

AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE AND WEST GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

ACADEMIC YEARS 2020 – 2025

This is a Joint Institutional Agreement on the part of Georgia Highlands College (GHC) and West Georgia Technical College (WGTC) to formally establish an educational partnership between the two institutions. This agreement is made between West Georgia Technical College and the Associate of Applied Science Degree Dental Hygiene Program and Georgia Highlands College and the Bachelor's of Science in Dental Hygiene Completion Program. In this agreement, GHC and WGTC are collectively referred to as the Parties.

The objectives of this Agreement are to facilitate access to the BS degree completion program in dental hygiene and increase the number of dental hygienists who are eligible for advanced careers in education, research, management, and public health. The purpose(s) of the Agreement are to:

- The Parties will work to identify, recruit, and select students who clearly demonstrate academic and personal competencies required to function as successful students and future health professionals.
- Create a seamless pipeline for AAS degree prepared dental hygiene students to enter a BS degree completion program.
- Facilitate the transfer of all viable college courses as required in the University System of Georgia core curriculum.
- Facilitate the transfer of 66 hours of coursework obtained in the AAS degree dental hygiene program into the BS degree dental hygiene completion program.

At least 66 semester hours of general education core curriculum and occupational courses in Dental Hygiene are provided at WGTC, and students receive an Associate of Applied Science degree upon completion. Students can complete an additional 24 hours of core curriculum at either WGTC or GHC to complete the general education core curriculum required by GHC. Students then complete the final 30 hours of the online RDH-BSDH curriculum at GHC for a total of 120 hours that is required to receive a Bachelor's of Science in Dental Hygiene degree.

Acceptance of Transfer Credits at Georgia Highlands College

The following guidelines are used to award transfer credit:

- The transfer of credits is consistent with and subject to the conditions prescribed in each institution's published catalog at the time of the student's transfer request.
- Transferred courses must have been taken while WGTC was SACSCOC accredited and be comparable college-level courses to be equivalent in content and rigor to Georgia Highlands College.
- Completion of the Dental Hygiene program at West Georgia Technical College does not guarantee admission to the BS degree completion program at Georgia Highlands College. Candidates must successfully meet all requirements to gain admission to Georgia Highlands College and the dental hygiene degree completion program.
- This agreement will be reviewed annually by both parties to ensure continued transfer compatibility of courses.

- The agreement is in effect for a period of five years, at which time it may be reviewed and renewed. The agreement can be dissolved at any time by the written request of either of the parties listed above.

The following Crosswalks include the specific courses to be transferred from WGTC to GHC. The agreement provides a total of at least 66 hours to be transferred/awarded. Table 1 includes 36 semester hours of general education core curriculum taken at WGTC and transferred to GHC. The 2nd table includes 30 hours of prior learning credits, which are awarded for completion of the Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene at WGTC and DHYG 3090-Current Concepts in Dental Hygiene with a grade of C or better at GHC.

Table 1

CORE CURRICULUM TAKEN AT WGTC FOR DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM						
West Georgia Technical College Courses			SEM HRS	Georgia Highlands College Courses		SEM HRS
Course #	Course Title			Course #	Course Title	
Area A-Essential Skills						
ENGL 1101	Composition and Rhetoric	3		ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
MATH 1101 or MATH 1111 or	Mathematic Modeling or College Algebra	3 (3)		MATH 1001 or MATH 1111 or	Quantitative Skills & Reasoning or College Algebra	3 (3)
Area B-Institutional Options						
SPCH 1101	Public Speaking	3		COMM 1110	Public Speaking	3
Area C-Humanities/Fine Arts						
HUMN 1101 or MUSC 1101 or ARTS 1101	Introduction to Humanities Music Appreciation Art Appreciation	3 (3) (3)		HUMN 2011 or MUSC 1100 or ARTS 1113	Studies in Humanities or Music Appreciation Art Appreciation	3 (3) (3)
Area D-Science, Math, and Technology						
CHEM 1151 and CHEM 1151L	Survey of Inorganic Chemistry and Survey of Inorganic Chemistry Lab	3 1		CHEM 1151K	Survey of Chemistry I	4
Or CHEM 1211 and CHEM 1211L	Chemistry I and Chemistry I Lab	(3) (1)		Or CHEM 1211K	Principles of Chemistry I	(4)
Area E-Social Sciences						
PSYC 1101	Introductory Psychology	3		PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psychology	3
Area F-RDH-BS Dental Hygiene						
BIOL 2113 and BIOL 2113L	Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	3 1		BIOL 2121K	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2114 and BIOL 2114L	Anatomy and Physiology II and Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	3 1		BIOL 2122K	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL 2117 and BIOL 2117L	Introductory Microbiology and Introductory Microbiology Lab	3 1		BIOL 2161K	Medical Microbiology	4
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	3		SOCI 1101	Introductory Sociology	3
DHYG 2110	Biochemistry and Nutrition Fundamentals for the Dental Hygienist	2		AHSC 2202	Nutrition	2

Table 2

RDH-BS Dental Hygiene Prior Learning Credit
Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene at WGTC and DHYG 3090-Current Concepts in Dental Hygiene with a grade of C or better at GHC, 30 hours of prior learning credits will be awarded in the following courses at GHC:
DHYG 1100- Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene - 3 hours
DHYG 1110- Introduction to Patient Care - 2 hours
DHYG 1120- Dental Anatomy/Histology - 2 hours
DHYG 1200- Clinical Dental Hygiene I - 4 hours
DHYG 1210- Dental Hygiene I -2 hours
DHYG 1300- Clinical Dental Hygiene II -2 hours
DHYG 1330- Dental Pharmacology -2 hours
DHYG 2400- Clinical Dental Hygiene III -3 hours
DHYG 2410- Dental Hygiene III -2 hours
DHYG 2430- Community Dental Health -2 hours
DHYG 2500- Clinical Dental Hygiene IV -3 hours
DHYG 2510- Dental Hygiene IV -3 hours

Transfer students must complete all coursework necessary in their respective degree plan of study before receiving their bachelor’s degree from Georgia Highlands College. This agreement is subject to change, in order to comply with college requirements.

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