively with patients, peers, and dental health care members utilizing professional, written, and oral communication.
- Develop an identity of self, supportive of

