

## ACADEMIC POLICIES

### I. ADMISSION POLICY

Potential students need to refer to the Admission Policy for the Dental Hygiene Program prior to applying to the program. Courses must be completed by the end of the semester that they are listed. All DHYG, CHEM, BIOL, MLT, and AHLT must be taken for a grade.

### II. GRADE REQUIREMENT

- A. Students are responsible for adhering to the prescribed dental hygiene curriculum sequence, including but not limited to, course prerequisites and mandated sequencing of dental hygiene classes. Deficiencies in prerequisite courses must be removed prior to taking sequential courses. Students must follow the BSDH Curriculum effective for the year of the student's admission/readmission to the dental hygiene program.
- B. All pre-dental hygiene and dental hygiene courses ***must*** be taken for a letter grade. Electives, including general education elective hours, may be taken CR/NC. Refer to the *YSU Bulletin* CR/NC Policy and consult with your dental hygiene advisor before taking a course CR/NC.
- C. Students will be dismissed from the Dental Hygiene Program if they:
  - ❖ Earn an "F" in any DHYG or AHLT courses; or
  - ❖ Earn a total of 8 hours of "D" grades in DHYG, CHEM, BIOL, MLT, MATH/STAT, or AHLT courses; or
  - ❖ Earn a total of 6 hours of "D" grades in DHYG courses; or
  - ❖ Fail to maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

**Students who are dismissed for academic reasons may re-apply one additional time for consideration of re-admittance into the dental hygiene program.**

- D. Once admitted into the dental hygiene program, students must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
- E. A grade of "C" or better is required in all dental hygiene courses and non-dental hygiene support courses.
- F. When "D" grades are earned in dental hygiene didactic courses, they must be repeated in the following academic year. If a student plans to graduate on schedule, deficiencies in clinical courses must be completed within the clinical sequence. When courses are repeated and passed with a "C" grade or better, and a Repetition of Grade Change form has been processed and recorded, the accumulative hours of "D"/"F" grades will be reduced according to the credit hours of the course(s). Students who earn "D" grades in the Fall semester of the fourth year of the dental hygiene curriculum will be required to remediate.
- G. Students who receive an incomplete ("I") grade in a dental hygiene or non-dental hygiene support course, must remove the "I" with a grade of "C" or better prior to the beginning

of the course for which it is a prerequisite. All “I” prerequisite course grades of incomplete must be removed for admission to the program.

**III.** The University reserves the right to dismiss the student who is unable or unwilling to achieve the scholastic, ethical, and/or professional standards of the University and the Dental Hygiene Program.

**IV.** All developmental courses such as ENGL 1539 and 1540; RSS 1510A and 1510B; and MATH 1500, 1501 and 1504 do not count toward degree requirements.

**V. WITHDRAWAL POLICY**

- A. Students withdrawing from the dental hygiene program, or any required course **must:**
- ❖ Inform the course faculty member (if withdrawing from an individual course).
  - ❖ Inform the dental hygiene director. The Director is available for a conference during regular office hours or by appointment.
  - ❖ Complete an exit interview. This exit interview will be placed in the student’s academic file.
- B. Students who withdraw from the program for academic or personal reasons may be considered for readmission one additional time. Students wishing to re-enter the program, must re-apply for the position by the application date deadline. Re-admission into the dental hygiene program is not guaranteed and will be granted only as availability of clinical space allows.
- C. Withdrawals are to be executed in accordance with University Policy.