

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## DENTAL HYGIENE INFORMATION SHEET



The three-year dental hygiene associate degree program is designed for persons who wish to prepare themselves as dental hygienists. The hygienist works under the direction or supervision of a licensed dentist, and must be licensed by the state in which he or she practices. Satisfactory completion of the dental hygiene curriculum is required in order to be approved to take the National Board Dental Hygiene Exam, the CDCA ADEX Clinical Exam, Michigan's Ethics and Jurisprudence exam, Michigan's Local Anesthesia Exam, and Michigan's Nitrous Oxide Exam which are all necessary for state licensure.

The dental hygiene curriculum is a demanding one, requiring a high degree of individual motivation, good health and stamina, good manual dexterity, near vision which allows you to see details up close and an excellent background in biology and chemistry. Instruction is individualized and performance standards are measured by ADEA competencies.

To assure students of quality technical training in both classroom instruction and clinical practice, enrollments are limited.

To prepare for the program it is recommended, high school students should complete 1 year of chemistry and biology and perform high scores of 350 or better on the Math SAT Subscore.

### **PROGRAM ADMISSIONS**

Admission to the Professional Dental Hygiene Sequence: These courses must be completed by the end of the Spring Semester to qualify for entry into the next professional sequence. Students must officially apply to the professional sequence **between January 15 and January 30** for the fall semester start each year. Applications are available at:

**[http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/colleges/alliedhe/departments\\_desc.cfm?DepartmentID=2](http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/colleges/alliedhe/departments_desc.cfm?DepartmentID=2)**

COURSE / QUALIFIERS	Minimum GRADE REQUIRED
Academic Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum Standard: Maintain GPA of 2.5 or higher</li> </ul>	
Math Competency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAT Subscore of 350 or higher <b><u>or</u></b></li> <li>• MATH 110</li> </ul>	
ENGL 150 English 1 (*C-)	C-
Select one Foundation COMM Course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COMM 105 Interpersonal Communication <b><u>or</u></b></li> <li>• COMM 221 Small Group Decision Making</li> </ul>	C
MRIS 102 Medical Vocabulary	C
CHEM 114 Intro to Inorganic Chemistry	C
BIOL 108 Medical Microbiology	C
BIOL 205 Anatomy & Physiology	C
SOCY 121 Intro to Sociology	C
CCHS 102 Safety Issues in Health Care	C
PSYC 150 Intro to Psychology	C
Cultural Enrichment Foundation Course	C

## **Qualification Policies for the Dental Hygiene Program**

A student must complete all qualifying courses with a C (2.0) or higher and have a 2.5 GPA to qualify for the professional sequence. (Except for ENG 150 and ENG 250, which must be passed at a C-)

A student may have one unsuccessful attempt at one or more of the qualifying courses listed. Earning a grade below a C (2.0) twice in any of the qualifying courses will require a withdrawal from pre-dental hygiene. This policy applies to transfer students taking equivalent courses at their home schools. If a student is required to withdraw, the student may not reapply and receive pre-dental hygiene status for at least 5 years. (Except for ENG 150, which must be passed at a C-)

COHP 101 and English 250 may be taken prior to entering the professional sequence; **if not**, then the courses must be taken during the semester listed on the program checklist.

The curriculum involves expenses above the normal. Students are required to purchase dental hygiene instruments, clinic supplies, a typodont, uniforms, and books throughout the two years of the professional program. Students are directed not to purchase used instruments and supplies, etc. from former students because specific requirements may change from year to year and substitutions are not permitted. Additional fees include licensure examinations.

As a condition of participation in pre-clinic, clinic, and laboratory experiences, a completed Medical Information form and recent proof of negative TB status are required. Vaccination for protection from Hepatitis B (full series of three doses) is required prior to clinic participation. Students must have CPR certification prior to starting the professional sequence. Certification must be maintained throughout the two years of the professional sequence. Certification **MUST** be either "Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer" (BLS, American Red Cross), or "Basic Life Support for Health Providers" (BLS Course C, American Heart Association).

Graduates must complete all courses required for the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene with a "C" (2.0) or better. (Except for ENG 150, which must be passed at a C-)

## **TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Students who would like to complete the qualification requirements and/or other general education coursework at a local Michigan community college, can identify the equivalent courses on the Ferris State University web site <http://www.ferris.edu>. Directions: Click on "Future Students", then select "Transfer Course Equivalencies", then select "Transfer Course Equivalencies" for the detailed information. If courses are completed at another Michigan college or university, please request an official transcript to be sent to Ferris State University as soon as it is available.

**NOTE: All transferred courses must be C (2.0) or better to be accepted and considered equivalent. For any two-course sequence or lecture course with laboratory course to be considered equivalent, each course must be at C (2.0) or better to be accepted.**

**Out of state and international applicants are required to provide official transcripts** accompanied by course syllabi, **in English**, to receive an evaluation of credits that may apply to their requested academic program.

Specific questions may be directed to **Kimberly Beistle**, Program Coordinator, Dental Hygiene Program at **231-591-2224, or 800-462-8553, extension 2224.**

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