



Dental Hygiene AAS Degree (DH13)

Program Description:

The Dental Hygiene program is a sequence of courses that prepares students for positions in the dental profession. Learning opportunities develop academic, technical, and professional knowledge and skills required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Registered dental hygienists work in a variety of professional settings. The public is most familiar with dental hygienists in the private dental office, where they perform numerous critical services designed to detect and prevent diseases of the mouth. These include oral prophylaxis; assessing the head, neck, and oral areas for signs of disease; educating patients about oral hygiene; taking or developing radiographs; and applying fluoride and sealants.

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Campus:

Douglas Campus

Be sure to review the [General Competitive Selection Procedures](#)¹ and [Competitive Selection Program Statistics](#).²

Pre-Dental Hygiene Admission Requirements					
Must complete the Courses Required for Competitive Selection with at least a 3.2 Competitive GPA (100% of the evaluation process)					
Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track					
<i>Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA= Fall; SP=Spring SU=Summer</i>					
Prerequisite courses may rotate among the following locations: Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, LaGrange and Online					
✓	Grade	Courses required for Competitive Selection (Courses required before Application Deadline)	S	CR	Notes and Milestones Prerequisites must be passed with a "C" or higher
The 8 courses are used to calculate the competitive GPA. Minimum GPA= 3.2					
All 8 courses must be completed with a "C" or higher and before the Application Deadline.					
		ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric	ALL	3	
		MATH 1111 College Algebra	ALL	3	Substitutions MATH 1113, MATH 1131, or MATH 1132
		*BIOL 2113 Anatomy & Physiology I	ALL	3	Corequisite BIOL 2113L
		*BIOL 2113L Anatomy & Physiology Lab I	ALL	1	Corequisite BIOL 2113
		*BIOL 2114 Anatomy & Physiology II	ALL	3	Prerequisite BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L Corequisite BIOL 2114L
		*BIOL 2114L Anatomy & Physiology Lab II	ALL	1	Prerequisite BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L Corequisite BIOL 2114
		*BIOL 2117 Introductory Microbiology	ALL	3	Prerequisite BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L Corequisite BIOL 2117L
		*BIOL 2117L Introductory Microbiology Lab	ALL	1	Prerequisite BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L Corequisite BIOL 2117
*BIOL courses must be completed within 7 years of the program/cohort start date.					
*BIOL lecture and labs must be taken together in the same semester.					

¹ <https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/2023-2024/student-catalog/admissions/health-sciences-and-nursing-programs-general-procedures/>

² <https://www.westgatech.edu/admissions/getting-started/competitive-selection-process/>

✓	Grade	Courses Required before Cohort Starts (The following courses must be completed before starting the DH program)	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisites must be passed with a "C" or higher
Choose One Chemistry Lecture and Lab:					
		CHEM 1211 Chemistry I CHEM 1211L Chemistry Lab I -OR- CHEM 1151 Survey of Inorganic Chemistry CHEM 1151L Survey of Inorganic Chemistry Lab	ALL ALL ALL ALL	3 1 3 1	Prerequisite MATH 1101, MATH 1103 or MATH 1111 Corequisite CHEM 1211/CHEM 1211L Prerequisite MATH 1101, MATH 1103 or MATH 1111 Corequisite CHEM 1151/CHEM 1151L

***CHEM courses must be completed within 7 years of the program/cohort start date.**

***CHEM lecture and lab must be taken together in the same semester.**

✓	Grade	Courses Required for Graduation (If possible, complete before the cohort starts)	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisites must be passed with a "C" or higher
		SPCH 1101 Public Speaking	ALL	3	
		PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology	ALL	3	
		SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology	ALL	3	
Choose One Area IV Course:					
		ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation	ALL	3	
		MUSC 1101 Music Appreciation	ALL	3	
		THEA 1101 Theater Appreciation	ALL	3	
		HUMN 1101 Introduction to Humanities	ALL	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		ENGL 2110 World Literature	SP	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		ENGL 2130 American Literature	ALL	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		ENGL 2310 English Literature	SP	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		RELG 1101 World Religions	ALL	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
Always check online https://www.westgatech.edu/ and meet with your Advising Coach to ensure you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.					

Competitive Selection Deadline

- The Dental Hygiene program will admit once each year at the Douglas Campus.
- Application opens for submission on April 1st and closes on the deadline June 1st with a Fall semester cohort start date.

Competitive Selection Requirements

- Must be admitted to the college in good academic standing and regular status.
- Non-Georgia residents will be considered in the competitive selection process on a space available basis.
- Must complete the eight (8) required courses and labs with a minimum grade of "C" or higher and have at least a 3.2 competitive GPA. (100% of process).
 - ENGL 1101, MATH 1111, BIOL 2113, BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114, BIOL 2114L, BIOL 2117 and BIOL 2117L are used to calculate the competitive GPA.
 - BIOL and CHEM courses must be completed within seven (7) years of the program cohort start date.
- After acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program a current CPR certification through the American Heart Association for Healthcare Providers-BLS (Basic Life Support) is required.
 - The card will be reviewed by the program director
 - Online CPR certification will not be accepted.

Possible Bonus Points (Maximum of 3)

Submit an employer letter on company letterhead, include dates of employment, job title, and a brief description of duties for consideration:

- One (1) point for any dental clinical work experience or a minimum of eight (8) hours of clinical experience shadowing a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) within six (6) months of the student's application submission date.
 - **Dental clinical experience** is defined as "physical patient care in a dental setting through an apprenticeship, observation, internship, part-time or full-time employment," or professional volunteerism that has been completed for at least three (3) months within three (3) years of the student's application.
 - **Professional volunteerism** is defined as "volunteering in a non-virtual dental office setting" or for any healthcare clinical work experience.
- Two (2) points for dental related work experience such as a lab technician or front office employee within six (6) months to three (3) years of the student's application.
-OR-
- Three (3) points for more than one-year equivalent of full-time experience as a chairside dental assistant within three (3) months to three (3) years of the student's application.

Competitive Selection Process

1. Must attend a Mandatory Information Session with WGTC Advising Coach. (advising@westgatech.edu)
2. Gather all supporting documentation and save electronically.
3. Complete the [Competitive Selection File Review Request Form³](#) and attach all supporting documents electronically on or before the deadline (direct questions related to the form to admissions@westgatech.edu).
4. Monitor student email and review competitive selection scoring sheet (this does not indicate acceptance or denial).
5. Allow 4-6 weeks from the program deadline date to receive acceptance or denial letter from the Admissions Office.
 - If accepted, respond to secure your seat in the program by the given deadline.
 - If denied, meet with an Advising Coach to determine next steps. Students not selected into the program cohort must submit a new Competitive Selection File Review Request Form and required documentation to be included in the next selection process for the same program or the selection process for another program.

³ <https://westgatech.jotform.com/260326263178053>

Right on Track Worksheet

Campus and Deadline: Douglas Campus- June 1st deadline for Fall cohort start

1. Write the classes you need to take each semester: (Circle the appropriate semester and add year)
Starting Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)
2 nd Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)
3 rd Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)
4 th Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)
5 th Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)
6 th Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)

2. Check off the class once you have it accounted for on the left side:

**Must complete the required 8 courses by the end of Spring Semester*

- ENGL 1101
- MATH 1111
- BIOL 2113
- BIOL 2113L
- BIOL 2114
- BIOL 2114L
- BIOL 2117
- BIOL 2117L

GPA must be at least a 3.2 in these 8 courses

Calculate your Competitive GPA: _____

- Use A, B, C, only, no D's or (+), or (-)
- GPA Calculator: <https://gpacalculator.net/college-gpa-calculator/>

Courses required before Cohort starts:

**Finish before the Fall Semester*

- CHEM 1211/1211L
- or
- CHEM 1151/ CHEM 1151L

Courses required before Graduation:

**Finish before the Program Starts, if possible*

- SPCH 1101
- SOCI 1101
- PSYC 1101
- AREA IV

Dental Hygiene Curriculum			
Semester 1	S	CR	Notes and Milestones
DHYG 1040 Preclinical Dental Hygiene Lecture	FA	2	Program Admission, Corequisite DHYG 1050
DHYG 1050 Preclinical Dental Hygiene Lab	FA	2	Program Admission, Corequisite DHYG 1040
DHYG 1020 Head and Neck Anatomy	FA	2	Program Admission
DHYG 1000 Tooth Anatomy and Root Morphology	FA	2	
DHYG 1010 Oral Embryology and Histology	FA	1	Program Admission
		9	Program Semester Hours
Semester 2	S	CR	Notes and Milestones
DHYG 1110 Clinical Dental Hygiene I Lecture	SP	2	Prerequisite DHYG 1040, Corequisite DHYG 1111
DHYG 1111 Clinical Dental Hygiene I Lab	SP	3	Prerequisite DHYG 1050, Corequisite DHYG 110
DHYG 1090 Radiology Lab	SP	2	Prerequisite DHYG 1020
DHYG 2050 General and Oral Pathology/Pathophysiology	SP	3	Prerequisite DHYG 1010, DHYG 1020
DHYG 1070 Radiology Lecture	SP	2	Prerequisite DHYG 1020
DHYG 1206 Pharmacology and Pain Control	SP	3	Program Admission
		15	Program Semester Hours
Semester 3	S	CR	Notes and Milestones
DHYG 2010 Clinical Dental Hygiene II Lecture	SU	2	Prerequisite DHYG 1070, DHYG 1110 Corequisite DHYG 2020
DHYG 2020 Clinical Dental Hygiene II Lab	SU	2	Prerequisite DHYG 1070, DHYG 1090, DHYG 1111
DHYG 2200 Periodontology	SU	3	Prerequisite DHYG 1010
DHYG 1030 Dental Materials	SU	2	Program Admission
		9	Program Semester Hours
Semester 4	S	CR	Notes and Milestones
DHYG 2080 Clinical Dental Hygiene III Lecture	FA	2	Prerequisite DHYG 2010 Corequisite DHYG 2090
DHYG 2090 Clinical Dental Hygiene III Lab	FA	4	Prerequisite DHYG 2020 Corequisite DHYG 2080
DHYG 2070 Community Dental Health	FA	3	Prerequisite DHYG 1110
DHYG 2110 Biochemistry/Nutrition Fundamentals for the Dental Hygienist	FA	2	
		11	Program Semester Hours
Semester 5	S	CR	Notes and Milestones
DHYG 2130 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Lecture	SP	2	Prerequisite DHYG 2080
DHYG 2140 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Lab	SP	4	Prerequisite DHYG 2140
		6	Program Semester Hours

Employment Opportunities: <https://www.westgatech.edu/student-life/career-services/>

Financial Aid by Program: <https://www.westgatech.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/>

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