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Program Website: <https://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/education-training/program-finder/dental-hygiene.aspx>

Student Name:

Student ID:

Students must meet college readiness benchmarks as identified by the Council on Postsecondary Education or remedy the identified skill deficiencies.

This is a Selective Admissions program.					
BIO 137, BIO 139 and documentation of Digital Literacy are prerequisites to the Dental Hygiene courses.					
Required before DHP First Semester Courses	Credit Hours	Term	Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
BIO 137 Anatomy and Physiology I	4				See Additional Information on back
BIO 139 Anatomy and Physiology II*	4			BIO 137	
CIT 105 Introduction to Computers OR Documentation of Digital Literacy	0 – 3				
Total Pre-First Semester Credit Hours	8 – 11				

First Semester	Cr. Hrs.	Term	Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
DHP 120 Dental Hygiene I	4	Fall		BIO 137, BIO 139, Digital Literacy, and CPR certification	
DHP 122 Dental Nutrition	2	Fall			
DHP 123 Oral Biology	2				
DHP 124 Materials in Dentistry	2	Fall			
ENG 101 Writing I	3				
BIO 225 Medical Microbiology OR BIO 226 Principles of Microbiology	3 – 4			BIO 137 and 139	See Note on back.
Total Semester Credit Hours	16 – 17				

Second Semester	Cr. Hrs.	Term	Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
DHP 130 Dental Hygiene II	3	Spring		DHP 120 and DHP 122 and DHP 124, and BIO 225 or BIO 226	
DHP 132 Oral Pathology and Pharmacology	4	Spring			
DHP 135 Dental Radiology	3	Spring			
DHP 136 Periodontics I	2	Spring			
Oral Communications Course	3				See Note on back.
Total Semester Credit Hours	15				

Third Semester	Cr. Hrs.	Term	Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
DHP 220 Dental Hygiene III	3	Fall		DHP 130, DHP 132, DHP 135 and DHP 136	
DHP 222 Special Needs Patients	3	Fall			
DHP 226 Periodontics II	2	Fall			
DHP 229 Local Anesthesia/Nitrous Oxide	2	Fall			
PSY 110 General Psychology	3				See Note on back.
Total Semester Credit Hours	13				

Fourth Semester	Cr. Hrs.	Term	Grade	Prerequisites	Notes
DHP 230 Dental Hygiene IV	3	Spring		DHP 220, DHP 222, DHP 226 and DHP 229	
DHP 235 Principles of Practice	1	Spring			
DHP 238 Community Dental Health	3	Spring			
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3				See Note on back.
Quantitative Reasoning Course at AA/AS level	3				See two Notes on back.
Heritage or Humanities Course	3				See Note on back.
Total Semester Credit Hours	16				
Total Degree Credit Hours	68 – 72				

Graduation Requirements: 25% or more of Total Degree Credit Hours must be earned at BCTC

Cumulative GPA must be 2.0 or higher

Advisor Name _____ Advisor Contact _____

Selective Admissions

The Dental Hygiene program is a selective admissions program which admits initial admission only in the Fall semester. See the program website at <https://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/admissions/selective-admissions/dental-hygiene.aspx> for selective admission information and mandatory pre-admission conference dates.

Note that the top preference group is 3.5 GPA on 18 credit hours, 21 ACT, and a B or above in the BIO courses. The class has been filled with applicants in the top preference group for the last few years.

Additional Information

- BIO 137 and BIO 139 with a grade of C or higher plus documentation of Digital Literacy must be completed prior to enrolling in DHP 120. * Students who transfer in with anatomy and physiology sequences other than BIO 137/139 must also take a general chemistry course.
- **Students are encouraged to complete all non-dental hygiene courses prior to beginning the DHP courses due to competitiveness of selection process.**
- A grade of C or higher in all Dental Hygiene and the three BIO courses is required to continue in the program.
- CPR certification for the healthcare provider must be obtained prior to enrolling in DHP 120 and must be kept current throughout the program.

Recommended Electives

Course	Cr. Hrs.	Prerequisites
NFS 101 Human Nutrition and Wellness	3	
ENG 102 Writing II	3	ENG 101
CHE 140 Introductory General Chemistry	3	