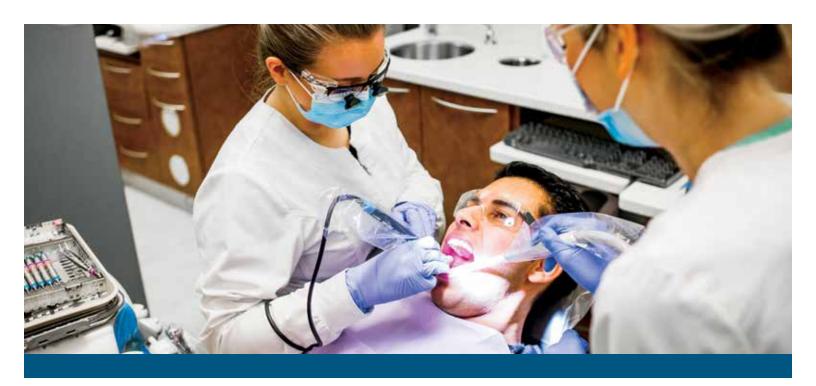


# **Dental Hygiene**

Program Code: 0641



### **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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