

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE (PROFESSIONAL, ENTRY- LEVEL PROGRAM)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/communication-sciences-oral-health/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-programs/bs-in-dental-hygiene-bsdh-professional-entry-level/>

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 121

Major: 63 SCH

Program Code: DENTHYGNENTRY.BS **CIP Code:** 51.0602.0

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 3221	Risk Assessment and Preventive Dentistry Lab	1
DH 3222	Risk Assessment and Preventive Dentistry	2
DH 3312	Professionalism and Ethics	2
DH 3323	Orofacial Biology	3
DH 3341	Orofacial Biology Lab	1
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 3431	Oral Radiology Lab	1
DH 3433	Oral Radiology	3
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	Dental Materials	1
DH 4461	Dental Materials Lab	1
DH 4513	Alternative Dental Hygiene Practice	3
DH 4533	Oral Health Worldview	3
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

Total SCHs **63**

Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
BACT 1003 & BACT 1001	Microbiology and Microbiology Laboratory (may be applied from core; grade of C or higher required)	4
	Any introductory level or higher chemistry lecture course	3
	Any introductory level or higher chemistry laboratory course	1
MATH 1703	Elementary Statistics I (may be applied from core; grade of C or higher required)	3
NFS 2323	Introduction to Nutrition (grade of C or higher required)	3
ZOOL 2013 & ZOOL 2011	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory (may be applied from core; grade of C or higher required)	4
ZOOL 2023 & ZOOL 2021	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory (grade of C or higher required)	4
PSY 1013	Introduction to General Psychology (may be applied from core)	3
SOCI 1413 or SOCI 1013	Culture, Inequality, and Self (may be applied from core) 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, must retake the course, earn a grade of C or higher, and attain approval from the faculty progression committee to graduate from the Dental Hygiene program.

- Students earning two grades lower than a C, whether in the same or different courses, will be dismissed from the program.
- Students must maintain professional and academic integrity at all times. Students 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://www.twu.edu/student-health-services/immunization-compliance/>) 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. Noncompliance with immunization may result in sanctions including grade deductions or dismissal from the program.
- **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 for completing at their own expense. The inability to participate in clinical experiences will hinder or preclude a student from either entering into or continuing in the program.
 - Students who have had a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense (not a traffic ticket) should contact the dental board (<http://www.tsbde.texas.gov/>) to determine whether or not they will be eligible for licensure. Also note that the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners requires naturalization papers, a driver's license, or a passport 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.