

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM (S134) (PREVIOUSLY S124)

PROGRAM NAME	Dental Hygiene	TUITION	\$19,643.00 * †
COURSE CODE	S134	ADDITIONAL COST	
SCHOOL	School of Dental Health		* Amounts listed are the total of tuition, materials, student service and ancillary fees for the two semesters of programs starting in Fall 2019. Fees are subject to change for programs starting in Fall 2020 and at later dates.
CENTRE	Health Sciences		† There will be additional costs to the program in each year of study, including textbooks, appropriate laboratory/clinical attire and personal protective equipment. There is a rental fee charged to the student for equipment on loan.
LOCATION	Waterfront Campus		
DURATION	3 years (6 semesters)		
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING	All students will have the opportunity to be involved in various external practical field education experiences.		
STARTING MONTH	September		
CREDENTIAL	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	International students:	Visit the International Fees and Related Costs page ² for more information.
YEAR OF STUDY	2020-2021	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	
METHOD OF STUDY	FT		This program is approved for OSAP funding, provided the applicant meets OSAP eligibility criteria.
APPLY TO	Ontario Colleges ¹		

The **Dental Hygiene program** prepares students to practice as **primary oral health-care providers**.

This three-year program focuses on applying the dental hygiene process of care while **developing interprofessionalism, client-centred care and interpersonal communication skills**. Students have the opportunity to gain confidence in their learned skills while working with clients in our on-site WAVE Dental Clinic³.

Emphasis is placed on preparing students to function effectively within a **collaborative dental team** that includes:

- the client
- the community
- other health-care providers

Students and clients collaboratively evaluate care provided by delineating short-term and long-term goals and employing strategies for continued care.

The Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada⁴.

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply for the **National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination**. (Note: Additional fees apply.) Successful completion is one of the requirements for registration by the **College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO)⁵** to practice in the province. Visit the CDHO⁶ website (A Guide to the Process of Being Registered as a Dental Hygienist in Ontario).



PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS

Please note this program does not have a part time study option.

Dental Hygienists who are registered in the province of Ontario and wish to take further part-time studies may visit the Continuing Education Course Guide at coned.georgebrown.ca.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

All students will have the opportunity to be involved in various external practical field education experiences.

YOUR FIELD STUDY OPTIONS

Field experience plays an important role in this six semester program.

In Semesters 1 and 2, students will practice newly learned dental hygiene skills first on manikins, and then on each other. In Semesters 3, 4, 5 and 6, students will build on the dental hygiene process of care and will progress to treating real clients both at our onsite WAVE Dental Clinic⁷, and offsite with various community partners such as public health organizations, teaching hospitals and community health centres.

Our onsite WAVE Dental Clinic⁸ boasts an impressive 75 dental chairs plus an additional 14 chairs complete with x-ray facilities, and provides a safe and controlled environment where students can practice their skills under the supervision of registered dental hygienists. Throughout their field experiences, students will learn to provide care across the lifespan treating clients that range from simple to complex oral health care needs.

The progression of practice is designed to help learners gain confidence in their knowledge of the various processes, instruments and techniques required to be a successful dental hygienist.

PLEASE NOTE: Travel to offsite placement sites may be required. Clinical hours include early mornings that can extend into the evening.

PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Practice in a professional and competent manner within the defined scope of practice and consistent with current regulations and standards of practice.
2. Evaluate clients' oral health status using determinants of health and risk analysis to identify needs, justify treatment decisions and provide appropriate referrals to other health care professionals as required.
3. Design, implement and evaluate a range of primary, interceptive, therapeutic, preventative, and on-going oral health care services to meet the unique needs of clients.
4. Analyze oral health issues in need of advocacy, identify networks and promote actions that will support change and facilitate access to care.
5. Identify, select, implement and evaluate quality assurance standards and protocols which contribute to a safe and effective working environment.
6. Establish and maintain professional and inter-professional relationships which contribute to client care safety and positive health care outcomes.
7. Facilitate the development of specific oral health attitudes, knowledge, skills, and behaviours in clients by selecting and utilizing principles of teaching and learning.
8. Develop and present a model for a DH practice that addresses relevant business principles, current legislation and standards of practice.

REQUIRED COURSES

Courses are under review and subject to change.

SEMESTER 1

Code	Course Name
ANAT 1058	Head/Neck Anatomy for Dental Hygiene
BIOL 1024	Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 1034	Microbiology and Infection Control
DENT 1060	Dental Hygiene Principles I
DENT 1062	Clinic I: Pre-Clinic (full year course)
DENT 1126	Dental Radiography I for the Dental Hygienist
DENT 1124	Introduction to the Profession of Dental Hygiene
GNEED	General Education Elective
COMM 1003	English Skills
or	
COMM1007	College English

SEMESTER 2

Code	Course Name
DENT 1061	Dental Hygiene Principles II
DENT 1062	Clinic I: Pre-Clinic (full year course)
DENT 1127	Dental Radiography II for the Dental Hygienist
DENT 1066	Dental Materials I
DENT 1093	Dental Anatomy for Dental Hygiene
DENT 1129	Oral Histology and Embryology
BIOL 1044	Anatomy and Physiology II
GSSC 1053	Collaborative Health Care in Canada
COMM 1007	College English (if required)

SEMESTER 3

Code	Course Name
DENT 1119	Dental Materials – Specialties
DENT 1069	Introduction to Periodontics
DENT 1141	Introduction to Client Care
PHAR 1010	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I
HLTH 1016	Introduction to Community Health
NUTR 1020	Nutritional Counselling for the Dental Hygienist

SEMESTER 4

Code	Course Name
DENT 2031	Oral Pathology for the Dental Hygienist
DENT 2021	Advanced Periodontics
DENT 2017	Dental Hygiene Principles III
DENT 2018	Clinic III: Client Care
DENT 2060	Introduction to Research Methods
HLTH 2040	Health Promotion
PHAR 2010	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II
GSSC 1057	Life Span Development

SEMESTER 5

Code	Course Name
DENT 2029	Community Field Practicum
DENT 2019	Clinic IV: Advanced Client Care
DENT 2045	Ethics and Jurisprudence
DENT 2022	Orthodontics for the Dental Hygienist
DENT 2046	Dental Hygiene Practice Management
DENT 3030	Comprehensive Case Studies in Dental Hygiene
DENT 2049	Health Policy
GNEED	General Education Elective

SEMESTER 6

Code	Course Name
DENT 2047	Consolidation Clinic
DENT 2050	Workplace Readiness

Please note that Dental Hygiene is a full-time program. Classes may be scheduled Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

ELECTIVES

* Additional electives need to be taken throughout the program.

YOUR CAREER

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Dental hygienists are members of a self-regulated health profession.

Dental hygiene practice settings include:

- clinical practice
- community health services
- hospitals
- teaching institutions
- collective living centres
- research
- the dental industry

FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Graduates who are an active registrant with the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario and have current clinical dental hygiene experience for at least one full year are eligible to apply to George Brown's Restorative Dental Hygiene program (S400).¹⁰ Students in this postgraduate program learn to perform restorative procedures to the restorative dental hygienist's full scope of practice.

For information on future study options, see georgebrown.ca/transferguide.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, including the required courses, and any other selection criteria outlined below.

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent**
- Grade 12 English (C or U) - A grade of 70 or higher is required.
- Grade 11 Math (M or U) or Grade 12 (C or U) - A grade of 60 or higher is required.
- Grade 11 Biology (C or U) or Grade 12 (U) - A grade of 70 or higher is required.
- Grade 11 Chemistry or Physics (U) or Grade 12 Chemistry or Physics (C or U) - A grade of 60 or higher is required.

Please note: Mature applicants are eligible to test for English only.

Please note: Subject to competition, applicants may be required to have grades above the minimum stated.

**** MATURE STUDENT STATUS (19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND NO OSSD)**

Mature Students may take the Admissions Assessment for English¹¹ OR may consider upgrading to achieve the credit (s) needed in English¹², Math¹³ or Science¹⁴.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

College or university credits may qualify you for course exemptions. Please visit georgebrown.ca/transferguide for more information.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR S134****Pre-placement Health Form**

- Upon confirmation of acceptance into this program, students must meet all the mandatory pre-placement health requirements for the program. It may take up to four months to complete all the requirements.
- All costs, service fees and fines associated with the overall health requirements are the responsibility of the student.
- For further details and to download the mandatory pre-placement health form, go to the Pre-placement website at georgebrown.ca/preplacement.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR S134**Police Vulnerable Sector Check (must be valid annually)**

- In compliance with the requirements of our onsite clinic and our placement partners, all students in this program are required to have a police vulnerable sector check completed, and this check must be renewed annually before entering into field or clinical placement.
- The police vulnerable sector check process typically takes two to three months, but under some circumstances can take four to eight months.

This is required to protect the clientele of our placement partner agencies, who are considered "vulnerable persons" under the law.

- Students are responsible for ensuring that the police vulnerable sector check covers appropriateness for "individuals being employed and/or volunteering who will be working with vulnerable person(s)."
- Students are required to keep the original copy of their police vulnerable sector check.
- Students who are unable to provide a "clear" police vulnerable sector check may not be able to start their field or clinical placement and therefore may be unable to complete the program. Students who are not eligible to attend their practice placement due to a "not clear" status will jeopardize their progress in the program.
- Failure to meet the requirements for field placement will prevent students from completing the program and/or securing employment.
- The fees for the police record check vary and must be paid by the student. For more information, please visit the Pre-placement website at georgebrown.ca/preplacement/record_check.

CONTACT US

Contact **Qian Yang** for program information at qyang@georgebrown.ca.

For more information about George Brown College, you may also call the Contact Centre at 416-415-2000 (TTY 1-877-515-5559) or long distance 1-800-265-2002.

LINKS REFERENCE

¹<https://collegeapply.ontariocolleges.ca/?collegeCode=GBTC&programCode=S124&lang=en>

²<http://www.georgebrown.ca/international/futurestudents/tuitionfees/>

³<http://www.georgebrown.ca/wave/dentalclinic/>

⁴<http://www.georgebrown.ca/wave/dentalclinic/>

⁵<https://www.cda-adc.ca/cdacweb/en/>

⁶<http://www.cdho.org/>

⁷http://www.cdho.org

⁸<http://www.georgebrown.ca/wave/dentalclinic/>

⁹<http://www.georgebrown.ca/wave/dentalclinic/>

¹⁰http://www.cdho.org

¹¹<http://www.georgebrown.ca/programs/restorative-dental-hygiene-postgraduate-program-s400/>

¹²<http://www.georgebrown.ca/assessment/admi-pre/>

¹³<http://www.georgebrown.ca/upgrading-credits/english-diploma/>

¹⁴<http://www.georgebrown.ca/upgrading-credits/math-diploma/>

¹⁵<http://www.georgebrown.ca/upgrading-credits/sciences-diploma/>

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