

DENTAL HYGIENE, BSDH

Online Program

School of Health Sciences

The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene online program is designed for Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs) with an associate or diploma degree in dental hygiene. Admission to the program is based upon meeting the criteria for admission and acceptance to Georgia Highlands College and the Department of Dental Hygiene. The RDH-BSDH is a degree completion program that will be offered fully online.

The RDH-BSDH program curriculum emphasizes student-centered learning and incorporates interdisciplinary components. Graduates of the program will have the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values necessary for positions of responsibility in a variety of healthcare, educational, research, and community settings. In addition, graduates will be able to interact effectively with other health professionals in a competent, collaborative, and ethical manner.

For registered dental hygienists with a diploma or associate degree who are returning to school to earn a baccalaureate in dental hygiene degree.

To qualify for graduation, students must meet all graduation requirements (<http://catalog.highlands.edu/academic-information/#graduationrequirements>).

Code	Title	Hours	Completed
A. Essential Skills			
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3	_____
ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3	_____
Select one of the following or a mathematics course for which one of these is a prerequisite:		3	_____
MATH 1001	Quantitative Reasoning		_____
MATH 1111	College Algebra		_____
MATH 1113	Precalculus		_____
B. Institutional Options			
COMM 1100	Human Communication	2-3	_____
	or COMM 1110 Public Speaking		_____
Select one of the following:		2	_____
GHHU 2901	Special Topics: Humanities		_____
GHMA 2901	Special Topics: Mathematics		_____
GHSC 2901	Special Topics: Science		_____
GHSS 2901	Special Topics: Social Science		_____
C. Humanities/Fine Arts			
Select one of the following:		3	_____
ENGL 2111	World Literature I		_____
ENGL 2112	World Literature II		_____

ENGL 2121	British Literature I	_____
ENGL 2122	British Literature II	_____
ENGL 2131	American Literature I	_____
ENGL 2132	American Literature II	_____
ENGL 2135	Latino Literature	_____
ENGL 2140	African-American Literature	_____
Select one of the following:		3
ARTS 1100	Art Appreciation	_____
ARTS 1111	Art History to Renaissance	_____
ARTS 1112	Art History Renaissance to Pre	_____
ENGL 2010	Humanities in Drama	_____
ENGL 2111	World Literature I	_____
ENGL 2112	World Literature II	_____
ENGL 2121	British Literature I	_____
ENGL 2122	British Literature II	_____
ENGL 2131	American Literature I	_____
ENGL 2132	American Literature II	_____
ENGL 2135	Latino Literature	_____
ENGL 2140	African-American Literature	_____
FILM 1100	Film Appreciation	_____
FILM 2700	History of Motion Pictures	_____
HUMS 2011	Studies In Humanities	_____
MUSC 1100	Music Appreciation	_____
PHIL 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	_____
RELI 1116	Intro to Religion	_____
SPAN 1001	Elementary Spanish I	_____
SPAN 1002	Elementary Spanish II	_____
SPAN 2001	Intermediate Spanish I	_____
SPAN 2002	Intermediate Spanish II	_____
THEA 1100	Theater Appreciation	_____

D. Science, Mathematics, and Technology

Select one of the following science sequences:	8	_____
CHEM 1151K Survey of & CHEM 1152K Chemistry I and Survey of Chemistry II		_____
CHEM 1211 & 1211L Principles of Chemistry I & CHEM 1212 & CHEM 1212L Chemistry I Lab and Principles of Chemistry II and Principles of Chemistry II Lab		_____
BIOL 1010 & 1010L Introduction to Biology I & BIOL 1012 & BIOL 1012L and Introduction to Biology I Lab and Introduction to Biology II and Introduction to Biology II Lab		_____
BIOL 1107K & BIOL 1108K Principles of Biology I and Principles of Biology II		_____
PHYS 1111K & PHYS 1112K Introductory Physics I and Introductory Physics II		_____
PHYS 2211K & PHYS 2212K Principles of Physics I and Principles of Physics II		_____
Select one of the following:	3-4	_____
STAT 1401 Elementary Statistics (Strongly Recommended)		_____
MATH 1113 Precalculus		_____
MATH 2040 Applied Calculus		_____
MATH 2261 Calculus I		_____
E. Social Sciences ²		_____
POLS 1101 American Government	3	_____
HIST 2111 American History I or HIST 2112 American History II	3	_____
Select one of the following:	3	_____
HIST 1111 World Civilization to 1500		_____
HIST 1112 World Civ Since 1500		_____
HIST 1121 Western Civilization I		_____
HIST 1122 Western Civilization II		_____
Select one of the following:	3	_____

ECON 2105 Principles of Macroeconomics		_____
HIST 1111 World Civilization to 1500		_____
HIST 1112 World Civ Since 1500		_____
HIST 1121 Western Civilization I		_____
HIST 1122 Western Civilization II		_____
HIST 2111 American History I		_____
HIST 2112 American History II		_____
HIST 2154 Minorities in U.S. History		_____
HIST 2400 Economic History		_____
POLS 2401 Intro to Global Issues		_____
POLS 2501 Intro to Domestic Issues		_____
PSYC 1101 Intro to General Psychology (strongly recommended)		_____
RELI 1116 Intro to Religion		_____
SOCI 1101 Introductory Sociology (strongly recommended)		_____
SOCI 1160 Intro to Social Problems (3-0-3)		_____

F. Courses Related to the Program of Study³

BIOL 2251K Anatomy & Physiology I	4	_____
BIOL 2252K Anatomy & Physiology II	4	_____
STAT 1401 Elementary Statistics ⁴	3	_____

Approved Lower-Level Electives

Select from the following courses complete 18 hours:	7-10	_____
BIOL 2190 Principles of Nutrition or PHED 220 Principles of Human Nutrition or AHSC 220 Principles of Nutrition		_____
AHSC 1101 Medical Terminology		_____
BIOL 2260 & 2260L Foundations of Microbiology and Foundations of Microbiology La		_____
CHEM 1151K Survey of Chemistry I		_____

	or CHEM 1211 & 1211L	Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Chemistry I Lab	_____
SOCI 1101		Introductory Sociology	_____
PSYC 1101		Intro to General Psychology	_____
PSYC 2103		Intro to Human Development	_____
PSYC 2165		Abnormal Psychology	_____

DHYG Major Courses

*Transfer Credit after completing
DHYG 3090*

DHYG 1100		Preclinical Dental Hygiene ⁵	3	_____
DHYG 1110		Introduction to Patient Care ⁵	2	_____
DHYG 1120		Dental Anatomy/ Histology ⁵	2	_____
DHYG 1200		Clinical Dental Hygiene I ⁵	4	_____
DHYG 1210		Dental Hygiene I ⁵	2	_____
DHYG 1300		Clinical Dental Hygiene II ⁵	2	_____
DHYG 1330		Dental Pharmacology ⁵	2	_____
DHYG 2400		Clinical Dental Hygiene III ⁵	3	_____
DHYG 2410		Dental Hygiene III ⁵	2	_____
DHYG 2430		Community Dental Health ⁵	2	_____
DHYG 2500		Clinical Dental Hygiene IV ⁵	3	_____
DHYG 2510		Dental Hygiene IV ⁵	3	_____

Dental Hygiene Requirements

DHYG 3090		Current Concepts in Dental Hyg	3	_____
DHYG 4010		Special Populations	3	_____
	or HSCI 3506	Special Populations	_____	_____
DHYG 4020		Supportive Periodontal Therapy	3	_____
DHYG 4030		Foundations of Research	3	_____
	or HSCI 4700	Foundations of Research	_____	_____
DHYG 4040		Leadership & Mgmt. in Hlthcare	3	_____
	or HSCI 4820	Leadership & Mgmt in Hlth Prof	_____	_____
DHYG 4050		Healthcare Education	3	_____
	or HSCI 3710	Health Education	_____	_____

DHYG 4085	Dntl Hygienist in Alt Practice	3	_____
DHYG 4090	Capstone	3	_____
<i>Upper-Level Electives: (3000-4000 Level)</i>			
Any 3000-4000 level NURS, DHYG, HSCI, or HCMT courses		6	_____
Total Hours		120-125	_____

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Beginning Fall 2020 - The Introduction to Biology I/BIOL 2190 Principles of Nutrition sequence is only allowed for the following students:

1. Student who has completed coursework at GHC prior to Fall 2020 or
2. Spring 2022 and earlier graduates of Associate Degree and Diploma Dental Hygiene programs, this can be at GHC or other institutions

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Students should consult an advisor to coordinate Area E course selections with Area F requirements.

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Any course taken to satisfy an Area D or E requirement cannot also be used to satisfy an Area F requirement

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If not taken in Area D

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These courses are held in escrow until students completes DHYG 3090 Current Concepts in Dental Hyg with a grade of C or better

Criteria for Admission

Admission to the RDH-BSDH program is a three-step process: admission to the College, submission and approval of required documentation, and acceptance to the RDH-BSDH program. The deadline for submission of applications follows GHC general admissions deadlines which can be found on the GHC Admissions website. The RDH-BSDH program accepts students in any semester.

1. Admission to Georgia Highlands College

Submit the following materials to the Admissions office:

- a. Completed Georgia Highlands College application or application for readmission.
- b. If applying for initial admission to GHC, a copy of your high-school transcript and official transcripts from any college(s) previously attended must be submitted with application.
- c. If applying for readmission, you must submit official transcripts from any college(s) you attended since last attending GHC.
- d. The application can be accessed online from the RDH-BSDH website located at <http://sites.highlands.edu/dental/>.

2. Submission and Approval of Required Documentation

Submit materials that document the following requirements to the Dental Hygiene Department office of GHC by the admissions deadline to ensure consideration for acceptance:

- a. Proof of general admission to Georgia Highlands College (separate application)
- b. RDH to BSDH Application form – completed online (<https://forms.highlands.edu/dental/bsdh/>) at our website
- c. Copy of State or Federal ID for verification purposes
- d. Proof of one of the following:

- Copy of Current Dental Hygiene License with no disciplinary action,
- Letter of Good Academic Standing from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited dental hygiene program in which the student is currently enrolled, or
- Proof of having successfully passed both the dental hygiene clinical licensure examination and National Board Dental Hygiene Exam (NBDHE)

Any student who is a resident of Georgia may be required to submit the following **prior to being registered** for the required **Internship (DHYG 4080 Internship) and/or Capstone (DHYG 4090 Capstone) courses**.

- Drug testing and a background check through Advantage Students (<http://www.advantagestudents.com/>).
 - A student may be tested if drug abuse is suspected.
 - Students are responsible for all costs associated with the drug test and background check.
- Current (within 1 year) negative tuberculin screening. Documentation must remain current throughout enrollment. In addition, students will adhere to requirement(s) of agency used for assigned learning experiences.
 - Students who have been advised against tuberculin skin testing must maintain current documentation from Health Dept. or healthcare provider of TB risk assessment and completion of any recommended follow-up care.
- Completion of annual influenza vaccine or signed declination form (if applicable for facility) which meets state requirements
- Proof of two MMR injections or positive rubella, rubeola and mumps titers.
- TDAP within the last ten years. (Note: if TDAP is greater than 10 years ago, must provide proof of the TDAP and a TD booster)
- Two varicella vaccines or positive varicella titer (proof of disease is not sufficient).
- Positive Hep B titer/declination form
- Current certification by American Heart Association in Basic Life Support. (Heartsaver courses are not acceptable).

3. Acceptance to the RDH-BSDH Program

The admission process is selective and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 is required for consideration. Acceptance is based on cumulative GPA, completed application, and supporting materials.

Readmission to the RDH- BSDH Online Program

Readmission will be considered only for students who have withdrawn only once from the program or earned only one D or F in any bachelor level dental hygiene course. To request readmission, a student must write to the Director of Dental Hygiene requesting readmission at least three months prior to the semester they wish to reenter and identify reasons they would be successful if re-admitted. Readmission is limited to one time in the RDH-BSDH program. The applicant must meet the current admission requirement for all dental hygiene applicants. Applicants seeking readmission will be considered on a space- available basis with the following conditions:

- Approval of the RDH-BSDH Director and Dean of Health Sciences is required for re-entry into the dental hygiene sequence

- A 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average
- A student who has been dismissed from the College for any reason **will not** be considered for readmission into the BS dental hygiene program.

Required Documentation Once Accepted into RDH-BSDH Program

1. Liability/Personal Health Insurance

Personal health insurance may be required for undergraduate students. If required, evidence of coverage must be presented to the dental hygiene department. Professional liability insurance is required for all RDH-BSDH students during internship course. Professional liability insurance will be purchased as a group plan and premium added to student fees in DHYG 4080 Internship.

2. Drug Testing & Background Checks

Students may be required to submit to drug testing and a background check prior to beginning the internship and/or capstone. Students are responsible for all costs associated with the drug test and background.

Progression and Graduation in the RDH-BSDH Program

In order to progress in the RDH-BSDH program, the student must:

- Maintain a GHC cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 cumulative average.
- Make a grade of C (2.00) or better in each dental hygiene course in the RDH-BSDH curriculum.
- If a grade of D or F is made in a dental hygiene course, the course must be repeated and a C or better must be attained for the student to progress to the next dental hygiene course in the program.
- Incomplete grades in dental hygiene courses must be completed within the time specified by the dental hygiene faculty. If this is not done, the student will automatically receive an F.

The student must meet all the requirements for graduation specified by the College and the dental hygiene program including a minimum of a 2.0 average in all combined courses and in dental hygiene courses to graduate.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Clinical agencies may place additional health requirements on students affiliating with that agency. Evidence of a background check with all components required by clinical facilities must be submitted by the student and on file in the department of dental hygiene