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Dental Hygiene

This curriculum provides individuals with the knowledge and skills to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate dental hygiene care for the individual and the community.

Students will learn to prepare the operatory, take patient histories, note abnormalities, plan care, teach oral hygiene, clean teeth, take x-rays, apply preventive agents, complete necessary chart entries, and perform other procedures related to dental hygiene care.

Graduates of this program may be eligible to take national and state/regional examinations for licensure, which are required to practice dental hygiene. Employment opportunities include dental offices, clinics, schools, public health agencies, industry, and professional education.

This program is accredited by:

American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611
Phone: (800) 232-6108
coda.ada.org

Specific Admission Requirements

This program has a selective admission process. For application and admission requirements, contact advising@abtech.edu and view the information on our website at <https://www.abtech.edu/admissions/selective-and-limited-programs>.

Total Cost Estimate

Tuition per Semester (NC Resident)	\$1,216.00 (16+ credit hours) \$76.00/credit hour (1-15 hours)
Computer Use and Technology Fee	\$48/semester
Activity Fee	Fall and Spring semesters only, Main campus and Online, \$40.00
CAPS Fee (Campus Access, Parking and Security)	\$30/semester
Matriculation Fee	\$20/semester
Student Insurance	\$2/Semester

Additional Fees including books may incur, please check A-B Tech website for more detail: <https://abtech.edu/program/dental-hygiene-aas-associate-applied-science-cost-estimate>

Have you applied for Financial aid? Please visit A-B Tech website for instructions: <https://abtech.edu/future-students/financial-aid/applying-aid>

For More Information:

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Courses requiring a grade of "C" or better: BIO, CHM, and DEN

	Course Prefix	Course Name	Credit Hours
Pre-Application Requirement			
	BIO 163	Basic Anatomy & Physiology	5
	CHM 130	General, Organic and Biochemistry	3
	CHM 130A	Gen, Org & Biochem Lab	1
First Semester (Fall)	DEN 110	Orofacial Anatomy	3
	DEN 111	Infection/Hazard Control	2
	DEN 112	Dental Radiography	3
	DEN 120	Dental Hy Preclinic Lec	2
	DEN 121	Dental Hygiene Precl Lab	2
	ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
Second Semester (Spring)	DEN 123	Nutrition/Dental Health	2
	DEN 124	Periodontology	2
	DEN 125	Dental Office Emergencies	1
	DEN 130	Dental Hygiene Theory I	2
	DEN 131	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	3
	DEN 223	Dental Pharmacology	2
Third Semester (Summer)	BIO 175	General Microbiology	3
	COM 120	Intro Interpersonal Communication	3
	DEN 140	Dental Hygiene Theory II	2
	DEN 141	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	2
Fourth Semester (Fall)	DEN 220	Dental Hygiene Theory III	2
	DEN 221	Dental Hygiene Clinic III	4
	DEN 222	General & Oral Pathology	2
	DEN 224	Materials and Procedures	2
	DEN 232	Community Dental Health	3
	SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3
Fifth Semester (Spring)	DEN 230	Dental Hygiene Theory IV	1
	DEN 231	Dental Hygiene Clinic IV	4
	DEN 233	Professional Development	2
	HUM 115	Critical Thinking (or PHI 240)	3
	PSY 150	General Psychology	3
	Program Totals:		75

Career Opportunities in Dental Hygiene

A.A.S. Degree National Salary Range: \$81,400 - \$107,600
Local Salary Range: \$77,880 - \$81,160

Dental Offices, Education, Local, State, and Federal Government Agencies,
Private Industry

Salaries may vary based on size of business and other factors.