



Program Map



Dental Hygiene - Bachelor of Applied Science

Area of Study: Health Care & Biosciences

Clark College Dental Hygiene Program graduates earn a Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene Degree. The Dental Hygiene program provides classroom and clinical experiences that successfully prepare students for the national board exam and various clinical licensing exams. Students serve the community by participating in oral health programs in area schools and caring for patients at the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington and other local facilities serving the community.

This is a selective admissions program, a separate application is required.

Program maps are suggested academic plans and should not be used in the place of regular academic advising. Your student entry method, placement, course availability, and program requirements are subject to change and transfer credit(s) may change your map/plan.

Year One

Fall Term

- ENGL& 101 English Composition I5
- BIOL& 160 General Biology w/Lab5
- Math& 146 OR Math& 107^5

Winter Term

- ENGL& 102 English Composition II5
- CHEM& 121 Intro to Chemistry: Pre-Health5
- *BIOL& 241 Human Anatomy and Physiology I w/Lab5

Spring Term

- PSYC& 100 General Psychology5
- CHEM& 131 Intro to Organic/Biochem5
- BIOL& 242 Human Anatomy and Physiology II w/Lab5
- PE 100, PE 102, PE 108, PE 112, or PE 121^1

Year Two

Fall Term

- SOC& 101 Intro to Sociology^5
- CMST& 210 Interpersonal, CMST& 220 Speaking, CMST& 230 Small Group5
- NUTR& 101 Nutrition3

Winter Term

- BIOL& 260 Microbiology5
- ENGL 127, SPAN& 121, PHIL& 101, PHIL 240, or CMST 216^5

Year Three

Fall Term

- DH 282 Pharmacology I1
- DH 283 Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques I6
- DH 284 Oral Medicine2
- DH 285 Periodontics I3
- DH 286 Dental Anatomy3
- DH 292 Introduction to Digital Management System1

Winter Term

- DH 303 Head and Neck Anatomy3
- DH 313 Clinical Dental Hygiene Technique II5.5
- DH 323 Oral Radiology I3
- DH 353 Ethics and the Profession1
- DH 373 Cariology2
- DH 383 Pharmacology II1
- DH 393 Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques II Lab5

Spring Term

- DH 304 Educational Theory and Application2
- DH 314 Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques III5.5
- DH 324 Oral Radiology II1
- DH 344 General and Oral Pathology3
- DH 364 Local Anesthesia and Pain Control4
- DH 384 Pharmacology III1
- DH 394 Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques III Lab5

Summer Term

- DH 301 Introduction to Dental Materials/Assisting3
- DH 321 Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques IV4
- DH 331 Oral Radiology III2
- DH 431 Restorative Dentistry I2
- DH 451 Special Needs Populations I1
- DH 471 Nitrous Oxide Sedation1

Year Four

Fall Term

- DH 402 Dental Public Health – Research Methods I2
- DH 410 Behavior Modification1
- DH 412 Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques V8
- DH 422 Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques V Lab1
- DH 432 Restorative Dentistry II5
- DH 472 Periodontics II2

Winter Term

- DH 403 Dental Public Health – Research Methods II2
- DH 413 Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques VI8
- DH 423 Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques VI Lab1
- DH 433 Restorative Dentistry III2.5

<input type="checkbox"/> DH 443 Restorative Dentistry III Lab	1.5
<input type="checkbox"/> DH 452 Special Needs Populations II.....	1
<input type="checkbox"/> DH 473 Periodontics III.....	2

<input type="checkbox"/> DH 424 Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques VII Lab.....	1
<input type="checkbox"/> DH 434 Restorative Dentistry IV.....	1.5
<input type="checkbox"/> DH 444 Restorative Dentistry IV Lab.....	1.5
<input type="checkbox"/> DH 484 Capstone	3

Spring Term

<input type="checkbox"/> DH 404 Dental Public Health – Research Methods III	1
<input type="checkbox"/> DH 414 Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques VII.....	8

Notes: BIOL&251/252/253 sequence is available as substitute for BIOL&241/&242 sequence

184 units required. View the [Clark College Catalog](#) for additional program information.

Key ^ Alternative classes are available to fit your schedule or interest. **&** Common Course in the State of Washington.

Board Exams

Graduates from the Clark College Dental Hygiene Program are required to pass six separate board exams to obtain a dental hygiene license in Washington State. The six board exams include:

- Dental Hygiene National Board Exam
- Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) or Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) Anesthesia Written Exam
- WREB or CRDTS Anesthesia Clinical Exam
- WREB or CRDTS Restorative Practical Exam

- WREB or CRDTS Patient-based Clinical Hygiene Exam
- Washington State Drug and Law Exam

Students who wish to obtain a Dental Hygiene License in Oregon must take four board exams for licensure:

- Dental Hygiene National Board Exam
- WREB or CRDTS Anesthesia Written Exam
- WREB or CRDTS Restorative Practical Exam (optional)
- WREB or CRDTS Patient-based Clinical Hygiene Exam OR

- Approved Dental Hygiene OSCE Exam
- Oregon State Drug and Law Exam

Students who wish to pursue a license in any state other than Washington or Oregon need to check with the Board of Dentistry in that respective state.

National Board Exams:

- WREB
- CRDTS
- Washington Department of Health – Dental Hygiene Licensing
- Oregon Board of Dentistry – Dental Hygiene Licensing

Approximate Costs Each Term

Tuition for BAS programs vary. The cost for 15 credits per term at the 300 and 400 level is \$2,340 plus books, supplies, and miscellaneous fees. Some BAS programs mix 100-400 level coursework. **Tuition based on Washington resident rates. View [residency classifications](#) on our website.*

Customize with Advising

Make an appointment online with Advising Services to learn more about customizing your academic plan at clark.edu/advising.

How to Enroll

Visit Clark College’s Welcome Center in Gaiser Hall room 127 or the [Get Started webpage](#) for information on becoming a new student. Email start@clark.edu or call 360-992-2078.

[Apply for Admission](#)

Support Services

At Clark College, we know that everyone who walks through our doors is a unique person with diverse, interesting and sometimes challenging circumstances. We are committed to ensuring each and every student can succeed at Clark, and are committed to serving systemically non-dominant communities, including (but not limited to) people of color, those who identify as LGBTQIA2S+ and people with disabilities. We have resource centers, clubs, programs and activities for all students.

Visit our [Student Support page](#) for more information.

Funding Options at Clark

There are many resources available to help students cover the costs to attend college—tuition, books, fees, tools, transportation, childcare, etc.—so you can focus on completing your degree or certificate.

Grants Based on need. You do not need to pay back grants.

Scholarships Similar to grants, and there are different criteria; Clark College awards hundreds of thousands of dollars to students each year. We encourage everyone to apply!

Student Employment & Work Study Money you earn through working part-time; this helps to reduce your reliance on loans, and build your skills and resume.

Loans If you do need to borrow additional funds to pay for college-related expenses, you can consider loans. It is money you borrow and will pay back with interest.

Specific Assistance For Veterans, worker retraining, DREAMers, students receiving DSHS benefits, and more.

For more information, visit our [paying for college website](#) or visit the Office of Financial Aid in Gaiser Hall room 101.

Career Opportunities

Career exploration and planning is an essential step to establishing your academic journey at Clark College and beyond. Career Services connects you with resources and strategies for career planning in six areas: knowing self; career awareness; relationship building and networking; work-based learning; job-search skills; and career readiness competencies. You are encouraged to participate in *MyPlan*, a comprehensive and interactive guide with activities to support your career, academic, and financial wellness planning. **Visit [Career Services](#) in the Penguin Union Building room 002.**

Students working towards the **Bachelor of Applied Science Dental Hygiene** degree could be employed as:

Dental Hygienist, Clinical Research Coordinator Education, and Community Health Worker



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