

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Dental Hygiene Program Prerequisites

Dental Hygiene has pre-requisite courses in three distinct areas, with some courses that must be completed before the application, and others before beginning the program

Prerequisites

Five of these courses (including DHYG 100) must be completed prior to applying, and the remainder before beginning the program.

- ☐ ENG 101 (4)– Foundations of Writing & Rhetoric
- ☐ COMM 100 (3) – Fundamentals of Communication
 - or COMM 102 (3) – Public Speaking
- ☐ PSYC 101 (4) – Introduction to Psychological Sciences
- ☐ SOC 101 (4) – Introduction to Sociology
 - or SOC 150 (4) – Social Problems
- ☐ STAT 154 (4) – Elementary Statistics
 - or SOC 202 (4) – Introductory Social Statistics
- ☐ FCS 242 (3) – Nutrition for Healthcare Professionals
 - or FCS 140 (3) – Introduction to Nutrition
- ☐ DHYG 100 (1) – Perspectives in Dental Hygiene

**5 courses must be completed before applying – one of which must be DHYG 100 (the other must be done before starting the program)*

Science Prerequisites

Three of these courses must be completed before applying, and the other before beginning the program.

- ☐ BIOL 220 (4) – Human Anatomy
- ☐ BIOL 270 (4) – Microbiology
- ☐ CHEM 106 (3) – Chemistry of Life Process I
 - Or CHEM 111 (5) - Chemistry of Life Process II
- ☐ BIOL 330/310 (4) – Principles/Basics of Human Physiology

**3 courses must be completed before applying (the other must be done before starting the program)*

Dental Hygiene Prerequisites

One of these courses must be completed or currently in progress before applying, and the other two before beginning the program.

- ☐ DHYG 219 (2) – Head and Neck Anatomy
- ☐ DHYG 223 (3) – Pharmacology
- ☐ DHYG 225 (2) – Oral Anatomy

**1 course must be completed or in progress before applying (the others must be done before starting the program)*

Preparation for Graduation

- ☐ Completion of 44 General Education Credits (and all Goal Areas completed)
- ☐ Completion of 120 credits overall
- ☐ Completion of two diverse cultures courses (Purple/Gold courses)
- ☐ Completion of Writing Intensive requirement

Dental Hygiene Application

Applications are due on **January 1st** of each year. Admission to the program will be granted to 24 applicants to start the program the following fall semester. (Note: *6 additional students will be granted admission to the dental hygiene program with advanced placement in the Advanced Dental Therapy Master's program*)

DENTAL HYGIENE CORE (55)

Fall Junior Year (14 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHYG 311 – Preclinical Orientation (3) • DHYG 313 – Clinical Skills Development (3) • DHYG 321 – Radiography I (3) • DHYG 322 – Biomaterials I (2) • DHYG 327 – Periodontology I (2) • DHYG 334 – Dental Practice Management (1) 	Spring Junior Year (14 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHYG 328 – Radiography II (2) • DHYG 329 – Oral Embryology and Patho (3) • DHYG 326 – Biomaterials II (2) • DHYG 331 – Clinical Dental Hygiene I (2) • DHYG 332 – Clinical Seminar I (2) • DHYG 420 – Local Anesthesia (1) • DHYG 427 – Periodontology II (2)
Summer Junior Year (4 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHYG 333 – Clinical Dental Hygiene IS (2) • DHYG 460 - Restorative Functions Seminar (2) 	
Fall Senior Year (12 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHYG 421 – Clinical Dental Hygiene II (3) • DHYG 422 – Clinical Seminar II (1) • DHYG 424 – Nitrous Oxide Sedation (1) • DHYG 425W – Community Dental Health (3) • DHYG 426 – Dental Hygiene Jurisprudence (1) • DHYG 428 – Technology in Dentistry (1) • DHYG 438 – Advanced Community Prac. I (1) • DHYG 461 – Restorative Functions Clinic I (1) 	Spring Senior Year (11 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHYG 431 – Clinical Dental Hygiene III (3) • DHYG 432 – Clinical Seminar III (2) • DHYG 437 – Dental Management of the Medically Compromised Patient (2) • DHYG 435 – Community Practicum (2) • DHYG 439 – Advanced Community Prac. II (1) • DHYG 462 – Restorative Functions Clinic II (1) <p>Optional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHYG 447 – (GOLD) Belize Study Abroad (3) • DHYG 336 – (GOLD) Culturally Aware Health Care (3)

Resources

GPA calculator to calculate an estimate GPA based on the DHYG prerequisites:

<http://gpacalculator.net/college-gpa-calculator/>

Directions for how to obtain a DARS report can be found here:

<https://www.mnsu.edu/academics/course-planning-and-registration/registration-and-academic-records/degree-planning-and-completion-tools/degree-audit/>