

ASSOCIATE DEGREE\*

# DENTAL HYGIENE

## Put Some Teeth Into Your Future.

You know, from visiting the dentist that dental hygienists do a lot. But did you know how much? They're licensed dental health specialists, providing patients with preventative, educational and therapeutic services, promoting oral health and controlling oral disease. They observe and record abnormalities, take oral X-rays and apply fluoride and fissure sealants. They also provide periodical therapies, such as root planning, as well as, plaque, calculus and stain removal. The framework for this type of oral care is known as the Dental Hygiene, or DH, process of care.

Students in the Carrington College® Dental Hygiene program develop the skills to give comprehensive dental hygiene care, along with professional communication skills and a knowledge of ethical standards and behavior. The program culminates in an Associate of Science degree in Dental Hygiene. We prepare graduates for the Dental Hygiene National Board and state licensing examinations.†

*According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow 33% from 2012-2022.‡*



## Duties May Include:

- Assessing a patient's oral health
- Removing plaque, calculus and stains
- Providing X-rays
- Administering local anesthesia
- Applying fluoride
- Providing oral-hygiene instruction

## Possible Employment Opportunities:

- Dental offices
- Public health agencies
- Community dental clinics
- Educational and administrative positions
- Research and marketing of dental products

For comprehensive consumer information visit [carrington.edu/ccc/dh](http://carrington.edu/ccc/dh)

\* Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. Information is current at the time of printing. For the most updated information, visit [carrington.edu](http://carrington.edu).

† Carrington College prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program.

‡ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook (2014-15 Ed.)



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## Student Learning Outcomes

*Upon completion of the Dental Hygiene program, graduates will be able to:*

- Deliver comprehensive dental hygiene care to patients in a variety of professional settings via the Dental Hygiene (DH) process of care.
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, information management, personal and professional development, communication skills, respect and responsibility.

## Additional Admission Requirements

*Candidates for admission must:*

- Pass the college entrance exam
- Obtain health care provider CPR certification
- Complete a dental hygiene observation
- Attend an information seminar
- Complete the following prerequisite courses at an accredited college or university, with a minimum grade of C and an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher:

### General Education

- Speech/Oral Communication
- Introduction to Sociology
- English/Writing and Composition
- General Psychology

### Science\*

- Organic Chemistry with Lab
- Inorganic Chemistry with Lab
- Microbiology with Lab
- Human Anatomy with Lab
- Physiology with Lab
- General Nutrition

\* Science courses must have been completed within the previous five years.

*Students meeting all program requirements will be selected using points earned from the following criteria:*

- GPA on all prerequisite courses
- Dental-related work experience (RDA and/or DA only)
- Supplemental education

## Post Admission Requirements

*Admitted students must provide the following documentation prior to starting the program:*

- Proof of immunization status for communicable diseases
- Proof of TB clearance
- Physician clearance for working in dental hygiene clinical environment

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Sacramento, San Jose

Dental Hygiene Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Practical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
DH 10	Introduction to Clinical Dental Hygiene	30	0	0	2
DH 100	Introduction to Clinical Dental Hygiene Lab	0	90	0	2
DH 11	Oral Radiology	30	0	0	2
DH 110	Oral Radiology Lab	0	30	0	1
DH 12	Oral Biology	30	0	0	2
DH 13	Head and Neck Anatomy	30	30	0	3
DH 14.1	Dental Morphology 1	30	0	0	2
DH 15	Preventive Dentistry	30	0	0	2
DH 20	Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar	15	0	0	1
DH 200	Clinical Dental Hygiene Care	0	0	120	2
DH 21	Local Anesthesia	30	30	0	3
DH 22	General and Oral Pathology	45	0	0	3
DH 23	Periodontics	45	0	0	3
DH 24	Dental Hygiene Care for Patients with Special Needs	30	0	0	2
DH 25	Behavioral Foundations of Dental Hygiene Care	15	0	0	1
DH 30	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar	30	0	0	2
DH 300	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Care	0	0	240	4
DH 31	Dental Materials	15	0	0	1
DH 310	Dental Materials Lab	0	30	0	1
DH 32	Pharmacology	45	0	0	3
DH 33	Community Oral Health	30	0	0	2
DH 34	Dental Specialties	30	0	0	2
DH 40	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Seminar	30	0	0	2
DH 400	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Care	0	0	300	5
DH 41	Community Oral Health Practicum	15	30	0	2
DH 42	Scientific Methods	15	0	0	1
DH 43	Ethics, Jurisprudence and Dental Hygiene Practice	45	0	0	3
DH 44	Dental Hygiene Review	30	0	0	2
DH 50.1	Dental Hygiene Clinical Enrichment	0	30	0	1
Total for Degree		645	270	660	62

*Approximate time to complete the associate degree program: 80 weeks (not including breaks)*