

The baccalaureate program in dental hygiene at Ferris State University is designed for dental hygienists with an associate degree in dental hygiene who want to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene in a fully online student-centered learning environment. Students engage in self-directed learning activities, advance their knowledge in the areas of critical thinking, exhibit values for lifelong learning, synthesize evidence based information and develop leadership skills. Graduates from the program will be prepared with enhanced technological modalities of practice, research, communication, educational leadership, management and dental hygiene knowledge.

Communication Competency Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	OCC Equiv.	OCC Course Title	OCC Cr. Hrs.
COMM 105 or COMM 121 or COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication or Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Small Group Decision Making	3	COM 1600	Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENGL 150	English 1	3	ENG 1510	Composition 1	3
ENGL 250	English 2	3	ENG 1520	Composition 2	3
ENGL 321 or ENGL 325	Advanced Composition or Advanced Business Writing	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Quantitative Literacy Requirements

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	OCC Equiv.	OCC Course Title	OCC Cr. Hrs.
MATH 115 or MATH 117	Intermediate Algebra or Contemporary Mathematics	3	MAT 1150	Intermediate Algebra	4

Natural Sciences Competency Requirements - 1 course with lab

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	OCC Equiv.	OCC Course Title	OCC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	Natural Sciences Elective	4	Varies	Natural Sciences Elective	4
BIOL 108 or BIOL 205 or CHEM 114	Medical Microbiology or Human Anatomy–Physiology or Intro to General Chemistry	3	BIO 2630 and BIO 2640	Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 and Human Anatomy & Physiology 2	8

Self and Society Competency Requirements – Minimum 9 credits from 2 different disciplines with 1 course at 200 level or higher

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	OCC Equiv.	OCC Course Title	OCC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education – Self and Society Elective 200+	3	Varies	Varies	3
PSYC 150	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 2510	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCY 121	Intro to Sociology	3	SOC 2510	Sociology	3

Culture Competency Requirements - Minimum 9 credits from 2 different disciplines with 1 course at 200 level or higher

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	OCC Equiv.	OCC Course Title	OCC Cr. Hrs.
Varies	FSU General Education - Culture Electives	9	Varies	Varies	9

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Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses

Core Curriculum Requirements – 11 Credits Required

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	OCC Equiv.	OCC Course Title	OCC Cr. Hrs.
COHP 100	Orientation to Medical Vocabulary	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
COHP 101	The U.S. Health Care Systems	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
COHP 102	Safety Issues in Health Care	1	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
COHP 350	Statistics in Health Care	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
COHP 450	Evidence-Based Health Practice	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent

Major Requirements - 71 Credits Required - An AAS/Diploma in Dental Hygiene is required and satisfies 40 of the 71 credits required. Admission also requires valid RDH or LDH license and 2.5 GPA.

FSU Course	FSU Course Title	FSU Cr. Hrs.	OCC Equiv.	OCC Course Title	OCC Cr. Hrs.
DHYG 300	Dental Hygiene Role Transition	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
DHYG 315	Health Promotion and Wellness	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
DHYG 320	Dental Hygiene Informatics	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
DHYG 330	Instructional Role of the Dental Hygienist	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
DHYG 400	Community Program Assessment and Planning	4	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
DHYG 415	Gerontology in Dental Hygiene	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
DHYG 491	Dental Hygiene Practicum	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
DHYG 499	Dental Hygiene Capstone	3	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
COHP 317	Public Health Administration	2	No Equivalent	No Equivalent	No Equivalent
MKTG 321	Principles of Marketing	3	MKT 2520	Fundamentals of Marketing Theory and Practice	3

Total Credits Required for Degree

121

Program Contact Information:

Main Campus, Big Rapids

College of Health Professions

(231) 591-2270 | College of Health Professions Email

Ferris Online

(800) 562-9130 | (231) 591-2340 | Ferris Online Email

Transfer Partnerships Website

Delivery Locations

This program and the Ferris courses are offered to students at the following locations:

Fully online

General Admission Criteria

Transfer Students

- Be accepted to the University.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Have previously earned or be in the final academic year of an associate degree in an accredited dental hygiene program from an accredited college or university.

Advising Notes

It is recommended that potential applicants meet with an advisor to review the degree, course schedule, and have any questions answered prior to completing an application. Students who are completing the MTA may have different general education course requirements for the particular degree selected. Meeting with a Ferris advisor prior to the selection of general education or elective course work may reduce the chance of completing a course that will not apply toward the selected degree. Once admitted, students must continue to meet with an advisor as they work toward graduation.

Transfer Student Orientation

All new students to Ferris State University are required to complete an orientation.

Reverse Transfer Agreement

The Community College and Ferris have entered into a partnership in order to work collaboratively and creatively to increase student completion of associate and bachelor degrees. The partners work together to provide a seamless transfer experience and increase student retention and completion at both the community college and Ferris.

Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)

Ferris participates in the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). This agreement will facilitate the transfer of general education requirements from one Michigan institution to another. Students may complete the MTA as part of a degree program or as a stand-alone package. The MTA consists of a minimum of 30 general education credit hours as identified by the college or university.

Students transferring to Ferris with the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) and entering a degree program will have met a 30-hour block of lower-level general education courses. However, this does not exempt students from completing program specific prerequisites or higher-level general education course requirements. Students should contact their advisor regarding classes that meet the MTA.

Students must work with their Ferris advisor to declare a Minor or Concentration and for selection of Directed Electives.

Disclaimer

This is a guide for students who plan to transfer to Ferris State University. This guide is not intended to be a contract with Ferris. The information on this guide is subject to change. Students should contact their community college or Ferris to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student. Please refer to effective and/or revised date on the bottom of this guide.