

Application Deadline

Application Deadline Priority consideration will be given to completed applications, including all requirements and documentation, received by February 1, 2025. Final Admissions decisions will be made by April, 2025.

Special Note Regarding Residency

Non-Massachusetts residents will be admitted on a space available basis only.

Program Description

The Dental Hygiene Associate in Science degree program prepares competent dental hygiene professionals, capable of providing quality dental hygiene care in a variety of settings within a changing health care system, and a culturally diverse society. Students gain skills and knowledge required to take the National Dental Hygiene Board and Commission on Dental Competency Assessment, and learn to practice in a manner consistent with the highest standards set forth by the ADA/CODA, ADHA, OSHA, CDC and Massachusetts General Laws pertinent to health care provider settings, including the State Dental Practice Act. Service learning is infused throughout the Dental Hygiene coursework including the clinical courses. Dental Hygienists work in a wide variety of settings: private dental practices, public health service agencies, research institutions, sales companies, educational institutions, and the insurance industry.

The Dental Hygiene program is a full-time 4 semester academic program. All Dental Hygiene classes are held during the day at Middlesex Community College's Lowell campus.

Admission Information

Admission to the program is competitive. Middlesex Community College currently accepts 24 students each fall into the Dental Hygiene Program. The admission committee will review applications in their entirety. In addition to the admission requirements listed above, successful applicants will have documented success in science courses and work experience in customer service. Academic history will also be considered and students are required to have a minimum cumulative 2.7 GPA. Transfer of credits and credits for experiential learning may be applied towards the general education course requirements. There is no advanced placement option for the dental hygiene program. COVID Vaccine is required.

Admission Requirements Checklist

The following are the admissions requirements needed for program qualification:

- **Completion of college Anatomy & Physiology I and II with labs**, with grades of B (83%) or higher within the last 5 years (Fall 2020 or later).
- **Completion of college Chemistry I**, with a grade of B (83%) or higher within the last 5 years (Fall 2020 or later).
- **Submission of resume demonstrating customer service.**
- **Cumulative college 2.7 GPA or higher.**
- **Eligible for ENG 101 and MAT 177**; eligibility may be demonstrated through placement, course enrollment, previous college coursework, or high school transcripts.
- **Submission of three Recommendation Forms.** It is recommended that at least two Recommendation Forms be requested from individuals who can evaluate the applicant's performance in a work or classroom setting.
- **Attendance at a Dental Hygiene Overview Session** - sessions will begin September 2024 for students interested in applying for Fall 2025. Session schedule and registration is available at www.middlesex.mass.edu/admissionrequirements/overview.aspx

Submitting a Complete Application

If you meet the admission requirements, the following forms must be submitted by the application deadline of February 1, 2025.

- A completed online Middlesex Community College Application
- Uploaded resume demonstrating customer service experience.
- Submission and receipt of three completed recommendation forms
- Submitted official college transcripts (required from all colleges attended, except Middlesex Community College). Official transcripts can be sent to transcripts@middlesex.edu or

Middlesex Community College
Enrollment Management Center
33 Kearney Square
Lowell, MA 01852

Criminal Offender Record Information and Sex Offender Registry Information Checks

In order for a student to be eligible to participate in an academic, community or clinical program that involves potential unsupervised contact with children, the disabled, or the elderly, the student may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check and/or a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check. For more information regarding Middlesex Community College's CORI/SORI check process, please contact Human Resources at <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/humanresources/> or call 781-280-3527. The ARDMS may deny, revoke or otherwise take action with regard to application or recertification of an applicant or registrant in the case of, the conviction of, plea of guilty, or plea of nolo contendere to a crime, which is directly related to public health, or the provision of dental hygiene services.

Curriculum

• Fall 2025 •

Dental Hygiene (DH)

Associate in Science

Course #	Course Title	Credits
DHY 100	Concepts in Dental Hygiene I	3
DHY 101	Dental Hygiene Clinical Practice I	4
DHY 103	Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DHY 104	Oral Anatomy, Histology and Embryology	3
DHY 105	Nutrition	2
DHY 150	Concepts in Dental Hygiene II	3
DHY 151	Dental Hygiene Clinical Practice II	3
DHY 152	Dental Radiology	3
DHY 153	Periodontology	3
DHY 200	Concepts in Dental Hygiene III	3
DHY 201	Dental Hygiene Clinical Practice III	4
DHY 202	Oral Pathology	3
DHY 203	Pharmacology	2
DHY 204	Dental Materials	3
DHY 251	Dental Hygiene Clinical Practice IV	5
DHY 252	Community Health	2
DHY 253	Local Anesthesia	1
PHL 108	Applied Ethics in Dental Hygiene	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
BIO 235	Introduction to Microbiology	4
CHE 132	College Chemistry II	4
MAT 177	Statistics	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Total credits	75

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Please refer to the Middlesex Community College Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.middlesex.mass.edu/>) for Dental Hygiene course sequencing, prerequisite and corequisite information.

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