

# Dental Hygiene

PROGRAM CODE: 10-508-1



Associate Degree



**Location:** Downtown Milwaukee Campus

**Start Dates:** August and January

**Admission Requirement:** High school diploma or GED and one year of high school-level biology and chemistry required. This program admits students through a petition selection process. See the program's webpage at [matc.edu](http://matc.edu) to view the petition process and all requirements.

**Transfer:** Will transfer to one or more four-year institutions

**Financial Aid Eligible:** Yes.

Apply at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov). Use School Code 003866.

## Program Description

As a dental hygienist, help patients maintain their oral health. Working under a dentist's supervision, dental hygienists perform such duties as teeth cleaning, fluoride treatments, X-ray processing and dental health counseling. You will gain clinical experience in MATC's dental hygiene clinic and at external sites. Graduates are eligible to complete the National Board of Dental Hygiene examination, and state or regional practical examinations.

## Career Outlook

Employment prospects for licensed dental hygienists are good. Positions may be found in private dental offices, nursing homes and school settings.

## Program Learning Outcomes

- Model dental hygiene professional code of ethics.
- Counsel clients/patients to reduce health risks.
- Provide community care oral health services in a variety of settings.



**Complete Program Details**

**QUESTIONS?** 414-297-6263, 262-238-2281 or [healthpathway@matc.edu](mailto:healthpathway@matc.edu)

COURSE	CREDITS
<b>BIOSCI-177</b> General Anatomy and Physiology ‡.....	4
(or) BIOSCI-201 Anatomy and Physiology 1 ‡	
and BIOSCI-202 Anatomy and Physiology 2 ‡	
<b>DENHYG-101</b> Dental Health Safety ‡.....	1
<b>DENHYG-102</b> Oral Anatomy, Embryology and Histology ‡ .....	4
<b>DENHYG-103</b> Dental Radiography ‡ .....	2
<b>DENHYG-105</b> Dental Hygiene Process 1 ‡.....	4
<b>ENG-195</b> Written Communication ‡.....	3
(or) ENG-201 English 1 ‡	
<b>BIOSCI-197</b> Microbiology ‡ .....	4
<b>CHEM-186</b> Introductory Biochemistry ‡ .....	4
(or) CHEM-207 General Chemistry ‡	
and CHEM-208 Survey of Biochemistry ‡	
<b>DENHYG-106</b> Dental Hygiene Process 2 ‡.....	4
<b>DENHYG-107</b> Dental Hygiene Ethics and Professionalism ‡ .....	1
<b>DENHYG-108</b> Periodontology ‡ .....	3
<b>DENHYG-109</b> Cariology ‡ .....	1
<b>DENHYG-110</b> Nutrition and Dental Health ‡ .....	2
<b>DENHYG-111</b> General and Oral Pathology ‡ .....	3
<b>ENG-196</b> Oral/Interpersonal Communication ‡.....	3
(or) Any 200-level ENG or SPEECH course	
<b>DENHYG-112</b> Dental Hygiene Process 3 ‡.....	5
<b>DENHYG-113</b> Dental Materials ‡ .....	2
<b>DENHYG-114</b> Dental Pharmacology ‡ .....	2
<b>DENHYG-115</b> Community Dental Health ‡.....	2
<b>DENHYG-118</b> Dental Anxiety and Pain Management ‡ .....	2
<b>PSYCH-199</b> Psychology of Human Relations .....	3
(or) Any 200-level PSYCH course	
<b>DENHYG-117</b> Dental Hygiene Process 4 ‡.....	4
<b>ELECTIVE</b> (One credit).....	1
<b>SOCSCI-172</b> Introduction to Diversity Studies.....	3
(or) Any 200-level HIST or SOCSCI course	

## CREDITS

Total credits needed to complete this degree

**67**

‡ Prerequisite required.

Program curriculum requirements are subject to change.

**Current MATC students should consult their Academic Program Plan for specific curriculum requirements.**

This program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. Commission on Dental Accreditation, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611; 800-232-6180; [ada.org/coda](http://ada.org/coda).