

American Dental Hygienists' Association

Directory of Re-entry Programs for Dental Hygienists

CT - Tunxis Community College

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. **How are the course(s) offered:** Other (To clarify, please use text box provided below to explain)
- B. **Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs?** Yes
- C. **Course Availability**
Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days
What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
Weekend Classes (Saturday – Sunday): Both
What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
Didactic hours required: 10-19 **Clinical hours required:** 10-19

Comments

This three day program is offered three times a year for a minimum of 24 hours (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Pre-screening and a phone interview is a pre-requisite to determine eligibility. This program is open to dental hygienists that have graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program.

GA - Medical College of Georgia

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. **How are the course(s) offered:** May/June and December
- B. **Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs?** Yes
- C. **Course Availability**
Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days
What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
Weekend Classes (Saturday – Sunday): None
What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
Didactic hours required: 10-15 **Clinical hours required:** 20-25

Comments

The Re-entry course is designed for Dental Hygienists who have been out of their field for an extended period of time and may have been directed by a State Board of Dentistry to obtain Clinical and Didactic hours for their re-entry into the Dental Hygiene Profession.

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KS - Johnson County Community College

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
 Weekend Classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): None
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
 Didactic hours required: 10-19 **Clinical hours required:** 30-39

Comments

The majority of the didactic portion of this course is conducted by self study. Assignments for clinical experiences are made on a space available basis in order not to compete with credit students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program.

KS - Wichita State University

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? Less than 25%
 Weekend Classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): None
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
 Didactic hours required: 30-39 **Clinical hours required:** 30-39

Comments

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LA - Louisiana State University

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? Less than 25%
 Weekend Classes (Saturday – Sunday): None
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
 Didactic hours required: 20-29 **Clinical hours required:** 10-19

Comments

Courses are tailored specifically for the applicant after interviewing them to determine their needs. Some information (about 10%) is on-line.

MD - Allegany College of Maryland

Contact Information

Re-Entry Program Contact: Josephine Powers
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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
 Weekend Classes (Saturday – Sunday): None
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
 Didactic hours required: None **Clinical hours required:** 10-19

Comments

We really don't have a formal "re-entry" program. We try to tailor the graduate's specific situation into a reasonable course offering for "retraining clinical and didactic skills." This may mean a one on one didactically for Infection Control Skills and placement in our summer/fall clinics as needed until skills are re-developed.

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MI - Delta College

Contact Information

Re-Entry Program Contact: Mary Jo Miller
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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
 Weekend Classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): None
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
 Didactic hours required: Clinical hours required:

Comments

The number of hours for didactic and clinical experience is based on the student's needs. Our program is independent study or through our Workforce Development Department.

MN - Century College

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
 Weekend Classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): Saturday
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
 Didactic hours required: None Clinical hours required: None

Comments

Each training course is customized to meet the hygienist's needs. Graduation from an accredited program of dental hygiene is a requirement. The MN Board of Dentistry has established competencies, there is an assessment process and then training is customized to meet individual needs.

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MN - University of Minnesota

Contact Information

Re-Entry Program Contact: Continuing Dental Education Program
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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: Other (To clarify, please use text box provided below to explain)
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
 Weekend Classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): None
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
 Didactic hours required: 20-29 Clinical hours required: 20-29

Comments

This course is usually offered annually (May or June).

NJ - University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

Contact Information

Re-Entry Program Contact: Sadie Gallt
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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: Continuously
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? 51-75%
 Weekend Classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): None
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
 Didactic hours required: 30-39 Clinical hours required: 10-19

Comments

With reference to letter "A", the course is offered in the fall and in the spring of each year.

With reference to letter "B", individual courses may, and have been, developed to meet individual needs of the students.

With reference to letter "C", the first portion of the course is DIRECTED HOME STUDY, rather than on-line...however, no option to indicate...

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OR - Lane Community College

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. **How are the course(s) offered:** Other (To clarify, please use text box provided below to explain)
B. **Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs?** No
C. **Course Availability**
 Weekday classes (Monday – Friday):
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
 Weekend Classes (Saturday – Sunday): None
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
Didactic hours required: 40-49 **Clinical hours required:**

Comments

An individualized program of study is prepared between the student and the program to meet the needs of the dental hygienist wanting to re-enter the dental hygiene progression as a clinical dental hygienist. Clinical hours required are determined on an as needed basis and experiences available. Previous students have had up to 100 hours of clinical instruction.

SC - Midlands Technical College

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. **How are the course(s) offered:** Other (To clarify, please use text box provided below to explain)
B. **Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs?**
C. **Course Availability**
 Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
 Weekend Classes (Saturday – Sunday): N/A
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? N/A
Didactic hours required: None **Clinical hours required:** None

Comments

Courses are offered on an individual basis when potential re-entry students have been directed by the South Carolina Board of Dentistry as to specific didactic and/or clinical hours required.

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SC - Trident Technical College

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online?
 Weekend Classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): None
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
 Didactic hours required: 10-19 Clinical hours required: 20-29

Comments

TN - Chattanooga State Technical College

Contact Information

Re-Entry Program Contact: Dr. Varnell Hartly
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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered: As Needed
B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs? Yes
C. Course Availability
 Weekday classes (*Monday – Friday*): Days
 What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
 Weekend Classes (*Saturday – Sunday*): None
 What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
 Didactic hours required: None Clinical hours required: None

Comments

Required hours vary depending on need.

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TN - East Tennessee State University

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. **How are the course(s) offered:** Other (To clarify, please use text box provided below to explain)
- B. **Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs?** No
- C. **Course Availability**
Weekday classes (Monday – Friday):
What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? 100%
Weekend Classes (Saturday – Sunday):
What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? 100%
- Didactic hours required:** 10-19 **Clinical hours required:** None

Comments

The BS online completion degree allows practitioners to build upon their associate degree and work experience. All classes are done online. Although there are deadlines for assignments, there is a great degree of flexibility. Students determine when to check into their courses and work on assignments. The program requires 18 hours of online dental hygiene courses plus whatever courses the student needs to complete the university's general education core requirements.

TX - U of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. **How are the course(s) offered:** As Needed
- B. **Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs?** Yes
- C. **Course Availability**
Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days
What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
Weekend Classes (Saturday – Sunday): None
What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
- Didactic hours required:** 10-19 **Clinical hours required:** 40-49

Comments

This course is designed to meet the individual need of the practitioner. There is minimal didactic course work. Currently, the participant is sent reading materials with update information. This course spends more time refreshing practitioner on the clinical hands-on aspect of dental hygiene care. The clinical hours is determined based on years out of practice as well as the clinical diagnostic tool that is used to determine level of need.

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WA - Pierce College

Contact Information

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Course Information

- A. How are the course(s) offered:** As Needed
- B. Can your re-entry course(s) be tailored to meet specific student needs?** Yes
- C. Course Availability**
Weekday classes (Monday – Friday): Days
What percent of your weekday classes can be completed online? None
Weekend Classes (Saturday – Sunday): None
What percent of your weekend classes can be completed online? None
Didactic hours required: 50 or more **Clinical hours required:** 50 or more

Comments

We run courses for Local Anesthesia, Nitrous Oxide, and Restorative Dental Hygiene. The Local Anesthesia is a 4 day course the Nitrous 12 hours and the Restorative is 2 weeks long.