

**Dental Hygiene** 510899 DH  
**Career Degree - Wallace Linkage**

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Wallace State Community College offers this course of study leading to an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. Individuals who have received a Certificate or A.A.S. in Dental Assisting from an accredited program may receive advanced standing for previously completed courses including DHY 103 (Radiology) and DHY 102 (Dental Materials). The DHY Program requires a minimum of five semesters for completion.

As a practicing member of the dental health team, the dental hygienist acts as an educator and motivator in maintenance of oral health and the prevention of dental disease. There are many professional roles the dental hygienist may assume: participation in community health programs, dental office managerial roles, and participation in research activities. Since many dentists employ one or two dental hygienists, employment opportunities in this field are wide. Hygienists are in demand in general dental practices as well as in specialty practices such as periodontics or pediatric dentistry. Hygienists may also be employed to provide dental hygiene services for patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and public health clinics.

See program website for accreditation information. Graduates are allowed to take National Dental Hygiene Boards. Students who successfully complete the National Board Exam are qualified to take any State or Regional licensing examination.

**General Required Courses to be completed at Northwest-Shoals Community College.**

**Entering students are required to complete ORI 101. Transfer students are exempt from this requirement.**

**Semester Hours**

*BIO 201-202 Anatomy and Physiology I and II .....	8
*BIO 220 General Microbiology .....	4
CHM 104 Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry .....	4
ENG 101 English Composition I .....	3
MTH 116 Mathematical Application .....	3
PSY 200 General Psychology .....	3
SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology .....	3
SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking .....	3
Humanities or Fine Arts Elective .....	3
<b>Total Semester Hours .....</b>	<b>34</b>

**\*Biology 103 highly recommended**

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**Diagnostic Imaging** 510899 DI  
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This program is designed to provide terminologists for diagnostic imaging departments of hospitals and clinics. Students are taught the fundamental principles underlying all phases of Radiologic Technology. Upon graduation, the student is eligible to take the registry examination of the American Registry of Radiologic Technology. According to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist, application for certification to practice as a R.T. may be denied if a person has been convicted of a felony, is guilty of a crime involving moral turpitude, and/or has displayed other grounds for denial by law. Students must satisfy general qualifications for certification in accordance with The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) guidelines. See program webpage for accreditation information.

Participation in the performance of radiographic procedures in a clinical setting will begin during the first year of the program. Students enrolled in clinical education will be assigned hours consistent to day shift for the majority of their training; however, assignments will also include 3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. shifts. Assignment to clinical facilities will be at the discretion of the program officials and students are required to travel to different locations during the clinical phase.

The Radiologic Technology Program admits students annually in the fall semester, although general education courses may be taken prior to admission into the program. Program spaces are limited; therefore, students are encouraged to apply early.

Wallace State College will award the Associate in Applied Science Degree upon completion of program requirements. Graduation requirements must be met within three years following entry into the program. A student who withdraws or is dismissed from the program must reapply for admission for the following year's class. Readmission into the Program will be allowed only one time. **Acceptance to Wallace State College does not guarantee admission to the Diagnostic Imaging Program.**

**General Required Courses to be completed at Northwest-Shoals Community College.**

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**Semester Hours**

ENG 101-102 English Composition I and II .....	6
*BIO 201-202 Anatomy and Physiology I and II .....	8
MTH 100 Intermediate Algebra .....	3
PSY 200 General Psychology .....	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective .....	3
<b>Total Semester Hours .....</b>	<b>23</b>

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**NOTE: Once admitted into the program, Diagnostic Imaging students may attend WSCC courses teleconferenced at NW-SCC.**