

ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE/ MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH STUDIES

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 121

Major: 63 SCH

Program Code: DENTHYGN.BS.ACC **CIP Code:** 51.0602.00

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I (10)	3
ENG 1023	Composition II (10)	3
Mathematics (20)		3
Life & Physical Sciences (30)		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (40)		3
Creative Arts (50)		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865 (60)	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present (60)	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government (70)	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government (70)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (80)		3
CAO: Multicultural-Women's Studies (90)		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics (91)		3
Total SCHs		42

Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
DH 3112	Periodontology I	2
DH 3222 & DH 3221	Risk Assessment and Preventive Dentistry and Risk Assessment and Preventive Dentistry Lab	3
DH 3312	Professionalism and Ethics	2
DH 3323 & DH 3341	Orofacial Biology and Orofacial Biology Lab	4
DH 3401	Preclinical Dental Hygiene I Theory	1
DH 3402	Preclinical Dental Hygiene I Practice	2
DH 3413	Clinical Dental Hygiene Theory and Practice	3
DH 3433 & DH 3431	Oral Radiology and Oral Radiology Lab	4
DH 3502	Dental Hygiene II	2
DH 3511	Clinical Dental Hygiene II Theory	1
DH 3512	Clinical Dental Hygiene II Practice	2
DH 3542	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	2
DH 4301	Clinical Dental Hygiene III Theory	1
DH 4303	Clinical Dental Hygiene III Practice	3
DH 4313	Community Oral Health	3

DH 4341	Advanced Periodontology Lab	1
DH 4342	Periodontal Disease II	2
DH 4412	Dental Hygiene III	2
DH 4431	Community Oral Health Practicum	1
DH 4441	Pain Management for the Dental Hygienist	1
DH 4442	Dental Hygiene Care for Special Needs	2
DH 4451 & DH 4461	Dental Materials and Dental Materials Lab	2
DH 4551	Senior Seminar	1
DH 4561	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Theory	1
DH 4563	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Practice	3
DH 4713	Applied Evidence-based Research	3
DH 4723	General and Oral Pathology	3
HS 5723	Health Care in a Culture of Poverty	3
HS 5763	Alternative Dental Health Careers	3

Total SCHs **63**

Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
BACT 1003 & BACT 1001	Microbiology and Microbiology Laboratory	4
	Any upper level CHEM lecture course	3
	Any upper level CHEM lab course	1
MATH 1703	Elementary Statistics I	3
NFS 2323	Introduction to Nutrition	3
ZOOL 2013 & ZOOL 2011	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	4
ZOOL 2023 & ZOOL 2021	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	4
PSY 1013	Introduction to General Psychology	3
SOCI 1413 or SOCI 1013	Culture, Inequality, and Self Introductory Sociology	3
Total SCHs		28

Retention Criteria

Students must meet all of the following requirements in order to continue in the program.

- A minimum grade of C is required for all dental hygiene courses. No credit will be awarded toward the major for a grade of D or F.
- Students receiving a grade of D or F in a course will be placed on academic probation and must retake the course and earn a grade of C or better in order to graduate from the Dental Hygiene program. Students earning two grades lower than a C, whether in the same course or different courses, will be dismissed from the program.
- Students must maintain professional and academic integrity at all times and must abide by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners ethics policy (<http://tsbde.texas.gov/78i8ljhb/2019/02/Ethics-Policy.pdf>) and the American Dental Hygienists' Association Standards for Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice (<https://www.adha.org/resources-docs/2016-Revised-Standards-for-Clinical-Dental-Hygiene-Practice.pdf>), university, college, department, and program codes of ethics/conduct and policies and procedures while in the program. Any act deemed unethical or unprofessional by

the Promotion Committee may result in sanctions for the student including academic probation or dismissal from the program.

- **Immunizations:** Students must submit documentation showing that all required immunizations are current to Student Health Services (<https://twu.edu/student-health-services/>) at TWU. Immunizations must also remain current throughout enrollment. Without immunizations, students will not be able to participate in required externships, clinical rotations or client interactions on campus.
- **Background check:** Before beginning the dental hygiene program, a criminal background check is required. The background checks are conducted by a third party at the student's expense. In addition, some externships and clinical rotation sites require additional background checks that students are responsible to complete at their expense. Inability to participate in clinical experiences will hinder or preclude a students from either entering into or continuing tin the program.
 - Students who have had a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offence (not a traffic ticker) should contact the dental board (<https://tsbde.texas.gov/>) to determine whether or not they will be eligible for licenser. Also note that the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners requires naturalization papers, driver's license, or passport in order to apply for dental hygiene licensure.
- **Drug Screening:** A drug screening is required before beginning the program. Most externships and all clinical rotation sites also require drug screenings. Drug screening is facilitated through TWU Student Health Services at the student's expense. Any student with a non-negative drug screen result or any student who refuses the test will not be admitted into the dental hygiene program or will be dismissed from the program if enrolled.