



**Dental Hygiene (10-508-1)**  
**Shared Program with MATC**  
 Associate of Applied Science  
**Effective 2021/2022**

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*This is a shared program with Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC).*

Help patients maintain their oral health as a dental hygienist. Working under a dentist's supervision, dental hygienists perform such duties as teeth cleaning, fluoride treatments, X-ray processing and dental health counseling. You will gain clinical experience in MATC's dental hygiene clinic and at external sites.

Program graduates are eligible to complete the National Board of Dental Hygiene examination, and state or regional practical examinations for states in which you seek licensure. Licensure is required to work as a dental hygienist. The American Dental Hygienists' Association website provides additional professional information at [www.ADHA.org](http://www.ADHA.org).

**Program Requirements**

Consult the MATC website for program and admission requirements at <https://www.matc.edu/course-catalog/healthcare/dental-hygiene.html>

**Graduation Requirements**

Consult the MATC website for graduation requirements at <http://www.matc.edu/>.

**Program Learning Outcomes**

Graduates will be able to:

1. Model dental hygiene professional code of ethics.
2. Counsel clients/patients to reduce health risks.
3. Provide community oral health services in a variety of settings.
4. Manage infection and hazard control.
5. Assess data on all aspects of patient/client health using methods consistent with dental hygienist scope of practice and legal principles.
6. Formulate a comprehensive dental hygiene care plan in collaboration with the client and other health professionals.
7. Provide preventive and therapeutic services that promote oral health according to the needs of the patient/client.
8. Evaluate the effectiveness of the implemented client/patient dental hygiene care plan.

**Gateway Course Requirements**

Students choosing to start the Dental Hygiene program at Gateway are able to complete up to 35 credits toward the degree at MATC. All courses will satisfy program requirements in the Dental Hygiene program under the shared agreement as long as minimum requirements have been met. Consult the MATC website for requirements at <https://www.matc.edu/course-catalog/healthcare/dental-hygiene.html>

**NOTE: Students must graduate from Gateway Technical College's Dental Assistant program (31-508-1) with a 2.5 GPA or above to qualify for entry into the MATC Dental Hygiene program.**

Term	Course Number	Course Title	Cr.	Requisites
1	508-101	Dental Health Safety	1	Prereq: Advisor Consent
1	801-136	English Composition 1 <sup>6</sup>	3	Prereq: 831-103 OR 831-107 <sup>2</sup>
1	801-196 OR 801-198	Oral/Interpersonal Comm. <sup>6</sup> OR Speech <sup>6</sup>	3	
1	806-177	Gen. Anatomy & Phys. <sup>7</sup>	4	
2	508-103	Dental Radiography	2	Prereq: Advisor Consent
2	508-113	Dental Materials	2	Prereq: Advisor Consent
2	806-134	General Chemistry	4	
2	806-197	Microbiology <sup>7</sup>	4	Prereq: 806-177 OR 806-105 OR 806-196
3	806-186	Intro to Biochemistry <sup>7</sup>	4	Prereq: 806-134 OR 806-127
3	809-196	Sociology, Intro to	3	Prereq: 838-105 OR 831-107 <sup>2</sup>
3	809-198	Psychology, Intro to <sup>6</sup>	3	Prereq: 838-105 OR 831-107 <sup>2</sup>
3	Electives	Take 2 elective credits. Any associate degree course may be taken as an elective.	2	

**Notes**

1. Students will be admitted to the program and receive financial aid through MATC. To apply, visit <https://www.matc.edu/apply/index.html>
2. A satisfactory placement test score (or successful remediation) is required prior to enrollment. See a Gateway advisor for details.
3. Students will complete placement testing at Gateway Technical College prior to enrolling in the above courses. For questions or to establish an appointment, please call 1-800-247-7122.
4. Students completing the shared program will receive their degree from Milwaukee Area Technical College.
5. Graduates of Gateway's Dental Assistant program will be given preference for admission.
6. Students must complete this course with a grade of "C" or better.
7. Students must complete this course with a grade of "B-" or better.
8. This program has a required admission petition. Students are selected based on completion of academic eligibility requirements and district residency. See [gtc.edu/petitioning](http://gtc.edu/petitioning) for additional information.

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for a period of two years or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult My Gateway for exact fee amounts. Occasionally, the District may offer a particular course out of published sequence. By doing so, the District does not obligate itself to offer succeeding courses out of published sequence.

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