Dental Hygiene
Associate in Arts & Sciences – Direct Transfer (DTA)

GENERAL INFORMATION
Dental hygiene is a dynamic career in the health care field. Working with dentists, the dental hygienist helps individual patients and groups maintain oral health. The dental hygienist conducts oral examinations and dental cleanings, takes dental X-rays, provides oral health instruction, and assists the dentist with a variety of dental procedures.

To enter the career, a student may pursue an associate degree in Dental Hygiene (offered at community and technical colleges) or a bachelor’s degree in Dental Hygiene (offered at universities). Master’s degrees are offered for those interested in education, research, or administration.

An accredited dental hygiene program requires an average of 1,948 clock hours of courses in the basic sciences, dental sciences, management, ethics, and more. This also includes 585 clock hours of supervised clinical dental hygiene instruction.

Everett Community College does not offer a dental hygiene degree, but does offer courses that prepare a student to enter such a program, either at another community or technical college or at a university. This is not unusual, since in most cases students must take a series of prerequisite courses prior to admission to a dental hygiene program, whether it is at their own school or at another. Students have three options at EvCC to prepare for transfer:

1. **Associate in Arts and Sciences – DTA**. This degree is suggested for the student who wishes to pursue a Bachelor Degree in Dental Hygiene at a university, such as Eastern Washington University. This degree may also be appropriate for students transferring to another community college. With careful planning, the courses in the degree may also meet Dental Hygiene program prerequisites. Students should work closely with an advisor to select the courses that best meet their transfer needs.

2. **Associate in Arts and Sciences – Option 1**. This degree provides an opportunity to complete a variety of courses that meet degree requirements and prerequisites at the specific community college the student wishes to attend.

3. Students considering transfer to another community college’s Dental Hygiene program may not need EvCC’s associate degree, and may prefer to take only the prerequisite courses prior to transfer.

CAREER OPTIONS
Dental hygienists may be employed in private dental clinics, community health organizations, hospitals, schools, dental supply companies, the military, or in veterinary dentistry. The employment outlook is favorable. Flexible scheduling is important, since most dental hygienists work part-time in several locations. Dental hygienists who have earned a bachelor’s or master’s degree may teach or carry out research in the dental hygiene field.


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SUGGESTED PREPARATION
High school study in math, biology and chemistry is very helpful, so that college level courses in these subjects can be immediately pursued. Additionally, writing and communication skills are important.

Dental hygiene schools are very competitive in admission of new students and offer demanding programs of study. Students beginning their studies at Everett Community College are advised to maintain a high GPA (at least 3.0), especially in the science courses, and to work closely with an advisor. Required courses vary slightly from school to school, but nearly all require 2 quarters of chemistry, cellular biology, human anatomy, human physiology, microbiology, nutrition, and some math and English. Completion of all science courses is required by the end of October prior to application to Shoreline CC, Seattle Central CC and LWIT. For specific requirements in your area of interest or for the school to which you wish to transfer, it is strongly recommended that you contact an EvCC biology advisor (below) and contact the transfer institution.

Websites and phone numbers of dental hygiene departments at common transfer institutions:
- **Clark College**: 360-992-2474
  www.clark.edu/academics/programs/health-care-and-biosciences/dental
- **Eastern Washington University**: 509-828-1300, dental.hygiene@ewu.edu
  www.ewu.edu/cshp/programs/dental-hygiene
- **Lake Washington Institute of Technology**: 425-739-8381, advising@lwtech.edu
  www.lwtech.edu/academics/dental-hygiene/
- **Pierce College**: 253-964-6796, denthyg@pierce.ctc.edu
  www.pierce.ctc.edu/dental-hygiene
- **Seattle Central Community College**: 206-934-4186
  www.seattlecentral.edu/bachelors/allied-health/dental
- **Shoreline Community College**: 206-546-4711, dentalhygiene@shoreline.edu
  www.shoreline.edu/dental
- **University of Washington**: 206-543-5477
  https://dental.washington.edu/students/dental-hygiene/
- **Yakima Valley Community College**: 509-834-4522
  https://www.yvcc.edu/academics/basdh/

GETTING STARTED AT EVCC
Our Enrollment Services Office provides information about application, advising, orientation and registration for new and continuing students. New-degree-seeking students are required to complete entry advising prior to registering for first quarter classes. Contact:
- **Enrollment Services, Parks Student Union 201, 425-388-9219, admissions@everettcc.edu**
- **Advising Center, Rainier 104, 425-388-9339, www.everettcc.edu/advising**

PROGRAM ADVISORS
For specific advising in dental hygiene, contact:
- Anne Brackett, WHI 309, 425-388-9309, abrackett@everettcc.edu
- Rene Kratz, SHK 121, 425-388-9503, rkratz@everettcc.edu
- Jackie Hedgpeth, SHK 123, 425-388-9482, jhedgpeth@everettcc.edu

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This checklist is targeted at transfer students with an interest in transferring to an entry level dental hygiene program at a community college or university. Students should meet with an advisor and maintain this checklist while at Everett Community College. The quarter before expected completion, this checklist should be submitted with a diploma application to the Enrollment Services Office. This checklist refers to requirements listed in the curriculum guide titled “Associate in Arts and Sciences – DTA”, which lists all the courses which are approved for the various categories of requirements.

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**BASIC COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS** (10 credits selected from the list of approved courses in Communications on the AAS-DTA list.)

- ENGL& 101 or 101D English Composition I 5
- ENGL& 102 or 102D Composition II 5

**BASIC QUANTITATIVE SKILLS** (5 credits from the DTA approved Quantitative skills list)

- MATH &107 or 138 5

**HUMANITIES** (15 credits from the DTA approved Humanities List. See Note 1.)

- CMST& 210 or 220 Interpers Comm or Public Speaking 5
- or CMST& 204D (SCC only) or Cross Cultural Communications

**SOCIAL SCIENCE** (15 credits from the DTA approved Social Science List. See Note 1.)

- PSYC& 100 General Psychology 5
- SOC& 101 Introduction to Sociology 5

**SCIENCE AND MATH** (Minimum 15 credits from the DTA approved Science List. See Note 1 and 2.)

- CHEM& 121 Introduction to Chemistry 5
- *CHEM& 131 Intro to Organic Biochemistry 5
- NUTR& 101 Nutrition 5
- BIOL& 211 Majors Cellular 5
- BIOL& 231 Human Anatomy 5
- BIOL& 232 Human Physiology 5
- BIOL& 260 Microbiology 5

**SUGGESTED ELECTIVES** (Selected from the DTA approved “A” list.)

- PEHW 201 (SCC only) Emergency Response 5

**SUGGESTED ELECTIVES** (Selected from the DTA approved “B” list.)

- H DEV 155 (SCC only) Human Relations in Workforce 3

Minimum 90 credits required, with minimum 2.0 GPA for graduation from EvCC. For successful transfer, a minimum 2.5 GPA is needed.

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

This plan assumes the student is academically ready for college level Math, English and Chemistry courses. Local Dental Hygiene programs each have slightly different pre-requisite courses, so it is advised that the student take ALL of the pre-requisites and then apply to as many programs as possible. Note that * MATH& 138 is only required by the EWU program, HumDev 155 is only required by Shoreline CC, and *ENGL&102 is required by SCC and EWU. All other courses are required by the community colleges and EWU. All science courses must be completed by the end of Fall quarter prior to applying in the winter for local Dental Hygiene programs.

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