

DENTAL THERAPY PROGRAM AT THE VERMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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VERMONT TECH

DENTAL THERAPY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Program is distinctive:

Experienced dental hygienists, licensed and practicing in the profession

Students have already mastered a wide range of competencies

Educated to have sound public health perspective, as well as perform specific oral procedures

Dual licensure: Licensed as both a dental therapist and a dental hygienist

President Smith believes that this program fits well with the mission of the College to prepare students for immediate success and productivity in the workforce.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Competitive admissions
- Registered Dental Hygienist
- Clinical practice as a dental hygienist preferred
- BSDH preferred
- GPA in associate degree program considered
- Essay indicating desire to become a dental therapist with focus on a commitment to increasing access to care
- Program will start with a small number of students (most likely 10) and expand as necessary

VTC ASSOCIATE DEGREE DENTAL HYGIENE CURRICULUM

FIRST YEAR			
FALL		SPRING	
DHY 1011: Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene	4	DHY 1012: Clinical DH 1	4
DHY 1021: Oral Tissues 1	3	DHY 1022: Oral Tissues II/Medical Emergencies	3
BIO 2011: A & P I	4	BIO 2012: A & P II	4
BIO 1030: Nutrition	3	PSY 1010: Intro to Psych	3
ENG 1061: English Composition	3		
	17		14

31 credits

SECOND YEAR			
FALL		SPRING	
DHY 1030: Radiology	3	DHY 2722: Clinical DH III	5
DHY 2721: Clinical DH II	5	DHY 2020: Pharmacology/General Path	3
BIO 2120: Microbiology	4	DHY 2010: Dental Materials	3
DHY 2030: Periodontics	3	ENG 2080: Tech Com	3
		MAT 1040: Math for Allied Health	2
	15		16

31 credits

THIRD YEAR			
FALL		SPRING	
DHY 3821: Clinical DH IV (LA incl)	6	DHY 3822: Clinical DH V	6
DHY 2210: Community Oral Health I	2	DHY 2211: Community Oral Health II	1
HUM 2020: Bioethics	3	DHY 2220: Oral Pathology	3
MAT Elective: 1221 or 2021	3	CHEM 1020: Intro to Chemistry	4
CIS 1XXX: Elective	3		
	17		14

DIDACTIC, LAB AND/OR CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Program Totals	Lecture	Lab	Clinic	Total
12 Months	390 (does not include 135 hours for general education electives)	315	585	1290

DENTAL THERAPY CURRICULUM (DRAFT) 49 CREDITS

Semester One		Semester Two		Semester Three	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits	Course	Credits
DT 3XXX: Dental Therapy Operative I & Radiography	6	DT 3XXX: Dental Practitioner Operative II	6	DT 4XXX: Dental Practitioner Operative III	5
DT 3XXX: Health Assessment and Oral Diagnostic Reasoning	3	DT 3XXX Dental Practitioner Lab	3	DT 4XXX: Medical & Dental Emergencies for the Dental Practitioner	2
				DT 4XXX: Medical Emergencies Lab	1
DT 3XXX: Biomaterials I	3	DT 3XXX: Applied Nutrition & Cariology	3	DT 4XXX: Dental Therapy Practice Management	3
Arts & Humanities/Social Science Elective 1000 Level	3	DT 4XXX: Pharmacology Principles of Clinic Application	3	DT 4XXX: Advanced Specialty Practices	3
		Arts & Humanities/Social Science Elective 3000 level	3	DHY 4010: Advanced Community Oral Health	3

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Vermont Technical College

- Dental Hygiene Clinic in Williston

Will seek additional clinical rotations at dental clinics and local dental offices



ACCREDITATION

American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation has released Dental Therapy Standards

The Vermont Technical College program plans to fully comply with the accreditation standards

The VTC Dental Hygiene program has maintained the accreditation status of approval without reporting requirements since it transitioned from UVM to VTC in 2004.