

# DENTAL HYGIENE

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### About this program

The Dental Hygiene program provides knowledge and skills to perform critical dental services that detect, prevent and treat diseases of the mouth while working as part of a dental team. Students who complete the program will leave with the skills to provide current, comprehensive dental hygiene services and may find employment in a variety of settings including private dental offices, schools, hospitals and public health clinics. Students interested in an advanced degree in dental hygiene or a related field have a number of transfer options to four-year colleges and universities. The Minnesota Board of Dentistry requires BCA and FBI criminal background checks and fingerprint analysis prior to initial licensure in the state of Minnesota.

### Program outcomes

1. Demonstrate clinical competence required to provide current comprehensive dental hygiene services.
2. Communicate effectively with patients, peers and dental health team providers by utilizing professional written and oral communication.
3. Exhibit ethical behavior consistent with dental professional conduct.
4. Utilize current technology relevant to the dental profession.
5. Demonstrate basic dental office management skills.
6. Apply current concepts of infection control and occupational safety.

### Curriculum overview

Crds	Requirement type
	Total

**Developmental courses note:** A student may be required to enroll in developmental courses in reading, writing and math. A student's scores on the Accuplacer assessment will determine enrollment in developmental courses. The purpose of developmental courses is to prepare students for the demands of a college-level curriculum. *Credits may vary.*

**Accreditation:** Minnesota State Community and Technical College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 Chicago, IL 60604-1411 <http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org> Phone: 312.263.0456 / 800.621.7440

# Curriculum requirement details

Required courses

Other requirements or restricted electives



## Course summaries



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Program Plan — ""

Locations:

