



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



Learner Testimonial

Attending the Dental Hygiene program at Confederation College was one of the best decisions of my life. The program was a perfect balance between didactic, clinical and group activities which helped me to develop the required skills needed to be a successful dental professional. The facility was state of the art and the faculty were very supportive and motivating. The rigorous clinical training and advanced technological exposure I received helped me leaps and bounds once I entered the dental hygiene profession, as I was totally prepared to face the challenges of private practice with confidence.

Dr. Peeyush R. / Alumnus / 2016

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.

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.

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 for more information.

First Semester

CS 007 College Writing Essentials
DH 109 Histology and Embryology
DH 110 Microbiology
DH 111 Dental and Orofacial Anatomy I
AB 113 Anatomy and Physiology
DH 134 Radiography Theory
DH 108 Principles of Dental Hygiene I

Second Semester

AB 214 Anatomy and Physiology
DH 240 Introduction to Dental Materials
DH 231 Preventive Health Promotion I
DH 221 Introduction to the Dental Hygiene Profession
DH 222 Principles of Dental Hygiene II
GE General Elective

Third Semester

CS 217 Communications for Health Professionals
DH 321 Nutritional Studies for the Dental Hygienist
DH 236 Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist
DH 320 Periodontics for the Dental Hygienist
DH 335 Human Pathophysiology
DH 323 Clinical Novice (Advanced Materials)
DH 334 Preventive Oral Health Promotion II

Fourth Semester

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

Fifth Semester

DH 503 Clinic Advanced
DH 504 Evidence-Informed Practice
DH 505 Health Promotions & Community
DH 506 Role of Dental Hygienist in Orthodontics
DH 507 Business Principles 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 & Jurisprudence
DH 605 Pain Management for the Dental Hygienist

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