

Dental Hygiene (BS)

Bachelor of Science Degree

Contact Hours: 900

Semester Credits: 120

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 18 Months

Average Time to Complete – Part Time: 24 Months

Program Overview

The Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene is a degree completion program delivered completely through distance education. Applicants wishing to enroll in the must possess an associate degree in Dental Hygiene from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited program and a valid dental hygiene license. Enrolled students will receive block transfer credit of 60 semester credit hours and complete an additional 60 semester credit hours in the program.

Dental Hygienists are integral members of the dental team who use their enhanced dental, clinical, and social skills to aid individuals in achieving optimum oral health. Through achieving a Bachelor of Science degree students will have a better understanding of specialized populations, understand different theories for educating patients and students and the role of public health and disease etiology. Earning a bachelor's degree will allow the current Registered Dental Hygienist to stay abreast of their field and may provide for other opportunities such as management, research, teaching and others.

Program Mission

The mission is to provide a supportive learning environment in which the student acquires advanced theoretical knowledge and professional attributes necessary to pursue different career avenues within the Dental Hygiene field or the educational side of Dental Hygiene. This degree strives to instill the importance of continued personal growth, leadership skills, continued professional commitment, on-going community involvement, and continued research that can benefit the student in his or her professional career.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
ASDH	Block Transfer				60
DHYG3320	Current Trends and Issues in Dental Hygiene	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
DHYG4310	Dental Health and Public Advocacy	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
DHYG4320	Epidemiology and Oral Health	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
DHYG4410	Evidence Based Dentistry	60 (0 / 60)	0	0	4
DHYG4460	Dental Health Capstone	60 (0 / 60)	0	0	4
ENGL3310	Professional Communication	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
ENGL3320	Technical Writing	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
ETHC3310	Ethics and Social Responsibility	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
HCAL3340	Specialized Populations	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
HCAL4320	Legal Aspects of Healthcare	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
HCAL3350	Healthcare Behavior Theories	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
HCAL4410	Healthcare Informatics and Reimbursement	60 (0 / 60)	0	0	4
LEAD4310	Leadership	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
PUBH3310 **	Public Health	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3

SOCI3310	Cultural Diversity	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
SOCI3350	Organizational Behavior	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
STAT3310	Statistics	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
Subtotal		810 (0/810)	0	0	114

Electives (select two of the following courses)

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
DHYG3330	Pediatrics, Adolescents, and Oral Health	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
DHYG3340	Substance Abuse and Oral Health	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
PUBH3320	Grant Writing	45 (0 / 45)	0	0	3
Total		900 (0/900)	0	0	120

** Denotes a General Education course. Students may be required to take additional General Education courses based upon transfer credits. See the "Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Program" section under Academic Standards for information about General Education requirements.*