

Special Transfer Program

Students may complete preparatory course work at Montana State University Northern for the Dental Hygiene program at Great Falls College-MSU.

Dental Hygiene. For many years, Montana was the only state in the United States without a dental hygiene program. That educational deficit was corrected in 2001, when the Montana Board of Regents approved such a program at Montana State University-Great Falls College-MSU in Great Falls, Montana(now Great Falls College-MSU).

Students complete 93-98 credits to earn the associate of applied science degree in Dental Hygiene. Fourteen (14) students each year are admitted to the Dental Hygiene program under a competitive process. Preference is given to Montana residents. Employment prospects for dental hygienists are quite good, however, and graduates may earn a salary in the \$52,000 - \$68, 000 range for full-time employment.

Students interested in the program can complete the pre-requisite courses required for the degree at campuses other than the Great Falls College-MSU campus. At Montana State University-Northern, for instance, the following classes can be completed at this institution and transferred to the Great Falls Dental Hygiene program. Some of the classes are pre-requisites and others are courses with the program:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOM 250	Microbiology for Hlth Sciences	3
BIOM 251	Microbiology Hlth Sciences Lab	1
BIOH 201	Human Anat Phys I	4
BIOH 211	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
CHMY 141	College Chemistry I	3
CHMY 143	College Chemistry II	3
M 121	College Algebra	3-4
or M 145	Math for the Liberal Arts	
PSYX 100	Intro to Psychology	3
or PSYX 230	Developmental Psychology	
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
or COMX 111	Intro to Public Speaking	
WRIT 101	College Writing I	3
M 145	Math for the Liberal Arts (or higher)	4

Students who are interested in the Dental Hygiene program, and who would like to complete the 9 classes outlined above, should consult with a faculty advisor on the MSU-Northern campus. The MSU-Northern faculty advisor assigned to the Dental Hygiene program are:

Carol Reifschneider
 Hagener Science Center Room 206
 phone: 406.265.4126

Students are also encouraged to consult the Great Falls College-MSU web site for current information about the actual program.