

DENTAL HYGIENE

If you are interested in a career in dental hygiene, Wichita State offers an excellent program of study in its College of Health Professions.

Located in Kansas' major medical and metropolitan center, Wichita State's College of Health Professions offers one of the largest university-based programs for health professionals west of the Mississippi.

The entry level bachelor degree program in dental hygiene will provide you with knowledge of the social, dental, and clinical sciences as well as the competencies you'll need to help people attain good oral health.

Upon completion of the five-entry level bachelor program (which includes one summer), you'll be eligible to take the national, regional, and state examinations for licensure as a dental hygienist in any state. Wichita State's program is accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation.

In addition to taking classes, you'll also have the opportunity to offer services to clients at the state's largest dental hygiene clinic for student education. Last year the WSU Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation Dental Hygiene Clinic served more than 4,800 Wichita-area residents.

Other practice opportunities for you include the Veterans Administration Medical Center, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Health Department, the Hunter Health Clinic, and GraceMed Clinic.

You're required to purchase uniforms and instruments needed during clinical learning experiences. You must also purchase professional liability insurance and health insurance and provide your own transportation to and from the health care agencies used for clinical experiences.

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene – Entry Level Program

When you choose to study dental hygiene you will be admitted to preprogram studies in the College of Health Professions. You will be assigned an academic adviser who will help you develop your program of study and who will outline specific requirements for full admission into the dental hygiene program. If possible, you should have some experience working or observing in a dental office before applying to the department's admission committee for approval.

Admission to WSU does not guarantee admission to the dental hygiene program. Once admitted to WSU, you must apply through the Dental Hygiene Department for admission to dental hygiene. Admission is selective and highly competitive.

Related Opportunities

As a dental hygiene student, you have the opportunity to join the Students' American Dental Hygienists' Association. If eligible, you may also be elected to Sigma Phi Alpha, an honor society for dental hygiene students, and you

may be selected to participate in the Alpha Eta Society for allied health honor students.

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene – Degree Completion Program

The Degree Completion - Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene is available to registered dental hygienists who seek to expand their role into such areas as community dental hygiene and education. Dental hygienists must have graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program and have a current license to practice dental hygiene to complete this degree. Students interested in more information should contact the College of Health Professions Student Support Services Advising Office, 402 Ahlberg Hall, (316) 978-3304.

Entry Level Bachelor of Science Degree Prerequisite Courses*

	Semester hours
College English I	3
College English II	3
College Algebra	3
Public Speaking	3
Introductory Chemistry	5
Introduction to Microbiology	4
Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
Intro. to Sociology	3
General Psychology	3
Principles of Dietetics and Nutrition	3
Clinical Pharmacology	3
Intro. to Computer & Applications	3*
Medical Terminology	3

* or waiver

Additional Requirements*

	Semester hours
Humanities (4 courses)	12
Further Studies (2 courses)	6
Social & Behavioral sciences (1)	
Natural Sciences & Mathematics (1)	
Free Elective	3

*All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better

	Semester hours
Preclinical Dental Hygiene	5
Clinical Radiology	4
Dental Hygiene Concepts I	3
Clinical Dental Hygiene I	3
General and Oral Pathology	3
Oral Anatomy, Histology, & Embryology	3
Dental Materials	3
Clinical Dental Hygiene II	2
Dental Hygiene Concepts II	3
Dental Hygiene Concepts III	2
Ethics and Jurisprudence	2
Community Oral Health Mgmt I	3
Community Oral Health Mgmt II	3
Introduction to Periodontics	3
Pain Management	2
Clinical Dental Hygiene III	4
Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	4
Research for Dental Hygienists	2
Issues in Dental Hygiene	3
Head and Neck Anatomy	2

Faculty

- Kelly Anderson, MHS, Wichita State University. Clinical Dental Hygiene, Ethics and Jurisprudence.
- Pamela A. Bumpurs, MHS, Wichita State University. Clinical Dental Hygiene.
- Barbara M. Gonzalez, MHS, Wichita State University. Oral Anatomy, Clinical Dental Hygiene.
- Lisa Belt, B.S. Wichita State University, Dental Materials, Clinical Dental Hygiene.
- Denise C. Maseman, MS, University of Missouri-Kansas City. Clinical Dental Hygiene, Pain Management, Periodontics.
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For More Information

To receive more information or to arrange a campus visit, contact:

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