

Lower Division Department Requirements for the Dental Hygiene Major:

OIT Courses	Quarter Credits	PCC Course Equivalents	Quarter Credits
BIO 231, 232, & 233 Human Anatomy & Physiology I, II, & III	12	BI 231, 232, & 233 Anatomy & Physiology I, II, & III	12
BIO 105 Microbiology	4	BI 234 Microbiology	5
BIO 200 Medical Terminology	2	MP 111 Medical Terminology	4
CHE 101, 102, & 103 Elementary Chemistry with Labs CHE 104, 105, & 106	12	CH 104, 105, & 106 General Chemistry	15
MATH 111 College Algebra	4	MTH 111B or C College Algebra	5
MATH 243 Introductory Statistics	4	MTH 243 Statistics I	4
WRI 121 and 122 English Composition	6	WR 121 and 122 English Composition	8
SOC 204 Sociology	3	SOC 204 General Sociology	4
SPE 111 Fundamentals of Speech	3	SP 111 Public Speaking	4
SPE 321 Small Group and Team Communication	3	SP 215 Small Group Communication	4
Psychology Electives	6	PSY courses	8
Communication Elective	3	Speech or Writing with WR 122 or SP 111 as a prerequisite	4
Humanities Electives	6	See OIT general education sheet	8

Students will also be required to take either **WR 227** Technical and Professional Writing (preferred) or **WR 123** English Composition. This course is required during the junior year of the program but may be taken before students transfer to OIT.

Note: The freshman year at OIT requires DH 100 and DH 101. Students transferring into the program from PCC as sophomores will not be required to take those courses. By passing the National Board exam, students have proven that they know the material in those two courses.

In addition to the departmental requirements listed above, students must also complete coursework for university admission, general education requirements, and BA/BS requirements. Meet with a PCC Academic Advisor to develop an effective transfer plan that will meet your individual needs.

PCC DEGREE/TRANSFER INFORMATION:

Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree – The courses listed above may be included in the AAOT degree. Students who complete this degree and are accepted at Oregon public universities will be admitted as having completed all lower division comprehensive and General Education requirements for a baccalaureate degree.

Associate of Science (AS) Degree – The courses listed above may be included in the AS degree. The degree does NOT guarantee that students will be accepted as having completed all lower division comprehensive and General Education requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Student should work with an Academic Advisor to plan for transfer to the school and major of their choice.

Transfer without a PCC Degree – Students may elect to earn credits and transfer to a four-year institution without earning a PCC degree. Please meet with an Academic Advisor for an individualized plan of study.

PCC endeavors to create accurate transfer guides for students; however, requirements may change without notice. Students are responsible for working with PCC advisors and their transfer institution to ensure that their academic plan will meet requirements and timelines.

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The information on the front of this sheet is for the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (located in Klamath Falls). Students who are interested in the Associate of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene (located in LaGrande) will need to take all of the courses listed plus a Nutrition course, FN 225.

Applying to OIT Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Program

To be considered for selection to the OIT Dental Hygiene program, candidates must apply for admission. To be eligible for admission applicants must meet the following criteria

1. Applicants must have successfully completed all pre-dental hygiene courses or demonstrate that all courses will be completed by fall term of the year of entry
2. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.50

The deadline for application is April 3, 2010.

Be sure to read and follow the application directions carefully. Applications that are not completed according to the directions will be disregarded

About the Program

Recognizing that healthcare will continue to evolve in both knowledge and technology, Oregon Tech strives to engender in students a commitment to lifelong learning that will enable them to continually adapt to the changing demands of their profession. With this goal in mind, the Dental Hygiene program is designed to develop in students critical-thinking skills, self-evaluation, ethical and moral integrity, and a high degree of compassion in patient care. This is achieved through a unique holistic approach that combines highly effective professional training with hands-on outreach opportunities.

The department's goals are to:

- provide a curriculum that challenges the role of the dental hygienist and is relevant to the needs of a changing profession.
- create a physical and emotional atmosphere that is conducive to learning.
- maximize a student's learning experience based on their learning style.
- promote critical thinking skills and self-evaluation throughout the curriculum.

Upon graduation the Dental Hygiene graduate should be able to:

- perform competently the entry-level clinical skills of a licensed dental hygienist.
- demonstrate professional behavior consistent with legal requirements and ethical expectations.
- seek opportunities to further their knowledge and skills.
- effectively communicate with clients and other health professionals.
- provide oral healthcare to groups and individuals utilizing the highest professional knowledge, judgment and ability.

Oregon Tech's Dental Hygiene Clinic is the setting for clinical practice and allows students to develop competency in providing all aspects of professional dental hygiene care. Students are supervised in the clinic by registered dental hygienists and a licensed dentist to ensure appropriate care for each client. Approximately 3,000 clients are served in the clinic each year.

What Services are Available?

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| • General health assessment | • Periodontal disease care |
| • Thorough oral health assessment | • Nutritional counseling |
| • Radiographic assessment | • Oral hygiene instruction |
| • Bacteriologic assessment | • Limited laboratory services |
| • Preventive care | • Dental referrals |
| • Sealants | |