ADMISSION TO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
Students enter the University of Minnesota’s accelerated dental hygiene program after completing one year of prerequisite college coursework. The six-semester, year-round Program in Dental Hygiene allows students to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in three years, providing maximum opportunities for those eager to start their career or further their education in graduate school.

Prerequisite Coursework
The following prerequisite courses or their equivalents must be completed in the College of Liberal Arts or at another accredited U.S. or Canadian college or university prior to entry. All courses must be taken on an A-F grading basis.

1. English — 3-5 semester credits
2. General biology with lab — 3-5 semester credits
3. Public speaking — 3-5 semester credits
4. General chemistry with lab — 3-5 semester credits
5. Microbiology — 3-5 semester credits
6. Introductory sociology — 3-5 semester credits
7. Physiology — 3-5 semester credits
8. General psychology — 3-5 semester credits
9. Human anatomy — 3.5 semester credits
10. Statistics — 3-5 semester credits

Chemistry and biology must have been completed within five years of entry into the program. Biology or chemistry must be completed so its grade is listed on the transcript submitted for application to the program; applicants are strongly encouraged to complete composition and psychology or sociology so these grades are listed on the transcript submitted in application to the program. Documentation indicating completion of all prerequisites must be submitted to the Division of Dental Hygiene by August 15 of the proposed year of entry.

High School Course Preparation. All applicants who graduated from high school in 1987, or since, must have completed the University of Minnesota high school course preparation requirements. For a list of requirements go to: http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/admissioninfo/fresh_requirements.html.

Liberal Education Courses A foundation of studies in the liberal arts and sciences is required. Students should complete as many liberal education requirements as possible before entering the program. Liberal education requirements not completed before entry must be completed while enrolled in the program. For a list of University of Minnesota liberal education requirements please go to: http://onestop.umn.edu/degree_planning/lib_eds/index.html.

Application Materials: Two applications must be submitted
1. A Bachelor of Science Program in Dental Hygiene online application must be completed and submitted to the School of Dentistry. This form is available at: https://secure.ahc.edu/dentistry/apply/dh/application/.

2. The second application form depends on your circumstances. The two options are listed below and may be found online at http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/index.html. Find “Quick links”, click on “forms online”, and select the appropriate form.
   - If you have never been enrolled in any campus or college at the University of Minnesota: Applicants must submit an Undergraduate Transfer Student Application Form in addition to the Dental Hygiene application. Under the “forms online” heading, select “Application for Undergraduate Admission (transfer from outside U of M)” to obtain the Undergraduate Transfer Student Application Form.

   OR

   - If you are a current or former University of Minnesota student: applicants must submit a Change of College Form in addition to the Dental Hygiene application. Under “Applying to the University” heading, select “Undergraduate Change of College (transfer within the U of M system)”. The application must be submitted by the early-January deadline for the fall entering class. Late applications will not be considered for admission.

OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED
In addition to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Application and the Transfer Change of College Application, you must also submit the following materials to the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry:

- Official transcripts of all recently completed college coursework;
- Official transcripts of all high school coursework;
- Official ACT or SAT scores if they are not on your high school record;
- Official TOEFL scores if non-native speaker of English (refer to Admissions Criteria for further information).

Criteria for Dental Hygiene Admissions Selections
The School of Dentistry DH Admissions Committee selects students based upon their competitiveness in meeting the following selection criteria:
Students are required to participate in off-campus programs, such as clinics providing dental hygiene care for patients who do not have dental insurance. They also travel to other countries, gain cross-cultural experiences, and make lifelong friends. The Division of Dental Hygiene offers a study abroad opportunity in Bergen, Norway. The goal of this program is to provide students with the opportunity to understand the practice of dental hygiene in another country, gain cross-cultural experiences, and make lifelong friends. Students are selected by an application process.

The curriculum blends a solid dental hygiene education with the biological, behavioral, and social sciences as well as liberal arts. The coursework includes dental and head and neck anatomy, preclinical and clinical dental hygiene, communication skills, cariology and periodontology, dental public health, oral radiology, biomaterials, and restorative expanded functions, pharmacology, local anesthesia, and pain control, research methods, pediatric dentistry, and geriatrics.

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Students are required to participate in a number of off-campus Twin Cities and out-state day and week-long community service learning clinics that provide dental hygiene care for patients who do not have sufficient access to dental care. The clinics provide valuable cross-cultural health service learning experiences.

The Student Affairs Committee, which includes both students and faculty members, is involved with tutorial assistance, student conduct, and other academic/operational issues.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Founded: 1919. The University of Minnesota Program in Dental Hygiene was the fourth dental hygiene program in the U.S.

Standing: We are Minnesota’s only dental hygiene program that offers a Bachelor of Science degree and is affiliated with a dental school.

Research: School of Dentistry researchers develop and test dental materials used by dentists worldwide. Our scientists are research leaders in virology and biomaterials, the mechanisms of pain and bone development, and in the relationship between oral health and general health and wellness.

Students: Since 1893, School of Dentistry students have treated more than 300,000 patients. Our graduates include the dean of China’s first dental school, the co-inventor of the Sonicare toothbrush, and four presidents of the American Dental Association.

Service and outreach: Students and faculty treat thousands of patients in the Twin Cities metropolitan area and in rural communities across the state, many of whom have no other access to dental care. The school operates four floors of on-campus clinics where students treat patients under faculty supervision. Students also treat patients in three Minneapolis-St. Paul area clinics and in three community-based clinics in Hibbing and Willmar, Minnesota, and in Howard, South Dakota. They also travel to local and out-of-area destinations to treat patients aboard the Mobile Dental Clinic.

GRADUATION RATE: 100%

NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE BOARD AND CRDTS EXAM PASS RATES

In 2014, 100% of students who took the National Dental Hygiene Board examination passed on their first attempt. The average pass rate over the last 9 years is 97%. 95% of students who took the Central Regional Testing Service examination in 2014 for licensure in Minnesota passed the exam on their first attempt. All students who did not pass either exam on their first attempt passed on their second attempt.

EMPLOYMENT AFTER GRADUATION

According to a survey of 2013 graduates, all respondents were employed as clinical dental hygienists. A majority of these graduates started their first position within 2 months.

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