

Associate of Science (AS) Degrees

Students seeking an Associate of Science (AS) degree from Normandale Community College must successfully complete the degree requirements determined by the specific program, which include 30 credits from at least six MnTC Goals.

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.
- Earn a minimum of 20 college level classes at Normandale.

Dental Hygiene (AS)

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/prof/ed/accred/commission/index.asp

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.

Normandale Community College offers the Associate of Science (AS) degree in Dental Hygiene as a two year program located within the health sciences division. 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 qualified 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.

Admission Process

- Applicants who are new to Normandale must complete the Normandale Community College application form, include \$20 application fee and submit both to the Office of Admissions. Checks should be payable to Normandale Community College. Acceptance to the college does NOT imply acceptance into the dental hygiene program.
- A student must complete the minimum requirements outlined below to be considered as a qualified applicant. Admission to the dental hygiene program is competitive and it is to the student's advantage to apply with proven strength in science coursework.
- After application requirements are met, 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 Science Enrollment Manager located in N2503 by December 31st of each year.
- If the student earned credits in fall semester, official transcripts with 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 application status for the dental hygiene program 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, but were not accepted into the program, will need to meet all requirements and reapply for admission into the program the following year.

NOTE: Most students complete their required science and liberal arts courses prior to acceptance into the program.



Dental Hygiene Application Requirements:

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

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| MATH 0700 | or equivalent or higher |
| ENGC 1101 | or higher |
| CHEM 1050 | or equivalent |
| BIOL 1141 | with a lab or equivalent |
| *BIOL 1142 | be registered for and complete during spring semester |
| BIOL 2204 | NOT AN APPLICATION REQUIREMENT BUT ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE PRIOR TO APPLICATION OR DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PROGRAM |

* If an applicant is accepted into the dental hygiene program, final admission is contingent upon completion of the spring semester required course with a grade of C or higher.

Note: For more program details, see our Frequently Asked Questions section on the Normandale website: www.normandale.edu/academics. Health Science information sessions are offered every other week. Call 952-487-8201 for further information or see www.normandale.edu/visit/.

General Information

In addition to general fees and books, admitted dental hygiene students purchase uniforms, instruments, clinic supplies, 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 Spring semester of the second year of study.

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 and must be maintained throughout enrollment in the program.

- Physical examination
- Immunizations
- Optical examination
- Successful 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: www.normandale.edu and click on departments.

General Education Requirements: (36 cr)

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

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| BIOL 1141 | Human Anatomy (4) |
| BIOL 1142 | 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) |

Students who are considering a bachelor's degree completion program are strongly encouraged to take two courses from two of the following MnTC Goals 4, 6, and 10 to fulfill the associate level degree if you are considering a bachelor degree completion program. Specifically Math 1080 for Goal 4 and



then any course that meets Goal 6 and/or Goal 10 will prevent duplicating credits. The courses will transfer to Metropolitan State University and will meet bachelor degree completion requirements. For more information, go to www.metrostate.edu/cnhs/.

Specialized Degree Requirements: (54 cr)

Note: Courses are web-supplemented and webenhanced requiring computer and internet access.

- DENH 1110 Head and Neck Anatomy (1)
- DENH 1112 Oral Anatomy/Embryology/Hist (3)
- DENH 1139 Infection Ctrl/Disease Prevention (1)
- 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 1144 Special Needs Client (1)
- DENH 1150 Dental Radiology (4)
- OR DENH 1151 Accelerated Dental Radiology (2)
- DENH 1160 Dental Materials (3)
- OR DENH 1161 Accelerated Dental Materials (1)
- DENH 1162 Pharmacology-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: (16 cr)

- COMM 1111 Interpersonal Communication (3)
- DENH 1110 Head and Neck Anatomy (1)
- DENH 1112 Oral Anatomy/Embryology/Hist (3)
- DENH 1139 Infection Ctrl/Disease Prevention (1)
- DENH 1140 Pre-Clinic Theory (3)
- DENH 1141 Pre-Clinic Skill Development (4)
- DENH 1144 Special Needs Client (1)

First Year Spring Semester: (19 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 (3)
- DENH 1162 Pharmacology-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)

Second Year 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)

Additional Information

Metropolitan State University and Normandale Community College are offering two new and innovative advanced degree programs for dental hygienists. After completing an associate degree program, students can now obtain a baccalaureate degree or post-baccalaureate certificate. For more information on advanced degrees, go to <http://www.metrostate.edu/cnhs/>.

