

Chattanooga State



Dental Hygiene Program

Your Guide

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Important information: Dental Hygiene Program at Chattanooga State

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(423) 697-4782
(call for appointment to set up
your academic plan)

Division Office:

HSC Room 2088

Phone:

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All forms and important information can be found on these two Web sites:

N/AH Web site: http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/Allied_Health

DH Web site: http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/Allied_Health/dental_hygiene

Purpose

A dental hygienist is an oral health professional who is trained to provide comprehensive preventive dental health services to the public. Included in these services are examination of oral and facial structures, removing stains and deposits from the teeth, root planing, exposing and processing dental radiographs, applying decay-preventive agents and preparing clinical and laboratory diagnostic tests used by the dentist to provide quality patient care. Many dental practices require some chair side or business office duties. Frequent patient visits afford the dental hygienist the opportunity to instruct patients in proper oral hygiene techniques to practice at home and work. This program, therefore, prepares the dental hygiene student to become an important, contributing member of the dental care team and to become a true professional. An Associate of Applied Science degree is awarded after successful completion of the Dental Hygiene Program.

Accreditation

The Chattanooga State program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association—a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation of the U.S. Department of Education.

Program Content

Summary of Required Hours

A minimum of grade “C” is required for all courses in the “Summary of Required Hours”

Freshman Year

Course No.	Course Title	FALL	SPR	SU
DH 132	Dental Hygiene I	9		
DH 142	Dental Hygiene Application I	4		
DH 135	Dental Hygiene II			9
DH 145	Dental Hygiene Application II			4
DH 255	Dental Hygiene Pain Management			4
BIOL 2010,2020	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4	4	
BIOL 1430	Nutrition			3
ENGL 1010	Composition		3	
PY 101	General Psychology			3
		17	20	10

Sophomore Year

DH 238	Dental Hygiene III	5		
DH 248	Dental Hygiene Application III	4		
DH 239	Dental Hygiene IV			3
DH 249	Dental Hygiene Application IV			4
BIOL 2230	Microbiology	4		
SO 110	Introduction to Sociology			3
	Humanities Elective	3		
	Mathematics Elective (MATH 1530 preferred)			3
	Total Hours: 76	16	13	

Note: Chemistry requirement to be completed in high school with a “B” or higher or complete a college level chemistry.

Career Opportunities

- Private practice—general, group, specialty
- Health departments or associated institutions
- Teaching—dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting
- Schools, school systems, continuing education seminars
- Pediatric, geriatric or special needs centers
- Health maintenance organizations
- Dental claims departments of insurance companies
- Sales representative of preventive dental products
- Hospital and nursing homes
- Government employment

Admission Requirements

- Submit a completed application to the college - call 697-4401 for details of general admission.
- Complete all remedial transitional study requirements, if applicable.
- Submit a completed Allied Health Application indicating Dental Hygiene.
Note: Allied Health Application form must be turned in before test scores and other forms are submitted.

Send to: Chattanooga State Community College
Application Coordinator, HSC 2088
4501 Amnicola Hwy., Chattanooga, TN 37406

- Submit official transcripts from all high schools and/or colleges attended to Chattanooga State Admissions Office.
- Take the TEAS.
- Document 16 hours of dental office observation.
- Prerequisite: Introduction to Chemistry (CHEM 1010) required of those students who did not receive a grade “B” or better in high school chemistry. This prerequisite must be met before final admission.

Information Sessions Offered

Attending a Dental Hygiene information session is **not required but is strongly encouraged** for prospective students.

Topics for discussion include:

- Description of the profession
- Job opportunities
- Program overview
- Admission requirements
- Selection process
- Curriculum
- Course scheduling information
- Speak directly with a Dental Hygiene educator

For dates and times, please visit the website or call (423) 697-4450.

Selection Procedure

The deadline for submission for all application requirements is the first Monday in February, and only candidates meeting that deadline will be considered (See Admissions Checklist). After first Monday in February, only candidates with TEAS scores and grade point averages above the minimums established by the program will be interviewed by the selection committee.

Post-Selection Procedure

Selectees:

- must complete forms furnished for medical and dental examinations and drug screening. Acceptance to the Dental Hygiene Program is contingent upon results of these examinations. These forms must be submitted to the Dental Hygiene program office by August 1.
- must supply proof of CPR certification (a two-year certification is available through the American Heart Association).
- must have Hepatitis-B vaccine. Consult applicant’s private physician.
- should have personal health/accident insurance.

Alternates or non-accepted applicants should:

- receive assignment of advisor from Dental Hygiene program faculty.
- complete registration or preregistration process with advisor each semester.
- complete as many non-dental hygiene courses as possible.
- re-apply by the following first Monday in February.

Selection Procedure Note

Admission to the Dental Hygiene Program is a competitive process. Selection into the program is based on a comparative analysis of test scores, transcripts, interviews and other application materials. Transcript information considered by the selection committee includes grade point average and courses completed. Composition of the class will reflect diversity based on age, gender and race. Students seeking admission into the Dental Hygiene Program may begin to take prerequisite and general education courses prior to acceptance into the program. This includes any course located in the course of study other than those with a “DH” prefix. Some Sciences must be taken with a five-year limit and requires a “C” or better.

General Information

The brochure contains the Dental Hygiene Program curriculum and admission procedures as well as all the necessary forms and applications. The submission of the application and admission materials is encouraged at any time but the deadline is the first Monday in February for priority consideration.

In support of non-discrimination policies, applicants to Health Programs are not required to provide evidence of Health History and Physical examination. Once accepted into the program, the student must provide required documentation of Health History and Physical examination signed by a physician indicating the student’s ability to safely continue with the program of study. Students must acknowledge by signature their willingness to comply with all policies as outlined in the Nursing/Allied Health Handbook.

Dental Hygiene is a full-time program, but students may prepare for a dental hygiene career by taking classes in the curriculum that do not have a “DH” prefix. Please Note: Students must be aware that they may come in contact with blood borne pathogens (HIV, Hepatitis B) while seeing patients.

For more information regarding the Dental Hygiene Program, please contact the N/AH office at (423) 697-4450 or visit the N/AH website. All forms necessary to successfully complete the DH application process, can be found at www.chattanoogaastate.edu/allied_health/dental_hygiene

Licensure

The license issued to practice dental hygiene is granted by the Board of Dentistry of the state in which the dental hygienist wants to practice. A written national board and a clinical board must be completed successfully. A CBC is also required by the state of Tennessee for licensure.

Salary Range

Excellent opportunities for employment exist nationwide. A beginning income of approximately \$40,000 per year or more can be expected, depending upon the payment system utilized.

Technical Standards

The goal of all Chattanooga State health programs is to produce practitioners who can function safely in the health care arena. For that reason, the following standards have been established. All candidates must:

- have normal or corrected vision within the range of 20/20 to less than 20/200 and able to distinguish color shade changes.
- hear or possess the ability to lip read.
- possess in both hands the ability to perceive temperature changes, recognize an object by touching and handling and differentiate between various textures of substances.
- Possess the ability to verbally communicate.
- Possess four functional limbs (normal or artificial) which allow the following actions:
 - grasp securely with both hands.
 - walk without human assistance.
 - lift at least 20 pounds without assistance.

Americans With Disabilities

Students who have educational, psychological, and/or physical disabilities may be eligible for accommodations that provide equal access to educational programs and activities at Chattanooga State. These students should notify the instructor immediately, and ideally should contact Disabilities Support Services within the first two weeks of the semester in order to discuss individual needs. The student must provide documentation of the disability so that reasonable accommodations can be requested in a timely manner. All students are expected to fulfill essential course requirements in order to receive a passing grade in a class, with or without reasonable accommodations.

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

The TEAS test results will be used when applying for any degree program in the Nursing/Allied Health Division. The test includes 85 scored multiple-choice questions divided into two subsections:

Reading: paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension and inferences/conclusions (40 items) Mathematics: whole numbers, metric conversion, fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, percentages and ratio/proportion (45 items)

The scores of the two tests are averaged into a composite score that is used in the selection process.

Please visit the N/AH website at http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/Allied_Health to find out more information regarding the test and registration procedures.

The TEAS will not only identify weaknesses in processing skills which are necessary for success in college, but the test will enable each student to correct their weaknesses prior to entering school. The group and individual diagnostic report generated by the test will compare each student and group with national norming. You can purchase a Study Guide in our Chattanooga State Bookstore.

Financial Aid Notes

Students wishing to receive financial aid should pay special attention to the satisfactory academic progress regulations regarding maximum time frame. This policy states, "A student may attempt up to 102 credit hours, plus up to 30 transitional studies hours, before he/she becomes ineligible for financial aid.

The time frame for students seeking a SECOND associate degree is also determined by the 102 credit hour limit plus transitional studies credit hours. Credit hours from the FIRST degree WILL be counted toward the second degree program."

2011-2012 Dental Hygiene Program Expenses

These are estimated program cost. Actual costs may vary due to changes in tuition and/or fee increases as determined by the Tennessee Board of Regents. This cost will also be reduced for students since some of the required course work is completed prior to acceptance into the program. These general and support courses taken before the program is to lessen course load in a given semester.

Note: College fees are included in the maintenance cost.

Link to Chattanooga State Current Web site Fees -
<http://www.chattanoogaastate.edu/bursar>

Maintenance Fees	In-State	Out-of-State
Pre-Admission Costs:		
College one time application fee	15.00	15.00
TEAS admission test	35.00	35.00
First Semester (17 hours) (fall)		
Maintenance Fee	1,835.50	7,047.50
Liability Insurance	11.00	11.00
*CPR	40.00	40.00
Physical Examination	300.00	300.00
Hepatitis B (estimate)	175.00	175.00
Textbooks	595.00	595.00
Instruments kits	1350.00	1350.00
Handpiece	680.00	680.00
XCP kit	110.00	110.00
Uniforms	200.00	200.00
Other equipment	100.00	100.00
SADHA dues	75.00	75.00
Second Semester (20 hours) (spring)		
Maintenance Fee	1,913.50	7,365.50
Equipment and supplies	75.00	75.00
Misc (class dues, etc)	100.00	100.00
Third Semester (4 hours) (summer)		
Maintenance Fee	592.00	2,196.00
Supplies (Syringe)	30.00	30.00
Books	125.00	125.00
Fourth Semester (16 hours) (fall)		
Maintenance Fee	1,809.50	6,941.50
Textbooks	125.00	125.00
Liability Insurance	11.00	11.00
SADHA Dues	75.00	75.00
Misc (class dues, etc)	100.00	100.00
Additional Instruments	75.00	75.00
Fifth Semester (13 hours) (spring)		
Maintenance Fee	1,731.50	6,623.50
National Board examination	368.00	368.00
Regional Clinical Board (SRTA or ADEX)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Board travel expenses	800.00	800.00
Graduation expenses	50.00	50.00
Licensure fees	125.00	125.00
Misc (class dues, etc)	100.00	100.00

**Please note: CPR needs to be American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Level*

Dental Hygiene Admissions Checklist

Utilize these checklists as a guide for successfully completing your application requirements. All application materials must be postmarked by the first Monday in February of each year for priority consideration.

It is the student's responsibility to read the program information booklet and follow these admission checklists in order to successfully complete the program's admission process. The student should also follow-up to make sure their file is complete with all program forms, transcripts, etc. before the program deadline date.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to notify the application coordinator for any changes needed on submitted materials (address, name, phone numbers, etc.) to assure your program file will remain up-to-date.

Chattanooga State Checklist (if not a current student):

- Complete college application
- Provide official transcripts to the Admissions Office and request evaluation for transfer credits.

Note: It is the applicant's responsibility to verify with the Admissions Office the receipt of any transcript and to request evaluation of transfer credits by the Admissions Office.

- Take the ACT, SAT or COMPASS, if applicable

Dental Hygiene Checklist:

The following three (3) materials must be turned in together:

- Allied Health Application
- Submit transcripts (copies are acceptable)
- Complete the Clinical Observation Form which documents 16 hours of dental observation.

Notes for Current Students:

1. Remember Dental Hygiene calculate points only through the previous fall semester.
2. If you are claiming high school chemistry with a "B" or better, a copy of your high school transcript is required.
3. Transcripts from Chattanooga State are not necessary, but all other college transcripts are required

Applications and forms must be mailed together to:

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- Take the TEAS Test before the priority deadline date the first Monday in February.

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