DENTAL HYGIENE, ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

College(s): MX

Program Code: 0222

The Dental Hygiene AAS degree program educates students to provide preventive oral health care services to patients. Major responsibilities include assessing a patient’s health history, examining the teeth and oral structures, removing plaque biofilm, calculus and stain from the teeth, taking intraoral radiographs and educating patients in oral self-care practices. Graduates are prepared to pass national, regional and state board licensing exams required for dental hygiene licensure.

This selective admissions program requires students to submit a separate application or to take additional action before enrolling.

For more information on the Dental Hygiene AAS program at Malcolm X College, visit the program webpage (http://www.ccc.edu/colleges/malcolm-x/departments/Pages/Dental-Hygiene.aspx).

Program Requirements

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Pathway

This is an example course sequence for students interested in earning a degree in Dental Hygiene. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, you will earn an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Dental Hygiene.
Please note: Semesters 1–3 are "pre-dental hygiene pathway". Semesters 4–9 occur after acceptance in the Dental Hygiene program. BIOLOGY 120 Terminology For Medical Careers is not required.

Prospective students must apply for admission into the Dental Hygiene program.

### Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students

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### Program Prerequisite
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### General Education Requirement
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### Program Admission Requirements

The program is very competitive, and meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. In order to be considered for admission, students must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Graduate from an accredited high school or earn a GED
- Meet general admissions requirements for Malcolm X College including successful completion of all prerequisite courses for the Dental Hygiene program
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 in all college-level work
- Submit to Office of Registrar Services all official college transcripts attended outside of City Colleges of Chicago
- Grade of "C" or better in BIOLOGY 121 Biology I, BIOLOGY 226 Human Structure and Function I, and BIOLOGY 227 Human Structure and Function II, SPEECH 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication, and MCROBIO 233 General Microbiology
- All science prerequisite courses must be taken within five (5) years of being accepted to the program.
- Mandatory 20 documented hours of observing a dental hygienist in clinical practice (NOTE: this requirement is suspended for the 2020-2021 application cycle. Please visit the DH admissions packet link on the program webpage (http://www.ccc.edu/colleges/malcolm-x/departments/Pages/Dental-Hygiene.aspx) for details)
- Strongly encouraged that applicants attend a dental hygiene open house
- Submit the dental hygiene admissions packet

For more information on admissions requirements and the application process, visit the program webpage (http://www.ccc.edu/colleges/malcolm-x/departments/Pages/Dental-Hygiene.aspx).
