

DENTAL HYGIENE (DHYG)

Ontario College Advanced Diploma | 6 semesters | Barrydowne

Train to be an integral member of oral health care teams in private practices, public health units, long-term care homes, mobile dental practices, and industry. You'll have tons of opportunities for hands-on practical learning on mannequins, your classmates, and patients from Sudbury in the College's on-campus Dental Clinic. You'll also be involved in health promotion initiatives that will look impressive on your résumé.

Program Highlights

- 3 years – 6 semesters
- Community placements
- Grads are eligible to apply to write the National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination (NDHCE) conducted by the National Dental Hygiene Certification Board (NDHCB) to gain registration with the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO)
- Continuous hands-on experience through work in the College's dental clinic where you'll provide dental hygiene services to paying clients such as:
 - Oral health assessments
 - Scaling
 - Stain removal
 - Whitening
 - Oral health education
 - Dental X-rays
 - Fluoride treatments
 - Pit and fissure sealants
 - Athletic mouth guards
 - Referrals

Fieldwork/Placement

Initially, you will learn clinical/laboratory skills on mannequins followed by practice sessions where you can perform these learned skills on a partner. You must be prepared to be a client in these practice sessions. You will then proceed to treatment of clients from the public at the College's on-site Dental Clinic as well as rotation experiences in community health settings. You must be prepared to cover the costs incurred as part of your placement experiences. Clinics and some classroom experiences may also include evening scheduling.

4D Learning Opportunities

Costa Rica health care mission – In 2015, a group of Dental Hygiene and nursing students provided health care services in two communities in Costa Rica.

Walk for a Smile – Each year, Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene students raise money and collect dental health products to help support free access to oral health services.

Accreditation

Cambrian's Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC).

Registration to Practice

To practice as a Dental Hygienist, you must pass the National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination (NDHCE) conducted by the National Dental Hygiene Certification Board (NDHCB). Successful completion of the NDHCE qualifies graduates for registration with the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO), which is a requirement to practice in Ontario. Graduates who pass the NDHCE are also eligible to register to practice dental hygiene in other provinces (please note that each province holds separate licensing exams and requirements to practice). It is the responsibility of the graduate to pursue certification and registration and to cover any associated costs.

Limited Enrolment

Please note that possession of the requirements does not guarantee admission. If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of places available in the program, the College reserves the right to select from among those applicants. All students applying by February 1 will be given equal consideration. Preference will be given to Ontario residents. Please see the Limited Enrolment F.A.Q.'s on our website under "How to Apply (<http://cambriancollege.ca/apply>)" for further details.

Quick Links

How to Apply (<http://cambriancollege.ca/apply>)

Health Sciences, Nursing, and Emergency Services (<http://cambriancollege.ca/field-of-study/health-sciences-nursing-emergency-services>)

Admission Requirements

For graduates of the new curriculum (OSS):

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (30 credits) or equivalent or mature student status, including:

- Any grade 12 English (C), (U), or (M)
- Any grade 11 or 12 biology (C), (U)
- Any grade 11 or 12 chemistry (C) or (U)

Please note: A minimum of 60% is required in each prerequisite courses

Recommended:

- computer competency in relevant software

Note: Cambrian's Pre-Health Sciences Pathway to Advanced Diplomas and Degrees (PHPG) program is the designated preferred preparatory program for admission to Cambrian College's limited enrolment Health Sciences programs. Limited enrolment programs are identified within the detailed program descriptions. The minimum GPA and grades required for successful admission will be determined by the quality and quantity of the applicant pool.

Additional Requirements

Criminal Record check (Vulnerable Sector Screening) as required for placements. (Please note: a criminal record is a serious impediment for the completion of program requirements. Many employer and placement agencies insist on a clear record.)

The following are required prior to the start of classes:

- Current Basic Cardiac Life Support Certificate (Health Care Provider level or level C with AED)

- Immunizations: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Poliomyelitis, Varicella (immunization or history of infection confirmed by MD)
- Appropriate TB test
- Flu vaccination (when distributed mid- to late fall)
- Proof of WHMIS training

Additional Information

Students must be prepared to cover the costs incurred in the clinical experience.

The Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada. The curriculum is enhanced on an ongoing basis in order to ensure that the course content continues to meet the national accreditations standards. The Cambrian College Dental Health Program takes primary responsibility for the client pool within the Cambrian College Dental Clinic to provide sufficient varied experiences that allow students to develop competency. Students will have access to the client pool.

Due to the nature of this program, it is highly recommended that the learner have good manual dexterity and good oral and written communication skills.

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Program Delivery

2018-2019

This program will be delivered in the following terms:

Fall Term Start

1. **SEMESTER 1** Fall 2018
2. **SEMESTER 2** Winter 2019
3. **SEMESTER 3** Fall 2019
4. **SEMESTER 4** Winter 2020
5. **SEMESTER 5** Fall 2020
6. **SEMESTER 6** Winter 2021

For specific term start/end dates and other key dates/deadlines, please see the Academic Schedule (<http://cambriancollege.ca/apply/how-to-apply/academic-schedule>) on our website.

Program of Study

Semester 1		Credits
BIO 1107	Anatomy Physiology I	3
DEN 1003	Orofacial Anatomy	3
DEN 1004	Oral Histology	2
DEN 1005	Microbiology/Immunology	3
DEN 1006	Dental Hygiene Practice I	6
DEN 1007	Dental Hygiene Theory I	3
DEN 1008	Professional Practice	1
ENG 1121	Research Writing/Health Sciences	3
The following General Education course:		3
SSC 1002	Thinking, Reasoning, Relating	3
Term Credits:		27
Semester 2		
BIO 1207	Anatomy Physiology II	3

DEN 1009	Dental Hygiene Theory II	3
DEN 1011	Oral Health Promotion	3
DEN 1012	Dental Radiography	4
DEN 1013	Professional Communication and Computer Software	1
DEN 1028	Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene	8
Term Credits:		22

Semester 3

DEN 1014	Dental Hygiene Theory III	3
DEN 1015	Clinical Dental Hygiene - Introduction	6
DEN 1016	Diverse Populations - Pediatrics	2
DEN 1017	Human Pathophysiology	3
DEN 1018	Periodontics	3
DEN 1019	Intro. to Statistics and Research Methods	2
DEN 1020	Health Care in Canada	1
DEN 1021	Nutrition in Health Promotion	3
Term Credits:		23

Semester 4

DEN 1022	Dental Hygiene Theory IV	3
DEN 1023	Clinical Dental Hygiene - Intermediate	6
DEN 1024	Diverse Populations - Geriatrics	2
DEN 1025	Community Health	3
DEN 1026	Promoting Health In Multicultural Populations	1
DEN 1027	Individuals with Special Needs	3
DEN 1029	Oral Pathology	3
DEN 1040	Pharmacology in Dental Hygiene	3
One of the following General Education courses:		3
PSY 1003	Concurrent Disorders, Mental Health Addictions	3
SOC 1205	Social Issues/Social Welfare in CA	3
Term Credits:		27

Semester 5

DEN 1030	Dental Hygiene Theory V	3
DEN 1031	Clinical Dental Hygiene Advanced	9
DEN 1032	Health Promotion and Community	3
DEN 1033	Evidence-based Practice	2
DEN 1034	Health Policy and Advocacy	2
DEN 2435	Orthodontics Theory Practice	3
Term Credits:		22

Semester 6

DEN 1035	Dental Hygiene Theory VI	3
DEN 1039	Professional Practice Jurisprudence	3
DEN 1046	Clinical Consolidation	9
DEN 1047	Community Inter-Prof. Care	2
DEN 1048	Business and Practice Mngmt	3
One of the following General Education courses:		3
SCI 1000	Issues and Ethics in Science	3

SSC 1000	Media and Current Events	3
Term Credits:		23
Total Credits:		144

Fees

Tuition and Ancillary Fees

Please see our fees page (<http://cambriancollege.ca/fees>) for the breakdown of tuition and mandatory ancillary fees by program and semester for both domestic and international students

Books & Supplies

The cost of books and supplies for Year 1 is approximately \$1,500. The estimated cost of instruments and supplies for the first year of the program is \$2,200. This is the best information available at the time of publishing to the website and is subject to change.

Graduate Options

Employment Opportunities

Graduates may find employment in:

- General and specialized dental practices
- Independent dental hygiene practices
- Public health dental hygiene practices (including home care, long-term care, or community clinics)
- Education
- Industry (sales/marketing of dental products/equipment)
- Research

College/University Degree Opportunities

Graduates from this program may continue their studies at college/university and may receive credit for their prior College education.

Refer to College/University Agreements (<http://www.cambriancollege.ca/agreements>) for further information.

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