



**DENTAL HYGIENE\***  
**Degree Program**

Career Curriculum  
Associate in Applied Science  
Minimum Hrs. 85.5  
Major Code: 1.2 510602C

**FIRST YEAR – FALL SEMESTER**

Dept. No.		Hrs.	Gr.
BIO 205	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	___
CHM 141	General, Organic and Biological Chemistry I	4	___
DHY 200	Orientation and Pre-Clinic	4	___
DHY 201	Dental Nutrition	2	___
ENG 101	English Composition I	3	___
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**FIRST YEAR – SPRING SEMESTER**

Dept. No.		Hrs.	Gr.
BIO 206	Human Anatomy and Physiology II <sup>1</sup>	4	___
BIO 226	General Microbiology	4	___
DHY 204	Periodontology	2	___
DHY 206	Oral Pathology	1	___
DHY 210	Dental Hygiene Seminar I	1	___
DHY 211	Dental Hygiene Practice I	4	___
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**FIRST YEAR – SUMMER SEMESTER**

Dept. No.		Hrs.	Gr.
DHY 212	Dental Hygiene Seminar II	.5	___
DHY 213	Dental Hygiene Practice II	2	___
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**SECOND YEAR – FALL SEMESTER**

Dept. No.		Hrs.	Gr.
DHY 202	Dental Pharmacology	2	___
DHY 207	Community Oral Health	2	___
DHY 214	Dental Hygiene Seminar III	1	___
DHY 215	Dental Hygiene Practice III	3	___
SOC 133	Principles of Sociology	3	___
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\* Thirty-nine hours of credit must come from the Dental Assisting Program. Students must maintain a grade of "C" or higher in all courses. A national board and clinical examination must be passed to be employed in this career. Students wanting to transfer to SIU-C in Health Care Management must complete MAT 113 or 120.

<sup>1</sup> No prior credit will be given for BIO 206 Human Anatomy and Physiology II if this course was completed more than 5 years prior to admittance into the program without consent of program director. Earned grade must be a "C" or higher.

The minimum general education component for the Associate in Applied Science degree requires satisfactory completion of at least 15 semester credits of coursework distributed over the disciplines of Communications, Mathematics, Arts and Humanities, Physical and Life Sciences, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The curriculum guide for each Associate in Applied Science degree program will spell out the course requirements or options available for satisfying the general education component. With appropriate justification and in consultation with your academic advisor, a request to substitute a course for one recommended in this guide may be granted with the appropriate approvals from the Department Chair, Dean for Instruction and Vice-President for Instruction. However, no substitutions are allowed in Groups I-III (General Education Component; GECC) of the curriculum guide (see the Associate in Applied Science general degree requirements worksheet in the John A. Logan College Catalog).

Students planning to transfer and pursue a baccalaureate degree should, when given a choice, enroll in the general education course that is IAI GECC approved and articulated with participating Illinois institutions.

*John A. Logan College reserves the right to modify this curriculum guide as needed.  
Please verify with your academic advisor the accuracy and time lines of this document.*

**Effective Date: Fall 2008**

**Additional Information:**

The Dental Hygiene Program educates dental assistants to become hygienists who have developed a high degree of clinical competence and knowledge of the dental practice. Upon completion of the Dental Hygiene Program, students will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree. The dental hygienist is an integral member of the dental health care team who works directly with the dentist to maintain optimum oral health for the patient. Duties include cleaning teeth, exposing x-rays, providing dental care instructions to patients, and maintaining patient records. Additional duties may be found within the Illinois Dental Practice Act.

The high demand for the dual-trained Certified Dental Assistant/Licensed Dental Hygienist offers the graduate the opportunity to choose the type of practice, the area, and the environment in which to work.

Flexible scheduling is a distinctive feature of this job, with full-time, part-time, evening, and weekend work widely available.

The Dental Hygiene in Applied Science degree is sufficient for practicing in a private dental office. A bachelor's or master's degree is usually required for research, teaching, or clinical practice in public or school health programs.

Interested students should contact the Assessment Office for a packet detailing steps for admission. Applicants must take an entrance exam, the Health Occupation Aptitude Exam. The ranking for admission is developed using raw scores and weighting of select coursework and experience.

**Career Opportunities:** Practice in a private dental office, cleaning teeth, exposing x-rays, providing dental care instructions, and maintaining patient records.