In Partnership with

Normandale Community College

Baccalaureate Completion Program in Dental Hygiene (BSDH)

Baccalaureate Completion Program
This program provides associate degree dental hygienists from accredited institutions an opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH). The design of this program is based on recent legislation called “Limited Authorization of Dental Hygienists” commonly referred to as “Collaborative Agreements”.

This legislation allows a dental hygienist to practice in alternative settings once a formal agreement between a dentist and dental hygienist is established. One goal of this program is to graduate students who are community-minded oral health care providers. This program prepares students who are interested in pursuing a Masters program in advanced dental hygiene practice.

To apply, submit the following:
- Baccalaureate Completion in Dental Hygiene application;
- $20.00 application fee;
- Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges or universities;
- A 250-300 word essay related to how individual talents, experiences, opinions, and career goals will enhance the oral health of underserved and diverse populations;
- Documentation of diagnostic assessment (as determined) and

Program Admission Requirements
The following requirements are necessary for admission to Metropolitan State University’s Baccalaureate Completion for Dental Hygiene (BSDH)
- Official transcript from an accredited dental hygiene program (or letter from program director or dean if within five months of graduation);
- Official transcripts of all other coursework from accredited colleges;
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 (calculated from all college coursework);
- Diagnostic assessment (as determined);
- Appropriate documentation of an active dental hygiene license (or letter from program director if within five months of graduation) and
- All required immunizations; successful background check; and professional liability insurance.

Program Documentation Requirements
The following documentation is required at the on-campus program orientation:
- Active dental hygiene license;
- Current CPR;
- Restorative Functions certification;
- Local anesthesia and nitrous oxide inhalation sedation certification;
- Completion of immunizations/HBV series;
- Successful background check; and
- Professional liability insurance.

If the applicant’s dental hygiene license does not meet Minnesota dental hygiene licensure requirements, specifically in regards to the administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide inhalation sedation, the applicant will be required to complete continuing education courses to meet these requirements.

Normandale Community College will offer pain
management continuing education courses and BSDH enrollees will be given priority admission. These requirements must be completed before enrolling in the Restorative Expanded Functions or Capstone courses. Students with questions regarding requirements should contact the program advisor.

Applicants must meet Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC) Goals 3 and 5; other goal areas will be identified from the coursework completed at other educational institutions (see website regarding MNTC Goals) http://www.normandale.edu/degrees/?choice=mntc.

Once admitted, candidates will meet with an advisor to determine the coursework needed for graduation. NOTE: All MNTC goal areas and Metropolitan State Graduation requirements must be met in order to obtain a Baccalaureate in Dental Hygiene (BSDH).

Students who have taken courses at other accredited colleges outside of MnSCU may need to petition for course approval.

**BSDH Curriculum**
This degree requires a student to complete 120 - 128 credits, with a minimum of 40 division credits completed at Metropolitan State. This program will require a part-time commitment for six semesters.

**The following upper division courses will be offered at the Normandale Community College campus:**

- Collaborative/Advanced Dental Hygiene Practice (4 credits)
- Management of Oral Healthcare Delivery (3 credits)
- Populations with Special Oral Health Needs (3 credits)
- Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene Practice (3 credits)
- Restorative Functions (4 credits) (Requires more campus time and a significant lab fee - must be taken before the Capstone course)
- Capstone Experience (4-5 credits) (Last course taken and requires participation during traditional/daytime hours).

These courses will be taught in a web-enhanced or web-supported format. Attendance will be required on campus once per month (Friday and/or Saturday) for campus seminars that correspond to each course. The Restorative Functions and Capstone Experience courses require more campus time for labs, clinics and/or outreach setting assignments. A significant lab fee will be charged with the Restorative Functions course.

One requirement for a collaborative dental hygienist is experience as a clinical dental hygienist. This program allows students to continue employment as a dental hygienist. The BSDH program can be completed in two years.

**The following coursework will be delivered at the Metropolitan State campus:**

**Lower Division General Education/Liberal Studies**
- Statistics (unless already completed) and other MNTC goal courses not met at the AS degree level and are needed to meet graduation requirements.

**Upper Division General Education/Liberal Studies**
- Writing Course (4 credits)
- Humanities and Fine Arts Courses (one of each) (4 – 6 credits)
- Ethics & Civic Responsibility Course (4 credits)
- Human Diversity (4 credits)
- Global Awareness (4 credits)

Select courses are offered online or in a web-enhanced or web-supported format.

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