Dental Hygiene Program Accreditation
The Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. ADA, 211 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60611, 312-440-2500. www.ada.org/100.aspx

The mission of the Dental Hygiene Program at Normandale Community College is to prepare dental hygiene students in the provision of comprehensive dental hygiene care while emphasizing ethics, social responsibility, and lifelong learning. Program goals include the intent to: prepare graduates who will be competent to provide quality comprehensive dental hygiene care; manage policies to ensure admission of a qualified and diverse student population; participate in collaborative community health promotion; engage in professional activities and lifelong learning; maintain a program that reflects relevant and current dental hygiene practice; and incorporate emerging technologies to enhance quality dental hygiene services.

Normandale Community College offers the Associate of Science (AS) degree in Dental Hygiene as a two year program located within the health sciences division. NOTE: Most students complete their required science and liberal arts courses prior to acceptance into the program. The dental hygiene coursework requires four semesters to complete and begins each fall semester. Graduates will be eligible to take the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination and Central Regional Clinical Licensure Examination. Upon successful completion of the National Board Exam and Central Regional Clinical Licensure Exam, students will be required to take the Minnesota State Board of Dentistry Jurisprudence Examination for Dental Hygiene licensure in the State of Minnesota.

Following graduation and licensure requirements of the State Board of Dentistry, the dental hygienist becomes a primary healthcare professional, oral health educator and clinician who may choose to work in a variety of settings.

Curriculum Changes
Through a partnership with Metropolitan State University, we now offer the option of a dual admissions program. This means that there is simultaneous admittance to the Normandale Associate Degree program and Metropolitan State University Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) program if an applicant chooses this option. For those who are anxious to obtain a BSDH, this can be accomplished within one to two semesters after completion of the Associate Degree Program. More information about this option is available by meeting with the Health Sciences Enrollment Manager, Betty Blazer.

Admission Requirements and Application Process

- Applicants who are new to Normandale must complete the online College application, found at www.normandale.edu under Quick Links/Apply. Acceptance to the college does not imply acceptance into the dental hygiene program. A separate Normandale Health Sciences Dental Hygiene Program application must be submitted to be considered for acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program. The completed application is to be submitted to the Health Sciences Enrollment Manager (located in A2540) by December 31st of each year. The dental hygiene application can be found at www.normandale.edu under Academics/Health Sciences/apply

- An overall college GPA of 2.75 or higher is required.

- If the student earned credits in the fall semester, official transcripts with these fall grades must be submitted to the Health Science Enrollment Manager by January 15th to complete the application.

- All applicants will be notified of their dental hygiene program application status via US mail on or before April 30th of each year.
Applicants who are not accepted into the dental hygiene program and have met the application requirements will be placed on an alternate list.

Applicants who were placed on the alternate list and were not accepted into the program will need to meet all requirements and reapply for admission into the program the following year.

The following requirements must be completed before an application can be processed. A grade of C or higher is required in each of these courses.

- **MATH 0700** or equivalent or higher
- **ENGC 1101** or equivalent
- **CHEM 1050** or equivalent
- **Biol 2041** with a lab or equivalent
  *(Previously 1141)*
- **(Previously 1142)*
  *(Previously 1142)*
- **Biol 2204**

*Note: For more program details, see our Frequently Asked Questions section at www.normandale.edu/academics. Dental Hygiene can be found under academic programs, see frequently Asked Questions section online. Health Science information sessions are available for more details. If you have further questions, please contact the Health Science Enrollment Manager, Betty Blazer at betty.blazer@normandale.edu or call 952-358-8417.*

**General Information**

In addition to general fees and books, admitted dental hygiene students purchase uniforms, instruments, clinic supplies, software and textbooks. Each student is required to purchase dental professional liability insurance which is included in course fees each fall. Students will be required to pay additional fees to take the National Board Exam, Central Regional Clinical Board Exam and State Jurisprudence examination during the spring semester of the second year of study.

- **DENH 1112** Oral and Facial Anatomy (3)
- **DENH 1140** Pre-Clinic Theory (3)
- **DENH 1141** Pre-Clinic Skill Development (4)
- **DENH 1142** Clinic 1 Theory (2)
- **DENH 1143** Clinic 1 (4)
- **DENH 1150** Dental Radiology (4)
- **DENH 2240** Clinic 2 Theory (2)
- **DENH 2264** Periodontics (2)
- **DENH 2266** General and Oral Pathology (2)
- **DENH 2281** Preventive Concepts in Community Dental Health (2)
- **DENH 1114** Pre-Clinic Theory (4)
- **DENH 1141** Pre-Clinic Skill Development (4)
- **DENH 1142** Clinic 1 Theory (2)
- **DENH 1143** Clinic 1 (4)
- **DENH 1150** Dental Radiology (4)
- **DENH 1151** Accelerated Dental Radiology (2)
- **DENH 1160** Dental Materials (2)
- **DENH 1161** Accelerated Dental Materials (1)
- **DENH 1162** Pharmacology for Dental Hygienist (2)
- **DENH 2240** Clinic 2 Theory (2)
- **DENH 2241** Clinic 2 (6)
- **DENH 2242** Clinic 3 Theory (2)
- **DENH 2243** Clinic 3 (6)
- **DENH 2252** Clinical Radiology 1 (1)
- **DENH 2254** Clinical Radiology 2 (1)
- **DENH 2263** Pain Management (2)
- **DENH 2264** Periodontics (2)
- **DENH 2266** General and Oral Pathology (2)
- **DENH 2281** Preventive Concepts in Community Dental Health (2)

Due to the nature of the dental hygiene profession, students will be participating in a learning environment that has the potential of exposure to blood borne pathogens. Students accepted into the program are provided with written policies and instruction on infection control protocol to reduce the risk of disease transmission. The program complies with all institutional, local, state and federal policies. Policies and procedures on the dental hygiene program's infection control protocol are available to applicants upon request. All students must complete the following prior to entry in fall semester of the first year of study.
year of study and must be maintained throughout enrollment in the program.

- Physical examination
- Immunizations
- Optical examination
- Successful Minnesota Department of Human Services background study
- HIPAA training
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for the health care provider

Students entering the Dental Hygiene program are expected to meet the Technical Standards for Entry-Level Dental Hygiene Programs. These technical standards are required abilities for effective performance in the MnSCU dental hygiene education program. The standards are compatible with the scope of practice as defined by the Minnesota Board of Dentistry. Refer to the dental hygiene department website for more detailed information at www.normandale.edu under programs and degrees.

General Education Requirements: (38 cr)

Progression through the program is dependent upon a grade of C or higher for each of the following courses:

- BIOL 2041 Human Anatomy (4)
- BIOL 2042 Human Physiology (4)
- BIOL 2204 Microbiology (4)
- CHEM 1050 Foundations of Organic & Biochem (3)
- COMM 1111 Interpersonal Communication (3)
- ENGC 1101 Freshman Composition (4)
- HLTH 1107 Principles of Nutrition (3)
- PSYC 1110 General Psychology (4)
- SOC 1104 Intro to Sociology (3)
- MATH 0700 Intermediate Algebra (Requirement can be met through testing)
- MnTC Electives Choose two courses (at least three credits each) from two of the following MnTC Goal areas: 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.*

*Students who are considering a bachelor's degree completion program are strongly encouraged to complete their Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) electives by taking MATH 1080 (Goal 4) and one class from Goal 6 and/or 10. These courses will meet bachelor degree completion requirements at Metropolitan State University. For more information, visit www.metrostate.edu/cnhs/.

Specialized Career Program Requirements: (50 cr)

Note: Courses are web-supplemented and web-enhanced, requiring computer and Internet access.

- DENH 1112 Oral and Facial Anatomy (3)
- DENH 1140 Pre-Clinic Theory (3)
- DENH 1141 Pre-Clinic Skill Development (4)
- DENH 1142 Clinic 1 Theory (2)
- DENH 1143 Clinic 1 (4)
- DENH 1150 Dental Radiology (4)
- OR DENH 1151 Accelerated Dental Radiology (2)
- DENH 1160 Dental Materials (2)
- OR DENH 1161 Accelerated Dental Materials (1)
- DENH 1162 Pharmacology for Dental Hygienist (2)
- DENH 2240 Clinic 2 Theory (2)
- DENH 2241 Clinic 2 (6)
- DENH 2242 Clinic 3 Theory (2)
- DENH 2243 Clinic 3 (6)
- DENH 2252 Clinical Radiology 1 (1)
- DENH 2254 Clinical Radiology 2 (1)
- DENH 2263 Pain Management (2)
- DENH 2264 Periodontics (2)
- DENH 2266 General and Oral Pathology (2)
- DENH 2281 Preventive Concepts in Community Dental Health (2)

Sequence of Courses:

First Year

**Fall Semester:** (13 cr)

- COMM 1111 Interpersonal Communication (3)
- DENH 1112 Oral and Facial Anatomy (3)
- DENH 1140 Pre-Clinic Theory (3)
- DENH 1141 Pre-Clinic Skill Development (4)

**Spring Semester:** (18 cr)

- BIOL 2204 Microbiology (4)
- DENH 1142 Clinic 1 Theory (2)
- DENH 1143 Clinic 1 (4)
- DENH 1150 Dental Radiology (4)
- DENH 1160 Dental Materials (2)
- DENH 1162 Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist (2)
Summer Sessions 1 and 2 (8 cr)
PSYC 1110 General Psychology (4)
Electives (4)

Second Year
Fall Semester (18 cr)
DENH 2240 Clinic 2 Theory (2)
DENH 2241 Clinic 2 (6)
DENH 2252 Clinical Radiology 1 (1)
DENH 2263 Pain Management (2)
DENH 2264 Periodontics for Dental Hygienist (2)
DENH 2266 General and Oral Pathology (2)
HLTH 1107 Principles of Nutrition (3)

Spring Semester (14 credits)
DENH 2242 Clinic 3 Theory (2)
DENH 2243 Clinic 3 (6)
DENH 2254 Clinical Radiology 2 (1)
DENH 2281 Preventive Concepts/Community Dent Hlth (2)
SOC 1104 Introduction to Sociology (3)

Advanced Degree Opportunities
Through a partnership with Metropolitan State University, Normandale Community College now offers the option of a dual admissions program where there are simultaneous admittance to Normandale’s Associate Degree (AS) program and Metropolitan State University’s Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) program. Obtaining your BSDH can be accomplished within one to two semesters after completion of the AS degree. When you meet with the Health Sciences Enrollment Manager, you will learn more about this new career pathway opportunity.

For more information on advanced degrees, visit http://www.metrostate.edu/cnhs/.

Other Graduation Requirements:
• Complete the specific major requirements.
• Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher for college-level coursework completed at Normandale. Note that some programs, such as those in health sciences, require a higher GPA in both Normandale and transfer coursework.
• Earn a minimum of 20 college level credits at Normandale.