

University of Minnesota
Dental Hygiene
Updated for 2012-2013

Admissions Requirements

The following courses must be completed **prior** to entry into the professional dental hygiene program (by August 15th of year of entry into the professional program). All pre-requisite courses must be taken on an A – F grading system.

Students are encouraged to check the U select website (<http://www.transfer.org/select/>) or speak with the Dental Hygiene staff at the University of Minnesota for the most up-to-date information regarding transfer equivalences.

U of MN Course Requirements	Century College Equivalents
Anatomy	BIOL 2031 or BIOL 2040
Physiology	BIOL 2032 or BIOL 2045
Biology	BIOL 1041
Microbiology	BIOL 2035
Chemistry	CHEM 1041
Math (Statistics)	MATH 1025
English Composition	ENGL 1021
Psychology	PSYC 1020
Sociology	SOC 1020 or SOC 1033
Communications/Speech	COMM 1021 or 1031

***Chemistry and Biology/Microbiology must have been completed within five years of entry into the program.**

***Students that complete Nutrition at Century (HLTH 1070) would be exempt from taking the Nutrition course as a part of the Dental Hygiene curriculum.**

Liberal Education Requirements

Completion of the MnTC (Minnesota Transfer Curriculum), in addition to the above pre-professional courses, will satisfy the general education requirements for this degree. If you do not plan on completing the MnTC prior to transfer over to the U of MN, please refer to the U of MN Liberal Education guide sheet.

Program Requirements

To become a dental hygienist, you must complete a minimum of one year of pre-professional coursework in anatomy, physiology, biology, chemistry, statistics, composition, psychology, sociology, communications/speech and other liberal arts education courses. This is followed by three years of professional coursework in the basic sciences, including biochemistry, microbiology, histology, pathology, and physiology. The professional program also includes dental and head/neck anatomy; preclinical and clinical dental hygiene; communication skills; patient assessment; cardiology, and periodontology; oral radiology; pathology; biomaterials; public health; pharmacology; local anesthesia and pain control; research methods; orthodontics and pediatric dentistry; geriatrics; and advanced clinical rotations. A wide range of theoretical and clinical experiences in treating traditional and special-needs patients is provided. Participation in a number of academic service-learning experiences with a diverse patient population is also expected.

Licensure

Upon receipt of the Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene, you must obtain a license for the state in which you wish to practice by successfully completing a state/regional practical examination, as well as the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination. You will then practice in accordance with the requirements of the individual state practice acts. Minnesota requires a specified number of hours of continuing education to maintain licensure.

Application Deadlines

The School of Dentistry Division of Dental Hygiene Application form must be completed by December 15th. For more information, please visit the website at:

http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/programs_admissions/dental_hygiene_division/home.html

Additional Information

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend one of the Dental Hygiene Program information sessions held monthly on the U of MN campus. Visit the above website for more information on these sessions.

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