

Dental Hygiene, A.A.S.

Dental hygienists examine patients for signs of oral diseases, such as gingivitis, and provide preventive care, including oral hygiene. Working in a private dental office continues to be the primary place of employment for dental hygienists. For today's dental hygiene professional, there are many other career pathways to explore as well. Employment of dental hygienists is projected to grow 6 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations. The demand for dental services will increase as the population ages and as research continues to link oral health to overall health.

Matriculation Requirements:

1. ENGL 1010 Introduction to Academic Writing CC or ENGH 1005 Literacies and Composition Across Contexts CC, CHEM 1110 Elementary Chemistry for the Health Sciences PP, BIOL 1610 College Biology I BB, , ZOO 2320 Human Anatomy/ZOO 2325 Human Anatomy Laboratory and ZOO 2420 Human Physiology/ZOO 2425 Human Physiology Laboratory with a minimum of a "C" grade or higher.
2. Complete the HSRT - Health Science Reasoning Test.
3. Complete 20 hours of clinical/dental office observation.
4. Submit two letters of reference by either a current supervisor/employer or academic instructor.
5. Submit a 2 page essay on topic provided by department.
6. Submit the Dental Hygiene Application Fee by February 1.
7. Complete interview process and be formally accepted into program.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours		84
General Education Requirements		27 Credits
ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing CC Literacies and Composition Across Contexts CC	3
Complete one of the following:		3
MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning QL (3)	
MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra QL (6)	
MATH 1050	College Algebra QL (4)	
MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries QL (5)	
STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics with Algebra QL (5)	
STAT 1040	Introduction to Statistics QL (3)	
Distribution Courses		
BIOL 1610	College Biology I BB	4
CHEM 1110	Elementary Chemistry for the Health Sciences PP	4
COMM 1020	Public Speaking HH	3
PSY 1010	General Psychology SS	3
SOC 1010		3
MICR 2060	Microbiology for Health Professions BB	3
MICR 2065	Microbiology for Health Professions Laboratory	1
Discipline Core Requirements		57 Credits
Complete the following:		
ZOO 2320	Human Anatomy	3
ZOO 2325	Human Anatomy Laboratory	1
ZOO 2420	Human Physiology	3
ZOO 2425	Human Physiology Laboratory	1
NUTR 1020	Foundations of Human Nutrition	3
DENT 1010	Dental Hygiene I	3

DENT 1015	Dental Hygiene I Preclinical lab	2
DENT 1020	Oral Anatomy and Physiology	4
DENT 1030	Dental Materials	2
DENT 1040	Dental Hygiene II	3
DENT 1045	Dental Hygiene II Clinical	3
DENT 1050	Clinical Dental Radiography	1
DENT 1055	Clinical Dental Radiography Lab	1
DENT 1060	General and Oral Pathology	2
DENT 1070	Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office	2
DENT 2020	Dental Pharmacology	3
DENT 206G	Oral Public Health GI	3
DENT 3010	Pain Management	3
DENT 3015	Dental Hygiene III Clinical	4
DENT 3030	Periodontology	3
DENT 3040	Dental Hygiene IV	2
DENT 3045	Dental Hygiene IV Clinical	4
DENT 3050	Ethics and Practice Management	1

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 84 semester credits.
2. All courses must have a grade of "C" or higher.
3. Residency hours: minimum of 20 credit hours through course attendance at UVU.
4. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.

Graduation Plan

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in Wolverine Track (<http://www.uvu.edu/wolverinetrack/>).

First Year

Semester 1

Credit Hours

**This degree map is only for student seeking an AAS in Dental Hygiene. If you are continuing a BS in Dental Hygiene, please consult the BS Dental Hygiene Map

ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing CC or Literacies and Composition Across Contexts CC	3
Complete one of the following:		3
MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning QL	
MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra QL	
STAT 1040	Introduction to Statistics QL	
STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics with Algebra QL	
MATH 1050	College Algebra QL	
MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries QL	
Or higher MATH		
COMM 1020	Public Speaking HH	3
SOC 1010		3
PSY 1010	General Psychology SS	3
Credit Hours		15

Semester 2

BIOL 1610	College Biology I BB	4
NUTR 1020	Foundations of Human Nutrition	3
CHEM 1110	Elementary Chemistry for the Health Sciences PP	4
Credit Hours		11

Second Year

Semester 3

ZOOL 2320	Human Anatomy	3
ZOOL 2325	Human Anatomy Laboratory	1
ZOOL 2420	Human Physiology	3
ZOOL 2425	Human Physiology Laboratory	1

MICR 2060	Microbiology for Health Professions BB	3
MICR 2065	Microbiology for Health Professions Laboratory	1
Credit Hours		12
Semester 4		
DENT 1010	Dental Hygiene I	3
DENT 1015	Dental Hygiene I Preclinical lab	2
DENT 1020	Oral Anatomy and Physiology	4
DENT 1070	Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office	2
DENT 1050	Clinical Dental Radiography	1
DENT 1055	Clinical Dental Radiography Lab	1
Credit Hours		13
Third Year		
Semester 5		
DENT 2020	Dental Pharmacology	3
DENT 1040	Dental Hygiene II	3
DENT 1045	Dental Hygiene II Clinical	3
DENT 1030	Dental Materials	2
DENT 1060	General and Oral Pathology	2
Credit Hours		13
Semester 6		
DENT 3010	Pain Management	3
DENT 3015	Dental Hygiene III Clinical	4
DENT 3030	Periodontology	3
DENT 206G	Oral Public Health GI	3
Credit Hours		13
Fourth Year		
Semester 7		
DENT 3040	Dental Hygiene IV	2
DENT 3045	Dental Hygiene IV Clinical	4
DENT 3050	Ethics and Practice Management	1
Credit Hours		7
Total Credit Hours		84

Program Learning Outcomes

1. UVUDH graduates will be able to execute all steps in the dental hygiene process of care.
2. UVUDH graduates will be able to apply a professional code of ethics which complies with Federal and State laws.
3. UVUDH graduates will be able to provide health promotion and education services in public health and alternative settings.
4. UVUDH graduates will be able to successfully graduate and affiliate with professional organizations.
5. UVUDH graduates will be able to perform self-assessment for professional growth and lifelong learning.