Dental Hygiene AAS to BS Completion

Official Program Checksheet

Why Choose the Dental Hygiene AAS to BS Completion Degree?

The baccalaureate program in dental hygiene is designed for dental hygienists with an associate degree in dental hygiene who want to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene in a student-centered learning environment. Students engage in self-directed learning activities, advance their knowledge in the areas of critical thinking, exhibit values for lifelong learning, synthesize evidence based information and develop leadership skills. Graduates from the program will be prepared with advanced research, communication, educational leadership, practice management and dental hygiene knowledge.

Career Opportunities

The degree will expand the knowledge of dental hygienists and prepare graduates for more extensive roles in the profession. This degree program will guide students in developing the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary for positions of responsibility in a variety of healthcare, educational, research and community settings. The curriculum will consist of general education courses, research courses and specialized career courses for entry into government, education, public health or advanced dental hygiene practice.

According to the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA), the hygienist can work in a variety of settings which may include: health maintenance organization or long-term care facility, military base, school system, dental supply company, insurance company, university or research center, veterinary center, government agency or another country. There is a growing need for hygienists to fulfill the roles of educators, advocates, administrators, and behavioral scientists for the profession to continue to be successful. For dental hygienists, the baccalaureate degree is important for adapting and advancing professionally.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the RDH to BS Dental Hygiene degree completion program:

- Apply and be accepted to Ferris State University.
- You must have a previously earned, or be in the final academic year of an associate degree in an accredited dental hygiene program from an accredited college or university.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

General Education Requirements

All University General Education requirements can be found here: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/requirements/BA-BS.htm
Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives:  http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/courses/index.htm

Consult the official checksheet or program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

**Graduation Requirements**

Student progression in the baccalaureate dental hygiene program is determined academically by maintaining a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 and by achieving a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in all courses on the DHYG checksheet. Students must enroll fall and spring continuously to be considered an active student in the program. A practicum field work experience must be completed in DHYG 491 and an approved scholarly project must be completed during DHYG 499. Progression includes graduation. A dental hygiene student may not graduate if he/she receives less than a "C" grade in the specified courses or less than a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

**More Information**

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