If you have a passion for dental care, are patient and possess good communication skills, dental hygiene may be the field for you! Dental hygienists are comfortable putting people at ease, have the dexterity to handle precision tools and possess physical stamina along with the ability to work in tight spaces.

About This Program
Dental hygienists educate patients on good oral hygiene, and they perform preventive dental care, such as teeth cleaning to remove tartar, stains and plaque; apply sealants and fluoride treatments; and develop x-rays. In this program, learn to provide therapeutic/preventive services with a dentist and become involved in dental health counseling.

What Makes This Program Unique
• WCTC program graduates consistently achieve outstanding pass rates on exams – most recently 100 percent on both the National Board Dental Hygiene written exam and Central Regional Dental Testing Service practical exam.
• Program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.
• WCTC's Dental Hygiene Clinic provides comprehensive dental care to the community in an educational setting. Student dental hygienists complete procedures under supervision of a licensed dentist and registered hygienist.
• Involvement with the Dental Hygiene Club (SADHA) reinforces the importance of the dental hygienist’s role in community service efforts and continuing education.

Career Salaries
$56,000 – $73,000 annually

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Potential Careers
• Dental Hygienist
• Registered Dental Hygienist

Program Code: 10-508-1
Credits

Core Courses:
- 508-101 Dental Health Safety 1
- 508-102 Oral Anatomy, Embry, Histology 4
- 508-103 Dental Radiography 2
- 508-105 Dental Hygiene Process 1 4
- 508-106 Dental Hygiene Process 2 4
- 508-107 Dental Hygiene Ethics & Profes 1
- 508-108 Periodontology 3
- 508-109 Cariology 1
- 508-110 Nutrition and Dental Health 2
- 508-111 General & Oral Pathology 3
- 508-112 Dental Hygiene Process 3 5
- 508-113 Dental Materials 2
- 508-114 Dental Pharmacology 2
- 508-115 Community Dental Health 2
- 508-117 Dental Hygiene Process 4 4
- 508-118 Dental Anxiety Pain Management 2

General Studies:
- 801-136 English Composition 1 3
- 801-196 Oral/Interpersonal Comm 3
- 806-177 Gen Anatomy & Physiology 4
- 806-186 Intro to Biochemistry 4
- 806-197 Microbiology 4
- 809-172 Intro to Diversity Studies 3
- 809-196 Intro to Sociology 3
- 809-199 Psychology of Human Relations 3
- Elective 1

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