

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Dance

Transfer Preparation * (Major Code: A1350)

Dance is a rigorous, specialized area of the performing arts that communicates and expresses meaning, emotion, and cultural values. The field demands a high level of physical preparation as well as a thorough understanding of aesthetics. Designed to help students develop the technical skills and professional preparation for careers related to dance. Students develop their skills in ballet, jazz, and modern dance, concentrating on rhythm, musicality, coordination, and memory building techniques. It also offers the option to explore tap, ethnic, and social dance forms while offering opportunities for individual creativity.

ANTH 102	Cultural Anthropology	3
BIOL 260	Human Anatomy	5
DANC 109	Modern Dance I	1.5
DANC 110	Modern Dance II	1.5
DANC 113	Ballet I	1.5
DANC 114	Ballet II	1.5
DANC 115	Ballet III	1.5
DANC 117	Jazz Dance I	1.5
DANC 118	Jazz Dance II	1.5
DANC 200	Dance History and Appreciation	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3

Total units **24.5**

Recommended Electives: BIOL 100, 101; DANC 111, 112, 125, 126.

To earn an associate degree, additional general education and graduation requirements must be completed. See page 49.

- * Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete courses specific to the transfer institution of choice. University requirements vary from institution to institution and are subject to change. Therefore, it is important to verify transfer major preparation and general education requirements through consultation with a counselor in either the Counseling Center or Transfer Center. See catalog TRANSFER COURSES INFORMATION section on page 32 for further information.

Dental Hygiene

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General Description

A dental hygienist is a licensed health care professional, oral health educator, and clinician who, as a co-therapist with a dentist, provides preventive, educational, and therapeutic services supporting total health for the control of oral diseases and the promotion of oral health. A registered dental hygienist has graduated from a minimum of two year college program that includes classroom studies and extensive supervised clinical experience.

The program prepares student for a career in dental hygiene through he study of humanities, social and natural sciences, and the field of dental hygiene. Emphasis is on clinical practice in the context of dental hygiene care. Graduates are eligible to apply to take national and state examinations to earn the RDH license.

Generally, the dental hygienist may work in general and specialty oral health practices. Other areas of employment include programs for research, professional education, and community health; hospital and institutional care of disabled persons; federal programs, such as the armed services; or other health service locations as specified in statute or as authorized by the state board of dentistry/dental hygiene.

Career Options

Although the dental hygienist primarily provides preventive and therapeutic services in a private dental office or clinic, the hygienist may provide services in public health settings, schools, skilled nursing facilities and mobile clinics. Clinical practice generally requires an associate degree education. The hygienist may also serve as an administrator/manager for community dental health programs or dental product companies, an educator in dental hygiene and dental school programs, or a researcher in a university or corporate setting. Many of these roles may require a bachelor's or graduate-level degree.

Program Goals

Upon completion of the dental hygiene program the graduate will:

- Demonstrate the knowledge to pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE).
- Demonstrate the clinical skills necessary to pass the California Registered Dental Hygienist Licensure Examination.
- Demonstrate the knowledge to pass the California Dental Law and Ethics Examinations.
- Secure entry-level employment as a dental hygienist.

Degree/Certificate Options

Associate in Science Degree: Career/Technical

Dental Hygiene

Major Code

02380

Consult with a counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP), which lists the courses necessary to achieve your academic goal.

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

Dental Hygiene

Career/Technical (Major Code: 02380)

Prepares students for a career in dental hygiene through the study of humanities, social and natural sciences, and the field of dental hygiene. Emphasis on clinical practice in the context of dental care. Graduates are eligible to apply to take both state and national examinations for licensure.

Prerequisites:

BIOL 260	Human Anatomy	5
BIOL 261	Principles of Human Physiology	4
BIOL 265	General Microbiology	5
CHEM 100	Introduction to General Chemistry	4
CHEM 110	Elementary Organic and Biological Chemistry	4
HLTH 204	Fundamentals of Nutrition	3
COMM 103	Oral Communication OR	3
COMM 174	Interpersonal Communication OR	
COMM 176	Intercultural Communication	
ENGL 115	Reading and Composition: Exposition and Argumentation	4
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology OR	3
SOC 110	Contemporary Social Problems	
Total units		38

Department acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program

First Semester

DH 101	Introduction to Clinical Concepts	2
DH 102	Introduction to Clinic	2
DH 105	Infection Control	1
DH 111A	Dental Radiography	2
DH 111B	Dental Radiography Laboratory	1
DH 114	Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DH 117	Medical and Dental Emergencies	1
DH 123	Oral Anatomy and Physiology	1
DH 124	Oral Embryology and Histology	2

Second Semester

DH 103	Patient Education	2
DH 112	Clinic I	4
DH 113A	Clinical Concepts I	1
DH 115	Periodontics	2
DH 116	Dental Materials	2
DH 121	Pain Control	2

Summer Session

DH 118	Transitional Clinic	1.5
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Third Semester

DH 113B	Clinical Concepts II	1
DH 122	Clinic II	4
DH 200A	Community Dental Health I	2
DH 203	Pathology	2
DH 204	Preventive Dentistry	1
DH 205	Advanced Periodontics	2
DH 206	Dental Pharmacology	2

Fourth Semester

DH 106	Special Need Patient Care	2
DH 111C	Radiographic Interpretation	1
DH 200B	Community Dental Health II	1
DH 202	Clinic III	4
DH 211	Ethics and Jurisprudence	2
DH 214	Seminar	2.5

Total units **55**

Note: A grade of 75% ("C") or better is required in all dental hygiene courses for progression in the Dental Hygiene program and to graduate.

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