Program Student Learning Outcome Statement:

- Create and perform dance studies for a small group using accompaniment.
- Employ the concepts of specific dance techniques in the demonstration and performance of center and tor movement combinations.

ANTH 102 Cultural Anthropology 3
BIOL 260 Human Anatomy 4
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 23.5

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 64.

* 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 45 for further information.

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DENTAL HYGIENE

HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER AT NATIONAL CITY

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A dental hygienist is a licensed healthcare 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 students for a career in dental hygiene through the 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 regional examinations to earn the RDH license.

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, he/she may provide services in public health settings, schools, skilled nursing facilities and mobile clinics. Clinical practice generally requires an associate degree education. The dental 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 Regional 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

Some courses within this program may require additional coursework that must be completed prior to enrollment in these courses. Please consult the individual course listings for prerequisites and any other limitations on enrollment.

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

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

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 is on clinical practice in the context of dental hygiene care. Graduates are eligible to apply to take both regional and national examinations for licensure.

Program Student Learning Outcome Statement:

• Analyze and evaluate dental hygiene theory to achieve a minimum of 75% on the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination.

• Assess patient needs, coordinate dental hygiene treatment and demonstrate clinical skills to pass regional licensing examination.

PREREQUISITIES:

BIOL 260 Human Anatomy 4
BIOL 261 Principles of Human Physiology 4
BIOL 265 General Microbiology 4
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 (3) 3
COMM 174 Interpersonal Communication (3) 3
COMM 176 Intercultural Communication (3)
ENGL 115 College Composition: Reading and Writing Analytically 4
PSYC 101 General Psychology 3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3) 3
SOC 110 Contemporary Social Problems (3)

Total Units 36

FIRST SEMESTER

DH 101 Introduction to Clinical Concepts 2
DH 114 Head and Neck Anatomy 2
DH 123 Oral Anatomy and Physiology 1
DH 124 Oral Embryology and Histology 2
DH 108 Introduction to Clinical Practice 2.5
DH 109 Dental Radiography 3
DH 125 Oral Health 2

SECOND SEMESTER

DH 112 Clinic I 4
DH 115 Periodontics 2
DH 121 Pain Control 2
DH 113A Clinical Concepts I 1
DH 203 Pathology 2
DH 206 Dental Pharmacology 2

SECOND SUMMER SESSION

DH 118 Transitional Clinic 1.5

THIRD SEMESTER

DH 122 Clinic II 4
DH 200A Community Dental Health 2
DH 205 Advanced Periodontics 2
DH 113B Clinical Concepts II 1
DH 106 Special Need Patient Care 2
DH 116 Dental Materials 2

FOURTH SEMESTER

DH 202 Clinic III 4
DH 211 Ethics and Jurisprudence 2
DH 214 Seminar 2
DH 113C Clinical Concepts III 1
DH 200B Community Dental Health II 2

Total units 53

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.

To earn an associate degree, additional general education and graduation requirements must be completed. See page 64.