

AAS Dental Hygiene to BS Completion Program • Bachelor of Science

Why Choose the AAS to Dental Hygiene BS Completion Degree?

The baccalaureate program in dental hygiene is designed for dental hygienists with an associate degree in dental hygiene who want to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene in a student-centered learning environment. Students engage in self-directed learning activities, advance their knowledge in the areas of critical thinking, exhibit values for lifelong learning, synthesize evidence based information and develop leadership skills. Graduates from the program will be prepared with enhanced technological modalities of practice, research, communication, educational leadership, management and dental hygiene knowledge.

Get a Great Job

The degree will expand the knowledge of dental hygienists and prepare graduates for more extensive roles in the profession. This new degree program will guide students in developing the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary for positions of responsibility in a variety of healthcare, educational, research and community settings. The curriculum will consist of general education courses, research courses and specialized career courses for entry into business, education, public health or advanced dental hygiene practice.

According to the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA), the hygienist can work in a variety of settings which may include: health maintenance organization or long-term care facility, military base, school system, dental supply company, insurance company, university or research center, veterinary center, government agency or another country. There is a growing need for hygienists to fulfill the roles of educators, advocates, administrators, and behavioral scientists for the profession to continue to be successful. For dental hygienists, the baccalaureate degree is important for adapting and advancing professionally.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the RDH to BS Dental Hygiene degree completion program, you must be a registered/licensed dental hygienist and graduated with a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA from an accredited associate/certificate dental hygiene program.

A completed application, copy of RDH license and official transcripts from other educational institutions are all that is required for the application process.

Graduation Requirements

Student progression in the baccalaureate dental hygiene program is determined academically by maintaining a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 and by achieving a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in all courses on the DHYG checklist. Students must enroll fall and spring continuously to be considered an active student in the program. A practicum field work experience must be completed in DHYG 491 and an approved scholarly project must be completed during DHYG 499. Progression includes graduation. A dental hygiene student may not graduate if he/she receives less than a "C" grade in the specified courses or less than a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

Required Courses

Credit Hours

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DHYG 300	Dental Hygiene Role Transition	3
DHYG 310	Dental Hygiene Research Method	3
DHYG 315	Health Promotion and Wellness	3
DHYG 320	Dental Hygiene Informatics	4
DHYG 330	Inst Role of Dental Hygienist	3
DHYG 400	Comm Program Assessment/Plan	4
DHYG 415	Gerontology in Dental Hygiene	3
DHYG 491	Dental Hygiene Practicum	3
DHYG 499	Dental Hygiene Capstone	3
EHSM 317	Public Health Administration	2
MKTG 321	Principles of Marketing	3
COMM	Select from COMM 105, 121, 200, 201, 221, or 251	3
ENGL 150	English 1	3
ENGL 250	English 2	3
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3
Or		
ENGL 325	Advanced Business Writing	3
Scientific Understanding		
	CHEM 114, BIOL 108 and BIOL 205 or an acceptable equivalent.	3
	Includes lab from accredited dental hygiene program.	4
Quantitative Skills		
MATH 115	Intermediate Algebra	3
Or		
MATH 117	Contemporary Mathematics	3
Or	MATH ACT 24 or higher	
Social Awareness		
Social Awareness Foundation		3
Social Awareness Elective		3
Social Awareness Elective (200 level or higher)		3
Cultural Enrichment		6
Cultural Enrichment (200 level or higher)		3
CAHS Core Curriculum Requirements or Proficiency		
CCHS 101	Orientation-Health Care	3
CCHS 102	Safety Issues-Health Care	1
CCHS 103	CI Skills-Health Care Provider	1
EHSM 315	Epidemiology - Statistics	3



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