



ALLIED HEALTH

Dental Hygiene

Careers

Dental hygienists clean teeth and provide other preventive dental care, as well as teach patients how to practice good oral hygiene. Hygienists examine patients' teeth and gums, recording the presence of diseases or abnormalities. They remove calculus, stains and plaque from teeth; take and develop dental X-rays; and apply cavity preventive agents such as fluoride and sealants. In some states, hygienists administer local anesthetics and anesthetic gas; place and carve filling materials, temporary fillings and periodontal dressings; remove sutures; and smooth and polish metal restorations.

Dental hygienists also help patients develop and maintain good oral health. For example, they may explain the relationship between diet and oral health, inform patients how to select toothbrushes and show patients how to brush and floss their teeth.

Dental hygienists use hand and rotary instruments to clean teeth, X-ray machines to take dental radiographs, syringes with needles to administer local anesthetics, and models of teeth to explain oral hygiene.

Job Outlook

Dental hygienists rank among the fastest growing occupations, and job prospects are expected to remain excellent. Employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow 30 percent through 2016, much faster than the average for all occupations. This projected growth ranks dental hygienists among the fastest growing occupations, in response to increasing demand for dental care and the greater use of hygienists. The demand for dental services will grow because of population growth, older people increasingly retaining more teeth, and a growing focus on preventative dental care. To meet this demand, facilities that provide dental care, particularly dentists' offices, will increasingly employ dental hygienists, and more hygienists per office, to perform services that have been performed by dentists in the past.

Earnings

Median hourly earnings of dental hygienists were \$30.19 in May 2006. The middle 50 percent earned between \$24.63 and \$35.67 an hour. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$19.45, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$41.60 an hour. Earnings vary by geographic location, employment setting, and years of experience. Dental hygienists may be paid on an hourly, daily, salary, or commission basis.

LCCC Has the Programs!

LCCC offers a variety of programs in health care. We can offer you the degree you want to match the job you want. We have certificate programs that may be completed in as little time as one year, and we also offer associate's degree programs that can be completed in two years of full-time study. These associate's degrees offer dual opportunity: they may be used for students seeking immediate employment upon graduation in a number of health fields; and they may be used for direct transfer into the bachelor degree in allied health program offered by the University Partnership at LCCC. For more information on educational opportunities in health care at LCCC, see the reverse side of this sheet.

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Educational Opportunities in Dental Hygiene at LCCC

Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene

This program prepares students to perform dental hygiene services in accordance with the state practice act and is reflective of current theory and practice. Graduates are prepared to assume the role of the dental hygienist as a member of the dental health team.

Other Educational Opportunities in Allied Health at LCCC

- Certificate of proficiency in emergency medical services – paramedic
- Certificate of proficiency in medical assisting
- Certificate of proficiency in phlebotomy
- Certificate of proficiency in licensed practical nursing
- Associate of applied science in nursing
- Associate of applied science in clinical laboratory science technology
- Associate of applied science in diagnostic medical sonography
- Associate of applied science in physical therapist assisting
- Associate of applied science in radiologic technology
- Associate of applied science in surgical technology
- Associate of science (leading to programs such as pre-dentistry, pre-med, pre-optometry and pre-pharmacy)
- Associate of technical studies in nuclear medicine

Other Educational Opportunities in Medical Arts through LCCC's University Partnership

Bowling Green State University

Bachelor of Science in Biology

This baccalaureate degree program is designed to provide the training in the major areas of biology while allowing sufficient flexibility to accommodate the specific interests of individual students. All majors are required to take the biology core plus genetics. The degree program requires a student to take at least one course in each of three major areas: Biology of Organisms; Ecology, Evolution and Behavior; Cell and Regulatory Biology. The degree program, with some modifications, also allows students to meet the course requirements for pre-professional (medical, dental, veterinary) graduate study.

University of Akron

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN Completion Program)

The University of Akron nursing program prepares students to provide patient care, to direct

others in giving care and to become members of comprehensive health care teams. With a combination of experience and education, Akron nursing graduates can obtain employment as clinical specialists in a variety of areas.

Youngstown State University

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science in Allied Health

The baccalaureate degree is intended to serve professional health-related, associate-degree graduates who wish to upgrade their academic credentials. The goal of the BSAS degree program is to provide advanced educational opportunities beyond the technical scope of the graduate's associate degree. The program provides students additional knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that will enhance their career mobility in the health-care setting. In addition, the degree program allows students to pursue further education at the graduate level. The program is based on a two-plus-two concept where the associate-degree courses provide the technical education for the first two years of the baccalaureate-degree program. Following graduation with an associate's degree, the student articulates directly into the plus-two component of the program. The plus-two component consists of a core of multi-disciplinary courses, student-selected minor and general University requirements.

Master of Health and Human Services

The Master of Health and Human Services and Certificate in Health Care Management is a collaborative program between the College of Health and Human Services and the Williamson College of Business Administration. The program accommodates students from health and human service professions who require the skills and abilities for supervisory/managerial positions or who desire competence in health promotion. The program is structured as a weekend-college program with classes offered Friday evenings and on Saturday during the day. After completion of an academic core of course work, students may concentrate in either health promotion or administration for health and human service professions.

Certificate in Health Care Management

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About Lorain County Community College

Lorain County Community College is one of Ohio's leading colleges delivering distance learning education via the Internet. The College has expanded its delivery of its programs and services through the opening of the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Wellington Center, Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria and the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick. Partnerships with Lorain County's K-12 school districts have also led to important developments for the community. More than 1300 high school students participate in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options program by enrolling in LCCC classes, making LCCC the state's largest community college provider of PSEO. More than 35 percent of Lorain County's top high school graduates choose to attend LCCC.

LCCC is one of Ohio's fastest growing colleges because of the variety of learning opportunities it provides. Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree. The University Partnership brings eight universities to the LCCC campus offering 37 bachelor's and master's degree programs. With the University Partnership at LCCC, the College partners with the state's finest universities to bring the best in bachelor's and master's degree programs right to the LCCC campus. Students can earn degrees that get them jobs immediately. Students can upgrade, retrain and improve current life skills. Students can learn in the classroom, at home and over the Internet.

LCCC offers a complete college experience. We understand that there's more to college life than attending classes. We offer many of the programs, sports, and activities available at large four-year universities and colleges. But, students will not have to stand in line behind juniors and seniors in the classroom, on the playing field, or in leadership positions. Students can immediately act in a play, sing in a musical group, serve as editor for the college newspaper, plan social activities, compete on the playing field, or set policy as a student government member.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real-world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes. Classes are small. Individual attention is plentiful.

An LCCC education, prepares students for real jobs and real futures. To find out more, call (800) 995-LCCC or visit LCCC's Connections Center, the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Learning Center in Wellington, the Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria or the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick for all of your enrollment service needs, including admissions, registration, advising and counseling.



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