

**Note: Admission into this program is highly competitive and the college may not be able to accept all applicants that meet the minimum admission standards.**



## DENTAL HYGIENE

**2009-2010 Program Option:**

**Associate in Applied Science Degree (79)**

### Associate in Applied Science Degree

**Total number of credits: 79**

**Program Description:** The Dental Hygiene Program provides knowledge and skills necessary to provide direct patient care to patients under the supervision of a dentist. Routine functions include scaling, root planing, polishing teeth; radiographs, preventive measures, sealants, patient assessment, local anesthetic, nitrous oxide sedation and oral hygiene instructions. The program prepares students for national and regional boards. The Dental Hygiene curriculum requires two consecutive academic years including summers.

**MN Human Services Background Study:** Minnesota law requires any individual having contact with patients to complete a background study prior to starting clinical experience. An individual may be disqualified from having patient contact and would not be permitted to participate in the clinical experience.

#### Admission Requirements:

- Dental Assistant: Current Minnesota Registered Dental Assistant, (RDA) with 1040 hours (approximately six months full time work) experience in the past three years and graduate of an accredited Dental Assistant program.
- Science Lab Courses: Completion of the following science lab courses with a grade of C or higher and a cumulative GPA of 2.75 in these courses:
  - Introductory Chemistry (Century CHEM 1020 or 1041. Math 0030 is a prerequisite to CHEM 1020)
  - Human Anatomy & Physiology (Century BIOL 2031 & 2032 or BIOL 2040 & 2045. BIOL 1020 & CHEM 1020 are prerequisites to BIOL 2031)
  - Microbiology (Century BIOL 2035. BIOL 2031 is a prerequisite to BIOL 2035)
- Credit & GPA: Completion of a minimum of 12 college level, Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC) semester credits with a MNTC GPA of 2.5. Grade point average will be calculated on all college level MntC credits completed at the time of application to the Dental Hygiene program. Technical credits, Pass/Fail, CLEP, Career Development, Learning Lab, Study Skills, Physical Education or ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) courses will not be calculated in the GPA or counted in the 12 minimum credits required for admission.
  - Students whose MntC grade point average is less than 2.5 may petition to use only "recent" college level credits to meet the required 2.5 GPA. Students must complete the "recent" credits and submit the petition to the office of Student Services prior to the Dental Hygiene Program application deadline. See counselor for assistance.
  - If a student has earned a baccalaureate degree or higher, the minimum 2.5 may be calculated on the final (30) semester credits. The science requirement must also be met.
- Assessment: All Dental Hygiene applicants are required to comply with the Century College policy regarding assessment testing in reading comprehension, writing, and math prior to the application deadline. *All required remedial/developmental coursework must be completed by the end of the summer session that precedes the beginning of the Dental Hygiene program, or the student will lose her/her space in the program. It is strongly recommended students complete these courses prior to the application deadline.*
- Have a high school diploma or GED.
- Applications will be accepted between November 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010 for 12 openings. Applicants who have completed all requirements prior to the deadline will be given first consideration.

**See Admissions or Counseling Center for additional application information and application booklet.**

### Career/Occupational Requirements: 49 credits

(A grade of C or higher is required in each course.)

DENH 1021	Head and Neck Anatomy	2	DENH 1085	Dental Hygiene Practice II	3
DENH 1023	Oral Anatomy	2	DENH 2000	Dental Hygiene Principles III	1
DENH 1025	Oral Histology and Embryology	2	DENH 2005	Dental Hygiene Practice III	2
DENH 1030	Advanced Radiology	1	DENH 2010	Dental Hygiene Principles IV	2
DENH 1040	Dental Hygiene Principles I	3	DENH 2015	Dental Hygiene Practice IV	4
DENH 1045	Dental Hygiene Practice I	2	DENH 2020	Oral Pathology	2
DENH 1050	Periodontology	3	DENH 2030	Community Dental Health and Epidemiology	3
DENH 1060	Dental Pharmacology	2	DENH 2035	Community Dental Health Practice	1
DENH 1070	Applied Biochemical Nutrition for the Dental Hygienist	3	DENH 2040	Legal Aspects of Dental Practice	2
DENH 1080	Dental Hygiene Principles II	3	DENH 2060	Dental Hygiene Principles V	1
			DENH 2065	Dental Hygiene Practice V	5

**General Education/MnTC Requirements: 20 credits**

See MnTC course list for options.

(A grade of C or higher is required in each general education course.)

**Goal 1 – Communications: 7 credits**

ENGL 1021	Composition I	4
Select <b>ONE</b> of the following COMM courses:		3
COMM 1021	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
COMM 1031	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 1041	Small Group Communication	
COMM 1051	Intercultural Communication	

**Goal 2 – Critical Thinking is automatically fulfilled when all other MnTC goals are complete**

**Goal 3 and/or Goal 4 – Science/Math/Logical Reasoning: 3 credits (Fulfilled by admission science requirements)**

**Goal 5 – History/Social & Behavioral Sciences: 6 credits**

Psychology elective (from MnTC list)	3
Sociology elective (from MnTC list)	3

**Goal 6 – Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 credits**

**Goal 7 – 10: Three credits in one of these four goals (Fulfilled by COMM course)**

**Additional Requirement: 2 credits**

BIOL 2050	Human Disease Concepts	2
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**General Requirements for the AAS degree:**

1. At least 64 earned college-level credits (numbered 1000 or above). At least 20 credits must be earned at Century College.
2. A grade of C or better in ENGL 1021.
3. Century college-level GPA of 2.0; Required career and occupational courses GPA of 2.0; MnTC GPA of 2.0.

**Assessment:** *Assessments are required for all students* before registering for classes. Students may be required to take developmental courses in English, Reading and Mathematics based upon their assessment scores. For important information and exemptions see [www.century.edu/futurestudents/assessment](http://www.century.edu/futurestudents/assessment).

**References to the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum (MnTC):** On this guidesheet, notations such as “Goal 1-Communication: 3 credits” are used to refer to the goals of the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum. Refer to the MnTC Course List for the specific courses from which students may choose to fulfill the MnTC requirements of the program, found in the catalog, the Counseling Center and on the Century website. Students should be aware that it may be necessary to select additional MnTC credits beyond the minimum required in each goal area, to reach the total MnTC/General Education credits required for their program.

**Career Information:** Counselors are available in the Counseling and Career Center, Room 2400 West, to assist with educational and career planning. Resources available include career interest and personality inventories and print and web-based occupational and educational information, e.g., occupational descriptions, employment outlook, earnings, education/training requirements and sources. Consult the **GPS LifePlan** link on the Century website for information on these and more resources for your career, work, and educational planning!

**Transfer:** Some programs are intended primarily for employment preparation rather than transfer to a four-year institution. Some courses may not transfer to a number of four-year colleges. If you are considering the possibility of transfer, you may wish to talk with a counselor or the program instructor before registering to discuss your goals and look at programs designed for transfer.

**Time Limit for Meeting Graduation Requirements:** See Century College catalog “Graduation” for information.

**Academic Petitions:** Any exceptions to the program requirements must be petitioned through the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

**Costs:** In addition to tuition and books, the supplies and related fees for the program will cost approximately \$3,400. These costs are subject to change.

**Schedule:** The Dental Hygiene program begins once per year, in the Fall semester. Courses are scheduled during weekday afternoons and evenings (starting as early as 11:00 am and ending as late as 9:00 pm) and occasionally Saturday mornings.

**Important Telephone Numbers: (651 Area Code)**

Admission Office	773-1700
Counseling Office	779-3285
Financial Aid Office	779-3305

**Program Director:**

Linda Jorgenson	Room 3561 East	779-3983
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