



**CREDENTIAL**  
Ontario College  
Advanced Diploma

**PROGRAM CODE**  
Fall: 0641

**AREA OF INTEREST**  
Health

**LOCATION**  
Thunder Bay

**DURATION**  
3 -year

## Overview

Confederation College's three year advanced Dental Hygiene diploma program provides students with all the knowledge and hands-on experience they need to succeed in this challenging health care discipline.

Professional dental hygienists have five primary responsibilities: clinical therapy (cleaning teeth), health promotion, education, administration and research. Generally, dental hygienists may work in private practice or independently providing client-centred care. Oral health promotion and disease prevention are their main focus.

Students will learn in the state-of-the-art classrooms and labs. Coursework includes topics such as microbiology for dental hygienists, principles in dental hygiene, preventive oral health promotion, research methods, health policy and advocacy and evidence-based practice.



### Top Highlights

- Students get hands-on experience at placements in long-term care facilities, schools and dental offices
- Program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC)
- Graduates of the program will be able to take the National Dental Hygiene Certification Board Examination (NDHCB)
- After successful completion of the NDHCB, graduates may be eligible for registration with the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario



### Experiential Learning

Labs, Placement, Clinic



### Employment Opportunities

As a graduate of this program, you may find employment in private dental offices, community dental clinics, hospital dental clinics, public health units and specialty dental practices such as orthodontics, paedodontics and periodontics. Some dental hygienists go on to careers in independent practice.



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# Dental Hygiene

## Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (U/C), or Open (O) preparation levels with Grade 12 English (C/U) Level.
- or successful completion of the Mature Student Assessment.
- or successful completion of the General Education Development Test (GED).
- or appropriate credits from the Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE).

## Additional Required Courses

- Grade 11 or 12 Biology (College or University Preparation) &
- Grade 11 or 12 Chemistry (College or University Preparation)

Minimum final grade of 70% in each required course. If you are currently enrolled in a required course, you must have a midterm and final mark of 70% or higher to qualify for selection/admission.

## Alternative Pathways

Applicants who do not possess the above admission requirements might consider our Pre-Health Sciences-Pathways to Certificates and Diplomas program which will provide the necessary preparation for application to the Dental Hygiene program. Completion of the Pre-Health Sciences-Pathways to Certificates and Diplomas program does not guarantee admission to the Dental Hygiene program in a subsequent year.

## Articulation Agreements

Confederation College has agreements in place that permit credits earned throughout this program to be transferred to programs at other colleges and universities.

Visit: [confederationcollege.ca/articulation-agreements](https://confederationcollege.ca/articulation-agreements) for more information.

## First Semester

CS 050 College Writing  
DH 108 Principles of Dental Hygiene I  
DH 109 Histology and Embryology  
DH 110 Microbiology for the Hygienist  
DH 111 Dental and Orofacial Anatomy  
DH 134 Radiography Theory for the DH  
HS 125 Anatomy & Physiology I

## Second Semester

DH 221 Introduction to the Dental Hygiene Profession  
DH 222 Principle of Dental Hygiene II  
DH 231 Preventative Oral Health Promotion I  
DH 240 Intro to Dental Materials  
GE General Elective  
HS 225 Anatomy & Physiology II

## Third Semester

CS 217 Communication for Health Professionals  
DH 236 Pharmacology for the DH  
DH 320 Periodontology for the Dental Hygienist  
DH 321 Nutritional Studies for the Dental Hygienist  
DH 323 Clinical Novice  
DH 334 Preventative Oral Health Promotion II  
DH 335 Human Pathophysiology

## Fourth Semester

CS 224 Introduction to Research Methods  
DH 326 Oral Pathology  
DH 400 Clinical Intermediate  
DH 401 Diverse Populations and Health Beliefs  
DH 402 Community Health Care and Promotions I  
GE General Elective

## Fifth Semester

DH 503 Clinical Advanced  
DH 504 Evidence Informed Practice  
DH 505 Community Health Care & Promotions II  
DH 506 Role of Dental Hygiene in Orthodontics  
DH 507 Business Principals for Health Professionals  
GE General Elective

## Sixth Semester

DH 600 Cases and Concepts  
DH 601 Clinical Consolidation  
DH 602 Dental Hygiene Practice Administration  
DH 603 Health Policy and Advocacy  
DH 604 Professional Practice and Jurisprudence  
DH 605 Pain Management for the Dental Hygienist



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