



Health
Sciences

DENTAL HYGIENE

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Dental Hygiene Program provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate dental hygiene care for the patient. During the initial stages of learning, students interact in simulation and radiology labs to practice skills on dental manikins in order to master skills related to patient treatment. An 18-chair state-of-the-art dental clinic provides students the ability to practice the following skills: infection control, prepare the operatory, take patient medical histories, expose radiographs, note abnormalities, plan care, teach oral hygiene, clean teeth, apply preventive agents, complete patient chart entries, and perform other duties related to oral hygiene care.



CCCC Career Community

Students interested in Health Sciences like to help people feel better. They can work independently, but prefer to work in groups or teams. They are detail-oriented, compassionate, and think critically to solve problems. They work well in stressful situations and do not get queasy around blood or bodily fluids. Graduates find jobs working in medical or wellness environments.



Possible Employment In Industry

Offices of Dentists
Employment Services
Offices of Physicians



Top Employers In Region

Nathaniel Leedy DMD
Dr. Lane & Associates
Aspen Dental
Glenwood Village Dentistry
Consolidated Medical Staffing/Central Regional
Hospital



Occupational Statistics

Median Salary: USA \$81,400

Median Salary: NC \$79,200

Median Salary: Region \$76,340



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Degrees

Associate in Applied Science in Dental Hygiene (A45260; Dental Center - Day) Five Semesters (Summer Included)



Diplomas

None



Certificates

Short-term: See CCCC website for numerous Health and Medical training opportunities <https://www.cccc.edu/ecd/short-term-training/health-occupations/>



Transfer Options

Yes, limited. Contact the Department Chair to discuss transfer options



Additional Program Costs



State Licensure/Exams/ Industry Certifications

National Board Dental Hygiene Exam, North Carolina Clinical Exam (ADEX), and North Carolina Infection Control and Jurisprudence Exam - Registered Dental Hygienist



Additional Admissions Process

Minimum Admissions Criteria required for admissions to be able to submit an application for consideration.



Skills In Demand For Program And Industry

Dental Software
Understanding of Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)
Infection Control
Working with Children
Radiology



Work-Based Learning Information

None



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