

Dental Hygienists are professionals that prevent and treat oral diseases. If you find personal fulfillment in helping others, dental hygiene is a profession that may interest you. Today's educated society is not only living longer but is also retaining natural teeth into the elder years thus requiring the preventive oral health care services provided by a registered dental hygienist. As a result, there is a growing demand for dental hygienists in the workforce nationwide. The United States Department of Labor lists dental hygiene as one of the fastest growing occupations; and this demand is expected to continue through the year 2014.

Hygienists find career opportunities in:

- Private dental offices
- Hospital dental clinics
- Military installations
- Nursing homes, residential assisted living facilities as well as rehabilitation centers
- County & State Health Departments
- School Based Programs in public and private school systems
- Pharmaceutical sales

Dental hygiene is a rewarding career that offers flexible work hours and part-time or full-time employment. The average annual salary for a full-time hygienist is \$56,000.

To Qualify for NYS Licensure:

Upon completion of this program, students must pass the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination (NDHBE) as well as the NERB, Northeast Regional Board Examination, with a minimum score of 75. All applicants must also be US citizens of good moral character.

Accreditation:

The SUNY Canton Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the ADA (American Dental Association) Commission on Dental Accreditation; and is a fully accredited program without reporting requirements.

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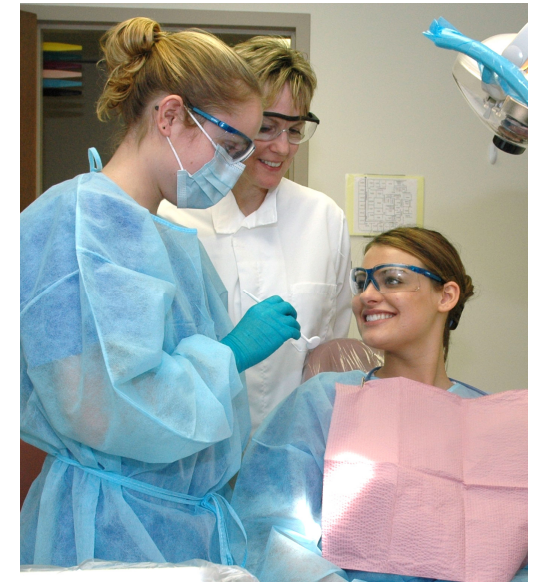
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SUNY CANTON DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM



Students completing this two year science intensive program earn an **Associate in Applied Science (AAS)** degree. Although the majority of graduates seek employment upon graduation, some choose to further their education to pursue a Baccalaureate or Masters degree in dental hygiene.

Department's Mission Statement:

The dental hygiene department, part of SUNY Canton's School of Science, Health & Professional Studies, prepares students to enter the workforce as competent entry level dental hygienists.

Faculty accomplish this by providing a "learner" centered environment that incorporates lectures, labs and clinical components into valuable experiences that enable students to learn, practice & master services identified in the NYS Dental Hygiene Practice Act.



Pre-Requisite Courses for Admission:

Completion of the following NYS Regents level courses in high school or their equivalent:

- Biology with a minimum grade of 75
- Chemistry with a minimum grade of 75
- Math A and Math B -or- Course I and Course II with a minimum grade of 75

Program Requirements:

Semester I: 18 credits

BIOL 217	Anatomy & Physiology I
DHYG 145	Dental Radiology
DHYG 155	Infection Control
DHYG 156	Oral Anatomy
DHYG 157	Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene
DHYG 161	Histology & Embryology
ENGL 102	Oral & Written Expression

Semester II: 19 credits

BIOL 218	Anatomy & Physiology II
BIOL 209	Microbiology
DHYG 147	Head & Neck Anatomy
DHYG 158	Clinical Dental Hygiene I
DHYG 159	Dental Health Education
DHYG 160	Dental Pathology

Semester III: 17 credits

ANTH 102	Intro Cultural Anthropology
DHYG 215	Pain Management
DHYG 220	Periodontology
DHYG 221	Dental Pharmacology
DHYG 230	Dental Materials
DHYG 257	Clinical Dental Hygiene II

Semester IV: 17 credits

PSYC 101	Intro to Psychology
DHYG 258	Clinical Dental Hygiene III
DHYG 260	Community Dental Health *
DHYG 263	Dental Nutrition
DHYG 285	Case Based Studies
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology

* Designates a writing intensive course

Total Credit Hours: 71

Jointly Registered Program:

SUNY Canton and MVCC (Mohawk Valley Community College) have partnered to offer this jointly registered program in Rome, New York. Lectures are taught in a traditional classroom at MVCC's Rome Campus, 1101 Floyd Avenue or in a hybrid delivery. In a hybrid course the instructor blends asynchronous instruction online with synchronous instruction in the traditional classroom.

The newly renovated dental hygiene teaching clinic, with 17 treatment rooms and state of the art equipment, is located in the [Veteran's Administration Outpatient Clinic at 125 Brookley Road](#), Rome, NY. Initially students learn instrumentation skills on a typodont before practicing on a fellow student and providing oral health services to volunteer patients that visit the clinic. Depending upon the semester, students spend between 8-15 hours a week in the clinical setting. Students must provide care to a diverse population of patients and are expected to schedule time to participate in a variety of community service projects that promote good oral health.

