

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE—BRIDGE (BSDHB)

(Please see the *Undergraduate Program Offerings by Campus* chart in the catalog for a list of Herzing campuses offering this program.)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The goal of the dental hygiene program is to prepare students with the knowledge and skills required to manage and maintain a dental clinic, effectively instruct dental hygiene students, and build upon previous learned education in dental hygiene. This program prepares students with the necessary skills and academic knowledge for entry-level leadership opportunities with an emphasis on dental hygiene. It is structured as a “three-plus-one” degree where students who have already completed a typically lengthy associate’s degree in dental hygiene (in the range of 90 semester credit hours) can top off that degree with an advanced curriculum. Combined, this gives the graduate both the technical grounding in a dental hygiene program (from earlier training in dental hygiene from their associate-level studies) and the higher-level skills to effectively lead, manage, and teach in the dental hygiene profession.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Articulate the code of ethics including adherence to regulatory structure within Dental Hygiene.
2. Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively and convey aspects of culturally competent, inter-professional health care to individuals and groups from diverse populations.
3. Demonstrate the ability to define and articulate organizational, operational, ethical, legal, and managerial issues impacting the field of dental hygiene.
4. Investigate the on-going evolution of the dental hygiene profession.
5. Demonstrate the ability to perform self-assessment for life-long learning and professional growth.

SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Acceptance into the dental hygiene program is on a selective basis. The student must have graduated from a CODA-accredited dental hygiene program with an associate’s degree and hold an active license, as well as be in good standing as a dental hygienist.

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to, dental hygienist.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 120.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

TRANSFER AND ELECTIVE CREDITS

A minimum of 66.00 semester credit hours is required, to be fulfilled by transfer or elective credits.

- ♦ Up to 90.00 semester credit hours of program core and support courses may be transferred from a completed associate’s degree in dental hygiene from Herzing University or another nationally or regionally accredited college or university. This program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
- ♦ A minimum of 10.00 of the above transfer or elective semester credit hours must be from upper level (300- to 400-level) courses.

REQUIRED COURSES IN DENTAL HYGIENE

All courses, 15.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
DH 301	Dental Hygiene Research	DH 210 ▲ and DH 290 ▲	3.00
DH 305	Cultural Diversity in Dental Hygiene	DH 119 ▲ and DH 141 ▲	3.00
DH 310	Technology in Dental Hygiene	None	3.00
DH 315	Leadership in Dental Hygiene	DH 219 ▲ and DH 250 ▲	3.00

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
DH 405	Contemporary Issues in Dental Hygiene	DH 285 ▲, DH 399C ▲, DH 402 ▲, and DH 410 ▲	1.00
DH 460	Dental Hygiene Capstone	DH 326 ▲, DH 399C ▲, DH 402 ▲, DH 405 ▲, and DH 410 ▲	2.00

▲ The prerequisites for these courses may be waived if the student has transferred in prior equivalent coursework.

ELECTIVE COURSES IN DENTAL HYGIENE

4.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
DH 425	Teaching and Theories of Learning	DH 326 ▲, DH 399C ▲, DH 402 ▲, and DH 410 ▲/Corequisite DH 425P	3.00
and	and		
DH 425P	Teaching and Theories of Learning Practicum	DH 326 ▲, DH 399C ▲, DH 402 ▲, and DH 410 ▲/Corequisite DH 425	1.00
OR			
DH 426	Clinical Practice Management	DH 326 ▲, DH 399C ▲, DH 402 ▲, and DH 410 ▲/Corequisite DH 426P	3.00
and	and		
DH 426P	Clinical Practice Management Practicum	DH 326 ▲, DH 399C ▲, DH 402 ▲, and DH 410 ▲/Corequisite DH 426	1.00

▲ The prerequisites for these courses may be waived if the student has transferred in prior equivalent coursework.

REQUIRED COURSES IN GENERAL EDUCATION

Students enrolled in this bachelor's degree must complete a minimum of 33.00 semester credit hours in general education—including the general education coursework completed for their associate's degree in dental hygiene. These credits must be distributed among the following disciplines. A minimum of 9.00 semester credit hours in general education must be from upper level (300- or 400-level) courses. Refer to the General Education section of the catalog for Herzing University courses that would satisfy these requirements.

3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Cultural Diversity

7.00 Semester Credit Hours in English or Communication

6.00 Semester Credit Hours in Humanities With Critical Thinking

8.00 Semester Credit Hours in Mathematics or Natural Science

9.00 Semester Credit Hours in Social or Behavioral Science

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

2.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
PD 121	Professional Development I	None	1.00
PD 202	Professional Development II	None	1.00

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course (Not including transfer or elective semester credit hours)					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Contact Hours	Credits
DH 301	45.00			45.00	3.00

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course (Not including transfer or elective semester credit hours)					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Contact Hours	Credits
DH 305	45.00			45.00	3.00
DH 310	45.00			45.00	3.00
DH 315	45.00			45.00	3.00
DH 405	15.00			15.00	1.00
DH 425	45.00			45.00	3.00
DH 426					
DH 425P			45.00	45.00	1.00
DH 426P					
DH 460	30.00			30.00	2.00
PD 121	15.00			15.00	1.00
PD 202	15.00			15.00	1.00
Cultural Diversity	45.00			45.00	3.00
English or Communications	105.00			105.00	7.00
Humanities With Critical Thinking	90.00			90.00	6.00
Mathematics or Natural Science *	120.00			120.00	8.00
Social or Behavioral Science	135.00			135.00	9.00
Totals	795.00	0.00	45.00	840.00	54.00

* Contact hour distribution may vary from this total, depending on the actual selection of courses by the student.