

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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DENTAL HYGIENIST: Program Outcomes

Associate Degree

Course Number	Course Title	Hrs./Week	Credits	Prerequisite(s)/Comments
806-177	Summer Semester (8 weeks) <u>General Anatomy and Physiology</u> (T, L) Total Semester Hrs./Week and Total Credits	10	4 4 cr.	856-774 with a grade of C or better. (Prepared Learner Guide)
508-101	<u>Dental Health Safety</u> (L) [August, 32 hours] <i>Internet and on-campus lab</i> Total Semester Hrs./Week and Total Credits		1 1 cr.	Program student, <i>must be completed prior to program start (See tip sheet, Computer skills are strongly recommended)</i>
508-102	First Semester <u>Oral Anatomy, Embryology, Histology</u>	4	4	Program student, 806-177
508-103	<u>Dental Radiography</u> (T, C)	4	2	Program student, 508-101 and 508-102 or concurrent
508-105	<u>Dental Hygiene Process 1</u> , (T, C)	8	4	Program student, 508-101 and 508-102 or concurrent
806-186	<u>Introduction to Biochemistry</u> (T, L)	4	3	Fall only. (Prepared Learner Guide)
806-197	<u>Microbiology</u> (T, L) Total Semester Hrs./Week and Total Credits	5 26	4 17 cr.	806-177
508-106	Second Semester <u>Dental Hygiene Process 2</u> , (T, C)	10	4	508-102, 508-103, 508-105
508-108	<u>Periodontology</u> , (T,L)	4	3	508-102, 508-103, 806-186, 806-197, (508-106, 508-111 or concurrent)
508-109	<u>Cariology</u> , (T)	1	1	806-186, 806-197, (508-106 or concurrent)
508-110	<u>Nutrition and Dental Health</u> , (T)	2	2	806-186 or concurrent
508-111	<u>General and Oral Pathology</u> , (T)	3	3	Program student, 508-102, 508-103, 806-177, (508-106 or concurrent)
801-195	<u>Written Communications</u> Total Semester Hrs./Week and Total Credits	3 23	3 16 cr.	Prepared Learner Guide
508-112	Third Semester <u>Dental Hygiene Process 3</u> (T, C)	13	5	508-106, 508-108, 508-109, 508-110, 508-111
508-113	<u>Dental Materials</u> (T, L), (T)	3	2	508-101, (508-102, 508-103 or concurrent)
508-114	<u>Dental Pharmacology</u> , (T)	2	2	806-186, 806-197, 508-106, (508-112 or concurrent)
508-115	<u>Community Dental Health</u> , (T)	2	2	508-112 or concurrent
508-119	Dental Hygiene National Board Review (T)		1	Online only
809-198	<u>Introduction to Psychology</u> Total Semester Hrs./Week and Total Credits	3 26	3 15 cr.	Prepared Learner Guide
508-107	Fourth Semester <u>Dental Hygiene Ethics and Professionalism</u> , (T)	1	1	Program student, 508-112; Corequisite: 508-117
508-116	<u>Dental Pain Management</u> (L)	2	1	508-102, 508-112, 508-114
508-117	<u>Dental Hygiene Process 4</u> (C)	12	4	508-112, 508-113, 508-114, 508-115
508-118	Health Occupations Career (T)	1	1	Program student, 508-112; Corequisite: 508-117
801-196	<u>Oral/Interpersonal Communications</u> OR	3	3	Prepared Learner Guide
801-198	<u>Speech</u>			Prepared Learner Guide
809-172	<u>Race, Ethnic and Diversity</u> OR	3	3	Prepared Learner Guide
809-196	<u>Introduction to Sociology</u>			Prepared Learner Guide
809-188	<u>Developmental Psychology</u> Total Semester Hrs./Week and Total Credits	3 27	3 16 cr.	Prepared Learner Guide

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED = 69

A GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER IS REQUIRED IN ALL COURSES

T = Theory/Lecture L = Lab C = Clinical

If a student does not enroll in any courses at CVTC for two or more consecutive semesters, the student will be required to reapply with Admissions. Students must abide by any changes in admission requirements and degree requirements. Program students who interrupt their program for any reason must meet with a program counselor, apply to the Return list (R list), and will be admitted to core classes on a space available basis.

If a student is not successful in 508-102, 508-103, 508-105, the student will be required to reapply for program admission.

Dental Hygienist Tips

508-101 Dental Health Safety

This course begins the first week in August each year. It will be offered on-line (web-based) and also requires on-campus time in a lab setting **eight hours once a week for three weeks** to complete all skill competencies. This class is a prerequisite for fall entry into the core courses; therefore, it is important that you stay on schedule with your on-line web-based material to ensure success in the lab portion of the class. Computer skills are strongly recommended.

Health Requirements, Criminal Background Forms, and CPR

The following must be completed and approved before you enter the core courses:

- The Admissions Office will mail specific physical and dental exam forms to you prior to core course program entry. The completed exam forms must be on file **three weeks prior** to entering the core courses of your program.
- A copy of your physical exam form and criminal background check must be in your clinical file, as they will be checked each term before you will be authorized to go to each clinical setting. The program director will return your criminal background forms to you when you enter the core courses.
- CPR for Healthcare Provider or Professional Rescuer Certification
 - CPR courses are offered frequently through CVTC and local vendors. Check the current college course listings for a convenient time and location at www.cvtc.edu.

C or Better Grades

A grade of **C or better** (not C-) is required in all courses. **If a C is not achieved in courses that are prerequisites to other dental hygienist courses you will need to reapply to the program and meet new admission requirements.**

Psychology Requirement

The Dental Hygienist program requires 809-198 Introduction to Psychology. The course 809-199 Psychology of Human Relations **cannot** be substituted for Introduction to Psychology.

It is recommended that Introduction to Psychology (809-198) be completed before taking Developmental Psychology (809-188). Pre-program students are particularly encouraged to complete Introduction to Psychology **before** taking Developmental Psychology.

Dental Labs

Please note that most of the dental labs are during the day and early evening. Labs require flexibility due to some off campus clinical participation.

The following science courses must be completed within 5 years of program entry: 806-177 General Anatomy and Physiology, 806-186 Introduction to Biochemistry, and 806-197 Microbiology.

Students may check their status on the waiting list with the Admissions office to determine an approximate core course entry point for planning purposes.

Distance Learning

Some courses are available on-line. Check our website www.cvtc.edu for distance learning opportunities.

The Dental Hygienist program is academically rigorous and demands a strong, up-to-date science background.

Required Program Orientation Session

New students must attend an informational session with program staff. See program counselor for times and dates.

Transfer Credit

Transfer agreements are in place with University of Wisconsin and Mankato State University of Minnesota.

NOTE:

Students who have completed the Dental Assisting program may test out of Dental Materials and Radiography labs. See the program director for details.

Financial Aid Consideration:

Some courses may not be eligible for financial aid. Courses must be part of a program to be eligible. A list of courses not eligible is located on www.cvtc.edu.

Dental Hygienist Pre-program Status

1. If you will have pre-program status for two semesters, take the following sequence before entering program core courses.

Note that 501-101 Medical Terminology is not required in your program; however, we strongly recommend it as it makes other medical courses easier to master.

First Semester

501-101 Medical Terminology	3 credits (elective)	
801-195 Written Communications	3 credits	
806-186 Introduction to Biochemistry	3 credits	
809-198 Introduction to Psychology	3 credits	TOTAL: 12 credits

Second Semester

801-196 Oral/Interpersonal Communications OR	3 credits	
801-198 Speech	3 credits	
809-188 Developmental Psychology	3 credits	TOTAL: 13 credits
806-177 General Anatomy and Physiology	4 credits	

Third Semester

806-197 Microbiology	4 credits	
809-196 Introduction to Sociology OR	3 credits	
809-172 Race Ethnic & Diversity	3 credits	TOTAL: 10 credits

It is strongly recommended that students complete all general education courses (800's) prior to entry into program core courses.

806-186 Introduction to Biochemistry
806-197 Microbiology
806-177 General Anatomy and Physiology
809-188 Developmental Psychology
801-195 Written Communications
809-198 Introduction to Psychology
801-196 Oral Interpersonal Communications **OR**
801-198 Speech
809-196 Introduction to Sociology **OR**
809-172 Race Ethnic & Diversity

It is recommended that students complete 501-101 Medical Terminology before 806-177 General Anatomy and Physiology.

Pre-program Status Students

1. What is a pre-program status student?

A pre-program status student may be taking courses before actual entry into the program core courses if any of the following apply:

- program core courses are filled to capacity
- you wish to begin General Studies and elective courses before program core courses
- you are completing academic requirements and may receive financial aid

2. Can students “speed up” their program and finish ahead of time by beginning as a pre-program status student?

- You are not able to finish your program ahead of time because your program core courses must be taken sequentially and involve many prerequisites.

3. What are the advantages of beginning with a pre-program status?

- You can finish many required courses before you take the highly demanding program core courses and may have a decreased credit load each semester.
- You develop important study skills, time management, and test-taking skills as you “ease into” the program with a lighter load of credits.
- You can take *890-161 College Success*, a course which prepares you to get good grades by teaching note-taking, test-taking techniques, study skills, and time management. This course can nearly always be used as an elective and can be paid for with financial aid.

4. What do you, as a pre-program student, have to watch for?

- You must estimate how long you will need to wait before beginning your program core courses. As this cannot be predicted exactly, you must make your best guess as you plan which courses to finish before you begin program core courses.
- Follow the advice on the reverse side of this sheet for your particular program.
- You may wish to spread your courses out in such a way that you will not “run short” of credits during your time at CVTC. In some cases, health insurance eligibility may depend upon full-time student status.
- Federal financial aid requirements say that students must complete their programs by the time 150% of the published credits have been attempted.