

Dental Hygiene

PROGRAM CODE: 10-508-1



Associate Degree

**Location:** Downtown Milwaukee Campus**Start Dates:** August and January

Admission Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent. This program admits students through a waiting list process. Visit the program's webpage at matc.edu to view the waiting list process and all requirements.

Academic Preparedness Requirements: One year of high school-level biology and chemistry

Financial Aid Eligible: Yes. Use code 003866 at fafsa.gov.

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

COURSES

CREDITS

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

MATC courses are offered in person, entirely online or partially online. Check each course's delivery options in Self-Service at selfservice.matc.edu.

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, Suite 1900, Chicago, IL 60611; 800-232-6180; ada.org/coda.