Associate of Applied Science - Dental Hygiene

Joint Degree with Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

An Associate of Applied Science degree program with a major in dental hygiene is offered in cooperation with Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Students enrolled in this program can earn the Associate of Applied Science degree. Upon successful completion of required course work, students are directed to apply for admission to the clinical portion of the training conducted at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. While it is recommended that all core courses be completed prior to application to the clinical program, all science courses must be completed prior to beginning the clinical training. Clinical training begins annually and starts in the fall semester. Students who complete the VSU course work are not guaranteed admission to the clinical study portion of the program at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Admission decisions are based on competitive criteria.

Transfer students must successfully complete a minimum of 21 semester credit hours at Valdosta State University.

Selected Educational Outcomes

- 1. Program graduates will demonstrate an appropriate competency in dental hygiene career and technical study.
- 2. Program graduates will demonstrate competency in reading, writing, and oral expression.

Examples of Outcome Assessments

- 1. Program graduates are required to pass the clinical portion of their dental hygiene program at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College.
- 2. Program graduates are expected to pass the Dental Hygiene National Board and dental hygiene clinical examination.

University Requirements:

Total Semester Hours

Area A **ENGL 1101** Composition I 6 & ENGL 1102 and Composition II **MATH 1101** Introduction to Mathematical Modeling or MATH 1111 College Algebra Area D **CHEM 1151K** Survey of Chemistry I 8 & CHEM 1152K and Survey of Chemistry II Area E **POLS 1101** American Government 3 **HIST 2111** United States History to 1865 3 or HIST 2112 United States History since 1865 Area F **SOCI 1101** Introduction to Sociology 6 & PSYC 1101 and Introduction to General Psychology Select one of the following: 3 **ACED 2050** Communications for the Workplace **Human Communication COMM 1100 COMM 1110 Public Speaking BIOL 2651** Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 **BIOL 2652** Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4 **BIOL 2900** Microbiology in Health and Disease 4