

## Institutional Student Learning Outcomes

## Dental Hygiene AAS Program

Hagerstown Community College students will be prepared to:

Learning Outcomes	Demonstrated By	Related Activity Examples
<p>1. Demonstrate personal and social responsibility by practicing responsible citizenship, being open to new ideas, and understanding the value of moral sensitivity and cultural diversity.</p>	<p>Civic engagement            Financial responsibility            Collaboration/teamwork            Ethical reasoning and action            Humanitarianism            Involvement in campus life            Adhering to a healthy lifestyle            Voter registration and voting in on and off-campus elections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHY-210 Community Dental Health Community Service Learning Project: Student groups submit evidence of a successful oral health presentation provided for target group of the student's choice. This semester-long project includes a proposal, needs assessment, planning and preparation of an appropriate presentation, implementation of the educational program, and an evaluation and assessment of the program via a reflection paper.</li> <li>• DHY-222 Dental Hygiene Ethics &amp; Jurisprudence Cultural Competency Project: As an oral healthcare provider, it is necessary to understand the importance cultural diversity plays in the process of care. This project promotes awareness of one's own culture and that of others in order to provide culturally competent care to patients.</li> </ul>
<p>2. Practice intellectual skills such as critical and independent thinking, effective communication, and knowledge acquisition and application.</p>	<p>Academic success            Involvement in campus life            Integration of digital resources into learning experiences            Information Literacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are required to complete the dental hygiene process of care for a minimum of 60 patients during 540 hours of direct patient care in clinical courses. Completion of patient care requirements involves the application of critical thinking and problem-solving skills, as well as strong verbal and written communication skills in order to complete assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis, planning, implementation, evaluation and documentation of patient care.</li> <li>• All dental hygiene students are members of the HCC chapter of the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association. Membership in this professional organization promotes lifelong learning and networking with colleagues, as well as providing extensive career resources.</li> </ul>

<p>3. Demonstrate self-direction, persistence and lifelong learning</p>	<p>Develop and achieve college goals Application of knowledge, skills, and responsibilities to future situations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are required to complete a three-semester-long Professional Portfolio Project which demonstrates clinical and didactic competency in format other than written and practical exams.</li> <li>• Students are required to attend a minimum of 4 professional meetings outside of HCC in order to gain experience attending Continuing Education presentations with their future colleagues.</li> <li>• In order to earn licensure, students must successfully complete the National Board Dental Hygiene Exam which is a 7-hour written exam that tests all didactic, lab and clinical knowledge that has been acquired during the course of the 2 year dental hygiene program.</li> </ul>
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