

Dental Hygiene

Dental hygienists are oral health clinicians and educators who help the public develop and maintain optimum oral health.

As members of the dental health team, dental hygienists perform preventive and therapeutic services under the supervision of the dentist. Specific responsibilities may include removing deposits and stains from patient's teeth; providing instructions for patients' self-care and nutritional counseling; and applying topical fluoride to prevent tooth decay.

Dental Hygienists are also responsible for

- recording medical and dental histories
- exposing and processing dental x-ray films
- taking impressions of teeth for study models
- placing pit and fissure sealants
- preparing other diagnostic aids for dentist's use

Commission on Dental Accreditation

The Dental Hygiene Program at IU Northwest is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation

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Employment for Dental Hygienists

Dental hygienists may work in the following areas:

- private dental offices
- schools / universities
- hospitals
- public health facilities
- businesses
- research

NW Indiana and NE Illinois dentists offer employment opportunities to our graduates and are extremely supportive of our program at IU Northwest.

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Dental Hygiene Admission

- 1) If not previously admitted to IUN, applicants must fill out an IU Northwest **Admissions Application**
- 2) Applicants then, must obtain, complete, and return the **Dental Hygiene Application** to the Dental Hygiene Department by **February 1**.

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- 3) Those items that must be submitted to the Dental Education Department by **February 1** are:
 - A) Official high school transcript
 - B) Official college/university transcripts
 - C) Dental Hygiene Application
 - D) Proof of IUN acceptance
- 4) Upon receipt of the dental hygiene application and other supporting materials, applicants are **required** to attend the **Dental Hygiene Applicant Open House**.

Pre-Dental Hygiene Curriculum Requirements (35 credit hours)

All courses must be completed by August, for entry into the class beginning in the fall semester of that year. All applicants **must receive a grade of C or better** in each prerequisite course to be eligible for the program.

- A) The following pre-dental hygiene courses must be completed **before** the professional two year dental hygiene program:
 - **W131** Elementary Composition (3 credits)
 - **S161** Principles of Sociology (3 credits)
 - **C101** Elementary Chemistry I Lecture (3 credits)
 - **C121** Elementary Chemistry I Laboratory (2 credits)
 - **S121** Public Speaking **or** **S122** Interpersonal Comm. (3 credits)
 - **P101** Introductory Psychology (3 credits)
 - **A106** Introduction to Computing (3 credits) **or** **C106** Introduction to Computers and Their Use
 - **P261** Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)
 - **P262** Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)
 - **M200** Microorganism in Nature & Disease (4 credits) (Prerequisite Fall 2008)
 - **One Elective (3 credits)** from any of the **Arts & Humanities** areas at IU Northwest.

- B) Students are eligible to take the following liberal arts courses before being accepted into the program. These courses **CANNOT** be used as an elective, nor can they be used to complete the 35 credit hour prerequisite requirements:

- **C102** Elementary Chemistry II (3 credits)
- **B215** Nutrition for Health Professionals (may enroll in B215 if C101 & C102 have been completed) (3 credits)

Dental Hygiene Program Curriculum

First Year

FALL SEMESTER	CREDIT HOURS
H211 Head and Neck Anatomy	2
H214 Oral Anatomy	3
H218 Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene	4
H217 Preventive Dentistry	2
H205 Medical and Dental Emergencies	1
H303 Dental Radiology	2

SPRING SEMESTER

H219 Clinical Practice I	4
H224 Oral Histology & Embryology	1
H242 Introduction to Dentistry	1
H308 Dental Materials	2
H305 Radiology Clinic I	1
*C102 Elementary Chemistry II	3

SUMMER SEMESTER

H221 Summer Clinical Dental Hygiene Procedures	3
H220 Summer Radiology Clinic	1
H204 Periodontics	1
*B215 Nutrition for Health Professionals	3

Second Year

FALL SEMESTER

H215 Pharmacology & Therapeutics	2
H304 Oral Pathology	2
H311 Dental Health Education	2
H301 Clinical Practice II	5
H321 Periodontics	2
H306 Radiology Clinic II	1

SPRING SEMESTER

H309 Community Dental Hygiene	3
H320 Practice Management, Ethics & Jurisprudence	2
H302 Clinical Practice III	5
H344 Senior Hygiene Seminar	1
H307 Radiology Clinic III	1

* these courses may be completed before beginning the program

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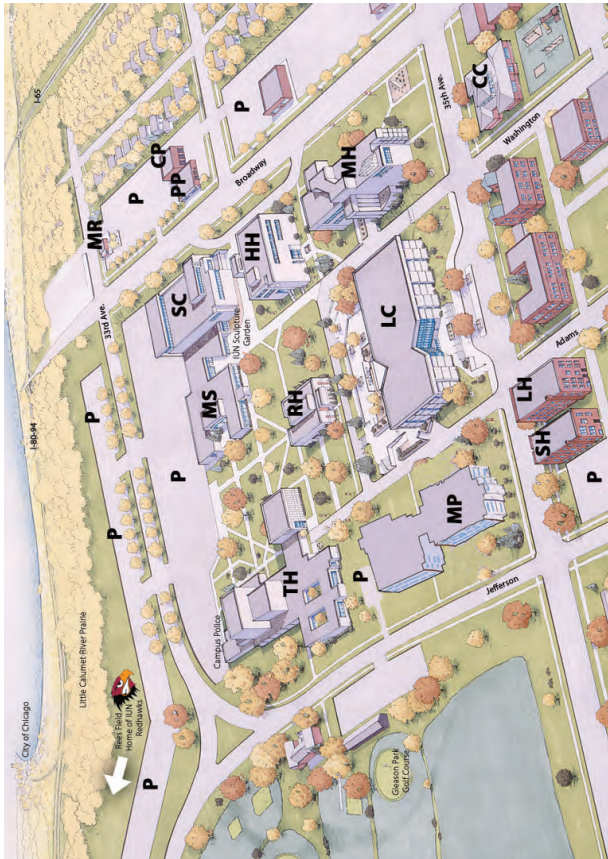
HH Hawthorn Hall
LC Library Conf. Center
LH Lindenwood Hall
MH Maram Hall
MP Dunes Med/Prof. Building
MS Moraine Student Center
RH Raintree Hall
SC Savannah Center
SH Sycamore Hall
TH Tamarack Hall

Service:

CC Child Care Center
CP Chiller Plant
MR Mailroom
PP Physical Plant

Parking:

P Student, Staff & Faculty
Permit Parking



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Associate of Science Degree
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