



## Academic Map Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene

Dear Pre-Dental Hygiene Major:

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. The milestones listed below each term are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. One sample schedule is provided as a general guideline to help you build a schedule each term. Your courses must be selected with your advisor to satisfy all core curriculum and state, lab science, and multicultural requirements. Students are only accepted in the Dental Hygiene program each fall semester with an application deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

For students who are interested in earning a Bachelor's degree, the Adult and Career Education department offers a Bachelor's degree in Human Capital Performance that you could work toward while simultaneously working toward earning the Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene. If 12 hours are needed each semester, working toward the Bachelor's degree in Human Capital Performance and/or selecting a minor are options for securing 12 hours each semester. Please consult with your academic advisor to determine the best educational path for you.

According to the American Dental Association, Dental Hygiene is one of the 30 fastest growing occupations. Dental hygiene programs prepare students for performing dental cleanings and oral examinations; they also instruct students on how to teach others about good dental habits. Dental hygiene graduates can go on to become dental hygienists, or they can also pursue careers as dental assistants, health educators, dental assisting, and medical sales.

Students who complete the dental hygiene program will graduate from Valdosta State University with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene. In order to receive licensure in dental hygiene students must pass the Dental Hygiene National Board and the Central Regional Dental Testing Service clinical exam following graduation. The dental hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. All dental hygiene students must complete a core curriculum of at least twenty-one hours at Valdosta State University as well as forty-eight hours of dental hygiene courses at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College.

Program website: <http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/nursing-and-health-sciences/programs/associates-of-applied-science-in-dental-hygiene-a.a.s./welcome.php>

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### SAMPLE SCHEDULE Fall and Spring Terms – 4 Years

#### YEAR 1

TERM 1	Hrs.	TERM 2	Hrs.
ENGL 1101	3	ENGL 1102 Pre-requisite: ENGL 1101	3
MATH 1111 or 1101	3	CHEM 1152K Pre-requisite: CHEM 1151K	4
CHEM 1151K	4	SOCI 1101	3
PSYC 1101	3	ACED 2050 or COMM 1110	3
Total hours	13	Total hours	13

**Milestones:** Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher. Discuss with Academic Advisor the requirements for applying to the Dental Hygiene program.

#### YEAR 2

TERM 1	Hrs.	TERM 2	Hrs.
BIOL 2651	4	BIOL 2652 Pre-requisite: BIOL 2651	4
POLS 1101	3	BIOL 2900 Pre-requisite: CHEM 1151K ; Co-Requisite: CHEM 1152K	4
HIST 2111 or 2112	3		
Total hours	10	Total hours	8

**Milestones:** Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher. The student would qualify to apply to the Dental Hygiene program to begin term 1 of year 3. The application deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Completion of Georgia History and Government requirement. Discuss with Academic Advisor the requirements for applying to the Dental Hygiene program.

#### YEAR 3

TERM 1	Hrs.	TERM 2	Hrs.	TERM 3	Hrs.
DHYG 1040	2	DHYG 1110	2	DHYG 2010	2
DHYG 1050	2	DHYG 1111	3	DHYG 2020	2
DHYG 1000	2	DHYG 2200	3	DHYG 2050	3
DHYG 1010	1	DHYG 1070	2	DHYG 1030	2
DHYG 1020	2	DHYG 1090	1		
DHYG 1206	3				
Total hours	12	Total hours	11	Total hours	9

**Milestones:** Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher. Earn a 70% or better in all Dental Hygiene courses. Summer classes are required for year 3 once accepted into the Dental Hygiene program.

#### YEAR 4

TERM 1	Hrs.	TERM 2	Hrs.
DHYG 2070	3	DHYG 2103	2
DHYG 2080	2	DHYG 2140	4
DHYG 2090	4		
DHYG 2105	1		
Total hours	10	Total hours	6

**Milestones:** Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher. Earn a 70% or better in all Dental Hygiene courses. Apply for graduation during term 1 of year 4.