Dental Hygiene

(AAS.DH) Associate in Applied Science Degree

Dental Hygiene prepares the student with specialized skills necessary for employment as a dental hygienist. Emphasis is on patient treatment such as removal of calculus, stain and deposits from the teeth, prevention of oral disease, and on the hygienist's role as a dental health educator. The hygienist's services are sought by dentists, schools, prisons, hospitals, departments of health, and industry. The Dental Hygiene program is fully accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Applicants seeking admission into the Dental Hygiene program for the fall semester must have a completed dental hygiene application file in the department by February 1, or the preceding business day if February 1 falls on the weekend. Applicants will be informed in writing within six weeks of the deadline on the status of their candidacy. A student information packet may be obtained from the program director's office.

The following admission criteria and procedures are in accordance with Illinois law: In those years when there are more qualified applicants than spaces available in the program, admission is competitive and selective, using an objective formula approved by the Dental Hygiene department. This formula includes achievement in prerequisite and co-requisite courses, number of completed credit hours; ACT scores; dental assisting experience; and grade point average. The program equips students with the means to learn and apply the following core competencies required for registered Dental Hygienists.

Lake Land Partnerships

Core Competencies:

C.1 Apply a professional code of ethics in all endeavors
- Clinic Policy Manual: ethical conduct, confidentiality agreement
- Preclinic I, II
- Clinic I, II, III
- Dental Hygiene IV – ethics and jurisprudence

C.2 Adhere to state and federal laws, recommendations, and regulations in the provision of dental hygiene care
- Clinic Policy Manual: receipt, confidentiality agreement, ethical conduct
- Dental Hygiene IV – ethics and jurisprudence

C.3 Use critical thinking skills and comprehensive problem-solving to identify oral health care strategies that promote patient health and wellness.
- Clinic II – case study
- Dental Hygiene II – dental hygiene diagnosis and care plan
- Clinic I, II – data collection and care plan competencies
- Dental Hygiene IV

C.4 Use evidence-based decision making to evaluate emerging technology and treatment modalities to integrate into patient dental hygiene care plans to achieve high-quality, cost effective care.
- Clinic II and Policy Manual: self-evaluation of case study
- Dental Hygiene III – journal abstracts

C.5 Assume responsibility for dental hygiene actions scientific theories and research as well as the accepted standard of care
- DHY 081 – Perio case type
- Dental Hygiene III – journal abstracts
- Clinic I, II, III

C.6 Continuously perform self-assessment for life-long learning and professional growth
- Dental Hygiene III – self-assessment of community
- Dental Health Projects
- Dental Hygiene IV – portfolios
- Clinic III – Mock Board Assessment
- Preclinic II – self assessment of patient education video

C.7 Integrate accepted scientific theories and research into educational, preventive, and therapeutic oral health services.
- DHII & III and Clinic I, II, III
- Pathology
- Periodontology

C.8 Promote the values of the dental hygiene profession through service-based activities, positive community affiliations, and active involvement in local organizations.
- SADHA membership
- Sarah Bush Lincoln Dental Services screening – enrichment opportunity
- Sarah Bush Lincoln Dental Services sealant program and restorative clinics – enrichment opportunities

C.9 Apply quality assurance mechanisms to ensure continuous commitment to accepted standard of care.
- Clinic I, II, III – chart audit with advisors
- Preclinic I, II – skill process evaluations
- Clinic I, II, III – skill competency evaluations

C.10 Communicate effectively with diverse individuals and groups, serving all persons without discrimination by acknowledging and appreciating diversity.
- Dental Hygiene III – special needs, flip chart
- Clinic II – adult learning and communication unit
- Dental Hygiene III, IV – nursing home, schools, and special needs exams/presentations; community, mentorship
- Dental Health projects
- Clinic I, II, III – Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Dental Services

C.11 Record accurate, consistent, and complete documentation of oral health services provided.
- Clinic I, II, III – quality assurance audits

C.12 Initiate a collaborative approach with all patients when developing individualized care plans that are specialized, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and acceptable to all parties involved in the care planning.
- Patient Bill of Rights
- Preclinic II – patient care
- Clinic I, II, III – patient care

C. 13 Initiate consultations and collaborations with all relevant health care providers to facilitate optimal treatments.
- Preclinic II
- Clinic I, II, III – quality assurance audit
- Radiology

C. 14 Manage medical emergencies by using professional judgment, providing life support, and utilizing required CPR and any specialized training or knowledge.
- Dental Hygiene I, II
- Preclinic II – patient simulations
- Clinic I & II Seminar – patient simulations

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Admission Process

1. Have satisfactorily graduated from a recognized high school with a grade average of "C" or better, or have a GED.
2. High school students who successfully complete Tech-Prep curriculum should consult with the director regarding enrollment requirements and procedures.
3. Have successfully completed college chemistry with a "C" or better. Concepts of Chemistry CHM 111 is recommended.
4. Have completed ACT test and had scores sent to Lake Land College. (ACT test scores are valid for four years)
5. Have completed college intent to enroll and have high school and college transcripts sent to Lake Land College Office of Admissions and Records.
6. Have completed Lake Land College battery of entrance exams, if no ACT scores.
7. Have completed student information form sent to program director.
8. Completed applications will be evaluated by the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee. Notification of acceptance will be provided to those individuals meeting the entrance criteria on a space available basis. Acceptance to the College does not ensure acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program.
9. All courses required for the dental hygiene program must be completed with a "C" or better.

Acceptance Criteria

1. After acceptance into the program, a comprehensive physical examination is required.
2. After acceptance, a current CPR card is required.
3. After acceptance, submit a passport photo.
4. After acceptance, Hepatitis B immunizations are strongly recommended for all entering students.
5. After acceptance, the student must achieve grades of "C" or better in all courses to remain enrolled.
6. After acceptance, the student must submit to a background check (approximate cost $55.00) per program policy.
7. After acceptance, the student must submit to random drug testing periodically throughout tenure in the program (approximately $35.00 per test) per program policy.
8. The Anatomy and Physiology I & II course curriculum must include the study of a cadaver including head and neck anatomy. A 2-credit cadaver course (ADN 061) is offered should A&P courses taken at other colleges not include human cadaver.

Cost

In addition to tuition, lab fees, and service fees, students are expected to buy their uniforms (approximately $200), dental hygiene kits (approximately $2,000), and pay for other incidental expenses. Special books and miscellaneous items average about $200 per semester. Licensing examinations and learning experiences off campus will be at the expense of the student.

Program requirements may change over time. Specific degree/graduation requirements are determined by the students' degree audit.

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FIRST YEAR

First Semester			Hours
☐	BIO 225	Anatomy and Physiology I *	4
☐	DHY 067	Dental Anatomy and Histology	4
☐	DHY 068	Dental Hygiene I	3
☐	DHY 069	Preclinical Hygiene I	4.5
☐	HED 102	Nutrition	3
☐		Dental Elective	0.5
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**19**

Second Semester			
☐	DHY 045	Radiology	5
☐	BIO 226	Anatomy and Physiology I *	4
☐	BIO 235	Microbiology *	4
☐	DHY 071	Dental Hygiene II *	3
☐	DHY 072	Preclinical Hygiene II *	4.5
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**20.5**

Summer Term			
☐	DHY 082	Dental Hygiene Seminar	1
☐	DHY 083	Clinic I *	3
☐	DHY 081	Periodontology	3
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**7**

SECOND YEAR

First Semester			
☐	DHY 080	Pathology	3
☐	DHY 086	Pharmacology	2
☐	DHY 087	Dental Hygiene III	3
☐	DHY 088	Clinic II *	5
☐	PSY 271	Introduction to Psychology	3
☐	DHY 089	Lab Procedures/Dental Hygienists	3
☐	DHY 090	Expanded Duties for Dental Hygienists	2.5
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**21.5**

Second Semester			
☐	ENG 120	Composition I	3
☐	SOC 280	Introduction to Sociology	3
☐	DHY 092	Dental Public Health	1
☐	DHY 093	Dental Hygiene IV	3
☐	SPE 111	Introduction to Speech Communication	3
☐	DHY 094	Clinic III *	5
☐	DHY 043	Dental Hygiene Board Review	0.5
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**18.5**

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 86.5

* There are prerequisites or course requisites for this course