

School of Health Sciences Bachelor of Science

For the
Dental Hygiene Student

Degree Completion via Distance Education

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Dental Hygiene

In recent years, health care has become our nation's largest industry. As the industry has grown, so has the need for health care professionals—including dental hygienists, who have become primary oral health providers in the field of preventive dentistry. Increasing numbers of dental hygienists are choosing to pursue baccalaureate degrees to improve their career opportunities and achieve personal and professional growth.

Types of Jobs: Advanced positions in the traditional field of dental hygiene, as well as opportunities in related positions such as dental hygiene educator, legislative aide, health/patient advocate, insurance review specialist, public health hygienist, health care manager, geriatric oral health specialist and special population care provider.

Students seeking entrance into the baccalaureate program must meet the following admission requirements:

- Must have obtained a passing score on the Dental Hygiene National Board.
- Must have graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program.
- Must hold a dental hygiene license in any one state.

Transfer Students

All students entering the program will be treated as transfer students—including those who have graduated from Penn College's associate-degree dental hygiene program. Student transcripts will be evaluated by the program director. All general education courses that meet College requirements will be eligible for transfer according to College policy. In the completion program, 36 of the baccalaureate curriculum requirements must be Penn College credits. A maximum of 44 credits in dental hygiene courses will be transferred in "blocks" and not as individual courses.

Instructional Format

The baccalaureate-level Dental Hygiene program is designed to prepare licensed dental hygienists to contribute to the improvement of oral hygiene in a rapidly changing health care environment. This program will enable hygienists to build upon their current knowledge base and assume positions of responsibility in a variety of alternate care settings, as well as positions created to meet future health care needs.

The B.S. in Dental Hygiene is offered entirely online and can be accessed at anytime. Online courses follow the College's semester schedules, allowing students to earn their degree on a full or part-time basis.

Students are able to review course material online and interact with instructors and other students via discussion boards, e-mail and chat rooms. Given this autonomy, students must possess a high degree of self-discipline and motivation.

Curriculum

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Associate Degree Requirements (75 credits)

Dental Hygiene Core		44 credits
MTH 151 or higher	Structures of Mathematics	3 credits
ENL 111	English Composition I	3 credits
PSY 111	General Psychology	3 credits
Science Elective (SCI)		12 credits
Sociology Elective (SOC)		3 credits
SPC 101	Fundamentals of Speech	3 credits
CSC 124	Information, Technology and Society	3 credits
Fitness Elective (FIT)		1 credit

***Bachelor of Science Requirements** (29 credits)

MTH 160	Elementary Statistics with Computer Applications	4 credits
MGT 115	Principles of Management	3 credits
MGT 248 or HRM 300	Supervision and Human Relations/ Human Resource Management	3 credits
Communication Elective (CMM)		3 credits
Fitness Elective (FIT)		1 credit
Social Science Elective (SSE)		3 credits
Art Elective (ART)		3 credits
Humanities Elective (HUM)		3 credits
Cultural Diversity Elective (CUL)		3 credits
Science/Technology & Society Elective (STS)		3 credits

***Core Courses** (14 credits)

DEN 301	Issues in Professional Dental Hygiene	3 credits
HTH 325	Health Care Delivery Systems	3 credits
HTH 448	Health Care Public Policy	4 credits
DEN 495	Dental Hygiene Capstone	3 credits
DEN 288	Clinical Practice Update	1 credit

*** Dental Hygiene Electives** (5-6 credits required)

DEN 302	Contemporary Periodontics	3 credits
HTH 310	Health Issues and Transitions	3 credits
HTH321	Application of Teaching and Learning Styles in the Allied Health Professions	3 credits
HTH 330	Medical Ethics	2 credits
HTH 382	Ethical and Legal Issues Related to Medicine	3 credits

Other elective courses possible upon approval from Director

To receive transfer credit, a "C" or higher must have been earned.

A minimum of 24 credits must be earned from 300/400 level courses

***A minimum of 36 semester credits of the baccalaureate curriculum must be earned through Penn College to meet graduation requirements.**