DENTAL HYGIENE (DHYG)

Real-life, hands-on training preps you for roles on oral health care teams

Train to be a key member of oral healthcare teams by learning core dental hygiene services like scaling, stain removal, whitening, X-rays, fluoride treatments, pit and fissure sealants, athletic mouth guards, referrals, and oral health assessments and education. You'll have ample opportunity to put your skills into practice, first with manikins and then followed by practice sessions with your classmates, where you will also assume the role of a client.

As you polish your skills, you will advance to providing clientele from the Sudbury community with dental hygiene services in Cambrian's on-campus dental clinic. As a graduate, you are eligible to apply to write the National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination (NDHCE).

The Dental Hygiene program will teach you the competencies and skills required to practice as a dental hygienist in the province of Ontario.

Program highlights

- Limited enrolment (https://cambriancollege.ca/admissions/applying-to-cambrian/accept-an-offer/limited-enrolment/)
- Hands-on, real-world experiences in on-campus dental clinic with clients from the community
- Community fieldwork and placements with many different populations of clientele
- Accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC)
- Grads are eligible to apply to write the National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination (NDHCE) conducted by the Federation of Dental Hygiene Regulators of Canada (FDHRC) to gain registration with the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO)

Program of study for 2027-28 Academic Year

Semester 1		**Credits**
BIO 1107	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
ENG 1121	Research & Writing/Health Sciences	3
DEN 1060	Oral Histology	3
DEN 1103	Orofacial Anatomy	3
DEN 1106	Dental Hygiene Practice I	6
DEN 1107	Dental Hygiene Theory I	3
DEN 1405	Microbiology and Immunology	3
	Credits	**24**
Semester 2		
BIO 1207	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
DEN 1061	Dental Hygiene Theory II	3
DEN 1062	Professional Communication and Technology	2
DEN 1112	Dental Radiography	4
DEN 1201	Dental Materials and Lab	4
DEN 1202	Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene	6
DEN 1311	Oral Health Promotion	3
	Credits	**25**
Semester 3		
DEN 1063	Diverse Populations	3
DEN 1064	Evidence Informed Practice	3
DEN 1114	Dental Hygiene Theory III	3
DEN 1115	Intro Clinical Dental Hygiene	6
DEN 1117	Human Pathophysiology	3
DEN 1118	Periodontics	3
DEN 1121	Nutrition in Health Promotion	3
	Credits	**24**
Semester 4		
DEN 1065	Community Health	3
DEN 1122	Dental Hygiene Theory IV	3
DEN 1123	Intermediate Dental Hygiene	6
DEN 1127	Individuals with Special Needs	3
DEN 1129	Oral Pathology	3
DEN 1140	Pharmacology in Dental Hygiene	3
One General Education Course [1]		3
	Credits	**24**
Semester 5		
DEN 1066	Health Care in Canada	3
DEN 1130	Dental Hygiene Theory V	3
DEN 1131	Adv Clinical Dental Hygiene	9
DEN 1232	Health Promotion and Community	3
DEN 2436	Orthodontics Theory Practice	3
One General Education course. [1]		3
	Credits	**24**
Semester 6		
DEN 1135	Dental Hygiene Theory VI	3
DEN 1139	Prof Practice Jurisprudence	3
DEN 1146	Clinical Consolidation	9
DEN 1147	Community Inter-professnl Care	2
DEN 1148	Business and Practice Mngmt	3
One General Education course. [1]		3
	Credits	**23**
	Total Credits	**144**

[1] For more information regarding General Education courses, click (https://cambriancollege.ca/general-electives/)here (https://cambriancollege.ca/general-education-electives/).

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

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

For limited programs, the minimum prerequisite grades required for successful admission will be determined by the quality and quantity of the applicant pool. Additional post-secondary education will also be considered as part of students' applications to limited enrolment programs.

Additional admission requirements

Recommendations

- Computer competency in relevant software

Program delivery

2027-2028
Fall term start

SEMESTER 1: Fall 2027
SEMESTER 2: Winter 2028
SEMESTER 3: Fall 2028
SEMESTER 4: Winter 2029
SEMESTER 5: Fall 2029
SEMESTER 6: Winter 2030

Winter term start

SEMESTER 1: Winter 2028
SEMESTER 2: Spring 2028
SEMESTER 3: Fall 2028
SEMESTER 4: Winter 2029
SEMESTER 5: Spring 2029
SEMESTER 6: Fall 2029

Accreditation

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

Registration to practice / additional testing

Graduates of the Dental Hygiene program are eligible to apply to write the National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination (NDHCE), administered by the Federation of Dental Hygiene Regulators of Canada (FDHRC). Successful completion of the NDHCE is a requirement for registration with the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO), which is a requirement to practice in Ontario. Graduates who pass the written exam may also be eligible to register to practice dental hygiene in other provinces. Please note that provincial requirements for registration and/or licensing may vary. Graduates wanting to pursue registration and/or licensing in other provinces are encouraged to contact the appropriate regulatory body for specific provincial requirements and costs.

Specific program pathways

College or university degree opportunities

If you are a graduate of this program, you may continue your studies at a college or university and you may receive credit(s) for your prior college education. Refer to Cambrian's college and university agreement (https://cambriancollege.ca/supports-services/articulation-agreements/universities-in-canada/) details for further information.

Employment opportunities

Graduates are prepared for employment opportunities in:

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

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