[Dental Hygiene](https://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/education-training/program-finder/dental-hygiene.aspx)

Associate in Applied Science

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Student Name: Student ID:

*Students must meet college readiness benchmarks as identified by the Council on Postsecondary Education or remedy the identified skill deficiencies.*

**NOTE:** This is a Selective Admissions program. BIO 137, BIO 139, documentation of Computer Literacy, and CPR certification are prerequisites to the Dental Hygiene courses.

These Courses be Taken before DHP First Semester Courses

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| Courses | Cr. Hrs. | Term | Grade | Prerequisites | Notes |
| BIO 137 Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| BIO 139 Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |  |  | BIO 137 |  |
| CIT 105 Introduction to Computers OR Documentation of Digital Literacy | 0 – 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Total Semester Credit Hours | 8 – 11 |  |  |  |  |

Semester 1

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| Courses | Cr. Hrs. | Term | Grade | Prerequisites | Notes |
| DHP 120 Dental Hygiene I | 4 | Fall |  |  |  |
| DHP 122 Dental Nutrition | 2 | Fall |  |  |  |
| DHP 123 Oral Biology I | 2 | Fall |  |  |  |
| DHP 124 Materials in Dentistry | 2 | Fall |  |  |  |
| ENG 101 Writing I | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| BIO 225 Medical Microbiology OR  BIO 226 Principles of Microbiology | 3 – 4 |  |  | BIO 137 and 139 OR BIO 112 | See additional Information |
| Total Semester Credit Hours | 16 – 17 |  |  |  |  |

Semester 2

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| Courses | Cr. Hrs. | Term | Grade | Prerequisites | Notes |
| DHP 130 Dental Hygiene II | 3 | Spring |  |  |  |
| DHP 132 Oral Pathology and Pharmacology | 4 | Spring |  |  |  |
| DHP 135 Dental Radiology | 3 | Spring |  |  |  |
| DHP 136 Periodontics I | 2 | Spring |  |  |  |
| COM 181 | 3 |  |  |  | See additional Information |
| Total Semester Credit Hours | 15 |  |  |  |  |

Semester 3

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| Courses | Cr. Hrs. | Term | Grade | Prerequisites | Notes |
| DHP 220 Dental Hygiene III | 3 | Fall |  |  |  |
| DHP 222 Special Needs Patients | 3 | Fall |  |  |  |
| DHP 226 Periodontics II | 2 | Fall |  |  |  |
| DHP 229 Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide Sedation | 2 | Fall |  |  |  |
| PSY 110 General Psychology | 3 |  |  |  | See additional Information |
| Total Semester Credit Hours | 13 |  |  |  |  |

Semester 4

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| Courses | Cr. Hrs. | Term | Grade | Prerequisites | Notes |
| DHP 230 Dental Hygiene IV | 3 | Spring |  |  |  |
| DHP 235 Principles of Practice | 1 | Spring |  |  |  |
| DHP 238 Community Dental Health | 3 | Spring |  |  |  |
| SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Heritage or Humanities Course | 3 |  |  |  | See additional Information |
| Quantitative Reasoning at the AA/AS Level | 3 |  |  |  | See additional Information |
| Total Semester Credit Hours | 16 |  |  |  |  |
| Total Degree Credit Hours | 68 – 72 |  |  |  |  |

**Graduation Requirements:**

* 25% or more of Total Degree Credit Hours must be earned at BCTC.
* Cumulative GPA must be 2.0 or higher.

Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Selective Admissions Information**

The Dental Hygiene program is a selective admissions program which admits initial admission only in the Fall semester. See the [program website](https://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/admissions/selective-admissions/dental-hygiene.aspx) for selective admission information and mandatory pre-admission conference dates.

Note that the top preference group is 3.5 GPA on 18 credit hours, 21 ACT, and a B or above in the BIO courses. The class has been filled with applicants in the top preference group for the last few years.

**Additional Information**

* BIO 137 and BIO 139 with a grade of C or higher plus documentation of Digital Literacy must be completed prior to enrolling in DHP 120.
* Students who transfer in with anatomy and physiology sequences other than BIO 137/139 must also take a general chemistry course.
* Students are encouraged to complete all General Education courses prior to beginning the DHP courses due to the competitiveness of the selection process.
* A grade of C or higher in all Dental Hygiene and Biology courses is required to continue in the program.
* CPR certification for the healthcare provider must be obtained prior to enrolling in DHP 120 and must be kept current throughout the program.

**Recommended Elective Courses**

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| Course | Cr. Hrs. | Prerequisites |
| NFS 101 Human Nutrition and Wellness | 3 |  |
| ENG 102 Writing II | 3 | ENG 101 |
| CHE 140 Introductory General Chemistry | 3 |  |

*Reviewed by: Mary Jones Effective Term: Fall 2021*

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