

**Program****DENTAL HYGIENE**

- *Associate in Applied Science (AAS)*
- *Program Length:* 5 semesters, day
- *Admission Cycle:* Fall semester
- *Maximum Number Admitted Annually:* 14

**Career Description**

This program provides individuals with the knowledge and skills to access, plan, implement and evaluate dental hygiene care for the individual and the community.

**Careers Available**

Dental offices, clinics, schools, public health agencies, industry and professional education.

**Entry-Level Salary**

\$35,000 - \$42,000/yr.

**Course of Study**

Students will learn to prepare the operatory, take patients histories, note abnormalities, plan care, teach oral hygiene, clean teeth, take X-rays, apply preventive agents, complete necessary chart entries and perform other procedures related to dental hygiene care.

**Recommended Courses and Skills**

High school biology, algebra and chemistry, (or equivalent college level courses) are required for acceptance into this program.

**Helpful Personal Attributes**

Team player, strong communication and interpersonal skills, attention to detail, empathy, compassion for others and good dexterity of hands.

**Program Contact**

If you would like specific information about the Dental Hygiene Program, contact Dr. Jannette Whisenhunt, Program Coordinator of Dental Hygiene and Department Chair of Dental Education, at 336.734.7414 or [jwhisenhunt@forsythtech.edu](mailto:jwhisenhunt@forsythtech.edu).

**How To Get Started**

You may apply online at [www.forsythtech.edu](http://www.forsythtech.edu) or you may complete an application at the Admissions Office, 123 Allman Center on the Forsyth Tech Main Campus, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem. For additional information visit the Admissions Allied Health and Nursing program website at [www.forsythtech.edu/courses/admissions/allied-health-and-nursing-programs](http://www.forsythtech.edu/courses/admissions/allied-health-and-nursing-programs). You may also request information by calling 336.734.7253 or emailing the Admissions Office at [admissions@forsythtech.edu](mailto:admissions@forsythtech.edu).