# Program Information DENTAL HYGIENE



## Aurora, CO

## **Program Overview**

Dental Hygienists are licensed, professional oral clinicians and dental health educators who prevent and treat oral disease, promote and encourage preventive aspects of dental care, and assume responsibility for patient care in the dental office. They provide a variety of services to patients, including comprehensive examination of the oral cavity, radiographs, prophylaxis, fluoride treatments, patient education, and preventive services. They are required to pass written and clinical examinations before they apply for licensure to practice. Dental Hygienists are integral members of the dental team who use their dental, clinical, and social sciences to aid individuals in achieving optimum oral health. Besides working in a private dental practice, Dental Hygienists also work as educators, administrators, and researchers.

### **Program Mission**

The mission is to provide a supportive learning environment in which the student acquires theoretical knowledge, technical skills, and professional attributes necessary to qualify for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist and entry-level employment as a Dental Hygienist. The program strives to instill the importance of personal growth, professional commitment, community involvement, and continued research. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination.

### **Course List**

ENGL1310	English Composition I	DH110	Oral Embryology and Histology
SOCI1310	Introduction to Sociology	DH111	Dental Office Emergencies
BIOL1330	Microbiology	DH201	Dental Hygiene III
BIOL1405	Anatomy & Physiology	DH202	Dental Hygiene IV
CHEM1310	Chemistry	DH203	Periodontology
MATH Elective	MATH1310: Contemporary Mathematics or	DH206	Dental Pharmacology
	MATH1320: College Algebra	DH207	Dental Hygiene Seminar
PSYC1310	General Psychology	DH209	Nutrition
COMM1310	Elements of Human Communication	DH224	Dental Public Health
DH101	Dental Hygiene I	DH226	Dental Law/Ethics
DH102	Dental Hygiene II	DH227	Board Review
DH103	Dental Radiography	DH228	Oral Pathology
DH104	Dental Materials	DH300	Dental Office Management
DH105	Dental Anatomy/Tooth Morphology	DH301	Dental Hygiene V