

# PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE

## Associate of Science degree



### Program and Career Description:

The Tennessee Transfer path in Dental Hygiene leads to a Bachelor's degree program at selected universities. Dental hygienists clean teeth, examine patients for signs of oral diseases such as gingivitis, and provide other preventive dental care. They also educate patients on ways to improve and maintain good oral health. All states require dental hygienists to be licensed; requirements vary by state.

Career	Entry-Level Education	Entry-Level Pay	Median Pay	Experienced Pay
Dental Hygienist	Associate's degree; Bachelor's for some positions	\$49,220	\$66,320	\$73,470

Career and salary information taken from [JOBS4TN.GOV](http://JOBS4TN.GOV). Check out this website for additional information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. For additional information from a national perspective, go to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor on the internet at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov). Visit the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) on this website. Salaries are not guaranteed.

### Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at [www.tntransferpathway.org](http://www.tntransferpathway.org).

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at [www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information](http://www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information).



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Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Pre-Dental Hygiene (A. S.)

## Program Requirements

*Students may be required to take additional Learning Support or pre-requisite courses.*

Communications Requirement  
COMM 2025 or COMM 2055  
ENGL 1010, 1020

History Requirement (Take 2 courses)  
HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2310, 2320

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 3 courses -- one must be a literature course)

ART 1035, 2000, 2020  
ENGL 2160, 2860  
HUM 1010, 1020  
MUS 1030  
PHIL 1030, 1040, 2200  
THEA 1030  
Literature Options: ENGL 2055, 2130, 2235, 2310, 2320

Natural Sciences Requirement  
BIOL 2010, 2020

Mathematics Requirement  
MATH 1730

Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take two courses)  
SOC 1010 or SOC 1040  
PSYC 1030

Major Required Courses  
BIOL 1110, 2230\*  
CHEM 1110, 1120  
COLS 101  
HED 241

\*BIOL 2230 may satisfy upper level course requirement at four-year institution.

### Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- taking the Exit Exam.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

## Sample Academic Plan

### First Year – Fall Semester

___ ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
___ PSYC 1030	Introduction to Psychology	3
___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ BIOL 2010	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
___ MATH 1730	Precalculus	4
___ COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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### First Year – Spring Semester

___ ENGL 1020	English Composition II	3
___ BIOL 1110	General Biology I	4
___ COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication <u>or</u>	
___ COMM 2055	Argumentation and Debate	3
___ BIOL 2020	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
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### Second Year – Fall Semester

___ CHEM 1110	General Chemistry I	4
___ Literature Requirement		3
___ History Requirement		3
___ BIOL 2230*	Microbiology	4
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### Second Year – Spring Semester

___ CHEM 1120	General Chemistry II	4
___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ History Requirement		3
___ SOC 1010	Introduction to Sociology <u>or</u>	
___ SOC 1040	Social Problems	3
___ HED 241	Principles of Nutrition	3
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**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 62**

Additional hours of coursework may be required prior to acceptance in to a professional school. Please check with the institution you wish to transfer to for any prerequisites.

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