PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE
Associate of Science degree

Program and Career Description:
The Tennessee Transfer path in Dental Hygiene leads to a Bachelor’s degree program at selected universities. Dental hygienists clean teeth, examine patients for signs of oral diseases such as gingivitis, and provide other preventive dental care. They also educate patients on ways to improve and maintain good oral health. All states require dental hygienists to be licensed; requirements vary by state.

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<td>Dental Hygienist</td>
<td>Associate’s degree; Bachelor’s for some positions</td>
<td>$49,220</td>
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Career and salary information taken from JOBS4TN.GOV. Check out this website for additional information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. For additional information from a national perspective, go to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor on the internet at www.bls.gov. Visit the Occupational Outlook Handbook on this website. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at www.tntransferpathway.org.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information.
The document is from the 2018-2019 Catalog Draft of the PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE major, which is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Pre-Dental Hygiene (A.S.).

### Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support or pre-requisite courses.

- **Communications Requirement**
  - COMM 2025 or COMM 2055
  - ENGL 1010, 1020

- **History Requirement** (Take 2 courses)
  - HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2310, 2320

- **Humanities/Fine Arts** (Take 3 courses -- one must be a literature course)
  - ART 1035, 2000, 2020
  - ENGL 2160, 2860
  - HUM 1010, 1020
  - MUS 1030
  - PHIL 1030, 1040, 2200
  - THEA 1030
  - Literature Options: ENGL 2055, 2130, 2235, 2310, 2320

- **Natural Sciences Requirement**
  - BIOL 2010, 2020

- **Mathematics Requirement**
  - MATH 1730

- **Social/Behavioral Sciences** (Take two courses)
  - SOCI 1010 or SOCI 1040
  - PSYC 1030

- **Major Required Courses**
  - BIOL 1110, 2230*
  - CHEM 1110
  - CHEM 1120
  - COLS 101
  - HED 241

*BIOL 2230 may satisfy upper level course requirement at four-year institution.

### Sample Academic Plan

#### First Year – Fall Semester

- ENGL 1010: English Composition I
- PSYC 1030: Introduction to Psychology
- Humanities/Fine Arts
- BIOL 2010: Human Anatomy & Physiology I
- MATH 1730: Pre-calculus
- COLS 101: Columbia State College Success

#### First Year – Spring Semester

- ENGL 1020: English Composition II
- BIOL 1110: General Biology I
- COMM 2025: Fundamentals of Communication
- BIOL 2020: Human Anatomy & Physiology II

#### Second Year – Fall Semester

- CHEM 1110: General Chemistry I
- Literature Requirement
- History Requirement
- BIOL 2230*: Microbiology

#### Second Year – Spring Semester

- CHEM 1120: General Chemistry II
- Humanities/Fine Arts
- History Requirement
- SOCI 1010: Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 1040: Social Problems
- HED 241: Principles of Nutrition

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 62**

Additional hours of coursework may be required prior to acceptance in to a professional school. Please check with the institution you wish to transfer to for any prerequisites.

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