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Maximum of 80 Credit Hours

Dental Hygiene Degree

- Registered Dental Hygienist (refer to Notes #2)
- Minimum of 15 Credit Hours of General Education

Required Courses within Program

Common Courses **12 credits:**

<i>Dental Radiography</i>	<i>2 credits</i>
<i>Dental Materials</i>	<i>2 credits</i>
<i>Periodontics</i>	<i>3 credits</i>
<i>General and Oral Pathology</i>	<i>3 credits</i>
<i>Dental Public Health</i>	<i>2 credits</i>

Agreed Upon Dental Hygiene Courses* **24-25 credits:**

1. <i>Clinical Dental Hygiene I: Pre-Clinic</i>	<i>5 credits</i>
OR	
<i>Dental Health Safety & Dental Hygiene Process I</i>	
OR	
<i>Infection Control & Pre-Clinical Hygiene Process</i>	
2. <i>Clinical Dental Hygiene II</i> OR	<i>4 credits</i>
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3. <i>Clinical Dental Hygiene III</i> OR	<i>5-6 credits</i>
<i>Dental Hygiene Process III</i>	
4. <i>Clinical Dental Hygiene IV</i> OR	<i>6 credits</i>
<i>Dental Hygiene Process IV & Transition in to Dental Hygiene Practice</i>	
5. <i>Developmental Dentistry & Head and Neck Anatomy</i> OR	<i>4 credits</i>
<i>Embryology, Histology, & Oral Anatomy</i> OR	
<i>Head and Neck Anatomy, Embryology and Histology</i>	

Support Courses** **14-18 credits:**

<i>Microbiology</i>	<i>4-5 credits</i>
<i>Anatomy & Physiology</i>	<i>5-8 credits</i>
<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>5 credits</i>

*Institutions may utilize existing like course titles for Agreed Upon Courses that adhere to the agreed upon course lengths and competencies.

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Notes

Specifics pertaining to the Dental Hygiene programs:

1. All programs must be accredited by the American Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
2. All students are required to sit for the Dental Hygiene credential.
 - The National Dental Hygiene Board exam
 - State Dental Hygiene licensure exam
 - Plus one of the following Regional Clinical Board exams:
 - Central Regional Dental Testing (CRDTS)
 - Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)