



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

College of Health and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Sciences – Degree Completion Emphasis Rock Valley College – AAS Dental Hygiene¹

The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program is designed to prepare the student to enter allied health and other health related fields. The health sciences program focuses on providing the student with a strong foundation through general education and health science-based curriculum with a focus on health care leadership skills, financial principles, management strategies, and standards to improve patient care.

The degree completion emphasis is off-campus/online and is designed uniquely for health and human sciences professionals. Applicants must be practicing health or human sciences professionals who hold a current professional credential, certificate, or license in a health or human sciences field and have completed an applied associates degree program or equivalent number of credits. The professional credential, certificate or license must be in the field in which the degree was earned.

AAS Dental Hygiene:	RVC required course	NIU Articulation	NIU Requirement satisfied
RVC program requirements and applicability toward NIU general education and/or major requirements for the B.S. in Health Sciences	BIO 274 (4)	BIOS 313 - Microbiology	Hours toward 120
	BIO 281 (4) and BIO 282 (4)	BIOS 357 – Anatomy & Physiology	Hours toward 120
	CHM 110 (4) and CHM 210 (4) or CHM 120 (4)	CHEM 110/111 Elective CHEM 210/212	GE Nature and Technology GE Nature and Technology GE Nature and Technology
	ENG 101 (3) & ENG 103 (3)	ENGL 103 & ENGL 203 – Rhetoric and Composition I & II	GE Foundational Studies
	Humanities Elective (3)	Select course to meet NIU Creativity and Critical Analysis	GE Creativity & Critical Analysis
	SPH 131 (3)	COMS 100 – Oral Communication	GE Foundational Studies
	PSY 170 (3)	PSYC 102 – Introduction to Psychology	GE Society & Culture/ Major
	SOC 190 (3)	SOCI 170 – Introduction to Sociology	GE Society & Culture
	DNT courses	N/C	N/C – see information about UHHS proficiency credit
	(34-38 credit hours)		
Additional RVC courses to meet NIU general education and/or major core requirements: can be completed concurrently while taking NIU courses	Humanities (3)	Select course to meet NIU Creativity and Critical Analysis	GE Creativity & Critical Analysis
	FWS 233 (3)	PHHE 295 – Intro to Public Health	Major
	MTH 220 (3)	STAT 208 – Basic Statistics	GE Foundational Studies Major
	PSY 270 (3)	FCNS 280 – Human Dev.	GE Society & Culture/Major
(12 credit hours)			

¹ Articulation Plan based on course work required for the AAS Dental Hygiene at RVC in the 2017-2018 & 2018 -2019 and the B.S. in Health Sciences – Degree completion emphasis in the 2018-2019 catalog and on the Current NIU Articulation Handbook: <http://www.niu.edu/admissions/pdf/articulation-tables/rock-valley.pdf>. Curricular changes will necessitate an update in the articulation plan.

Proficiency Credits (30 credits)	AAS Dental Hygiene graduates with current license & eligible to practice maximum proficiency credit allowed	UHHS 300 – Experiences in HHS II	Hours toward 120 credits required for degree
Major Courses to be taken through NIU (Online) (31 credit hours)	NIU Course Number	NIU Course Title	
	GERO 365 (3)	Overview of Gerontology	
	HSCI 310 (3)	Introduction to HHS	
	*HSCI 318 (3)	Medical Terminology	
	HSCI 350 (3)	Critical Thinking for HHS	
	HSCI 410 (3)	Legal & Ethical Issues	
	HSCI 430 (3)	Working with Diverse Populations in HHS	
	HSCI 450 (3)	Administration for Professionals in HHS	
	HSCI 455 (3)	Resource Allocation in HHS	
	HSCI 460 (3)	Introduction to Research in HHS	
HSCI 490 (1)	Capstone in Health Sciences		
REHB 200 (3)	Disability in Society		
Electives for 120 required for graduation: (9-13 credit hours)	Electives to meet minimum required hours at NIU can be selected by student. May be taken at RVC or NIU. Student must consult with NIU advisor prior to selecting electives.		

*NIU proficiency exam available

Admission to the Baccalaureate Completion Program

- Admission to NIU as a regular degree seeking student – refer to Office of Admissions for application deadlines for regular university admission: <http://www.niu.edu/apply/index.shtml>
- Completed AAS in Dental Hygiene, current license, and practicing (or eligible to practice) as a Dental Hygienist
- Submit Health Sciences degree completion, including written professional goals statement and copies of appropriate professional credentials, certificates, or license

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Academic Advising

All NIU students must meet university graduation and general education (GE) requirements. Degree completion students work with an NIU advisor to identify GE deficiencies and monitor progress toward completion of these and other university graduation requirements (i.e. 120 total credit hours with at least 30 hours from NIU.)

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