

School of Dentistry

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Degree Offered

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Admission

To get an application, go to <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/sod/departments/Hygiene/admission.html> and follow the "On-line Application" link at the bottom of the page. You may also get an application by contacting the Division of Dental Hygiene, West Virginia University, P.O. Box 9425, Morgantown, WV 26506, or the Office of Admissions, Health Sciences Center, West Virginia University, P.O. Box 9815, Morgantown, WV 26506. The application should be received by March 1st preceding the fall semester you are applying for.

If you are applying to WVU as a freshman, you only need to complete the dental hygiene application. If you are not accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program, you will be placed in general studies. You must have a diploma from an accredited high school or preparatory school. The following high school classes are required:

- four units of English
- two units of algebra
- one unit of plane geometry
- three units of social studies (including U.S. history)
- one unit of the arts
- two units of foreign language, two units of same language
- three units of science (must include one unit of biology and one unit of chemistry)

We pay particular attention to scholastic achievement in science courses. We also expect applicants to rank in the upper half of their graduating classes. Physical strength with the ability to sit and stand as required, fine precision bilateral manipulative hand/motor skills, adequate visual acuity, eye/hand/foot coordination, and emotional stability are essential characteristics for individuals who wish to enter and continue in the dental hygiene program. They must meet other medical qualifications as required. Reasonable accommodation will be considered for students with special needs.

We require that you take the American College Testing Program (ACT) examination or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee reviews all applications. If you are among the most qualified, you may be invited to come to the campus for a personal interview. Competition for admission is intense. Preference is given to residents of West Virginia.

Degree Completion Program

If you are a registered dental hygienist, you can be admitted directly to the Division of Dental Hygiene as a full-time or a part-time student. To be eligible for the degree completion program, you must have a certificate or associate's degree from an accredited dental hygiene program. You can transfer lower-division credits (see "Suggested Dental Hygiene Curriculum"). Your acceptance and placement in the program depend upon your academic record and upon the number of spaces available.

When you apply, we ask you to include complete records of previous study. An official transcript needs to be mailed to us by the registrar of your previous school. Include catalog descriptions of the courses taken. If you are currently enrolled in a certificate or associate's degree program, include your program of study. You are responsible for the submission of a complete record package. You can enter the degree completion program twice a year. Applications can be obtained after September 1st of the year preceding application to the program. The *WVU Health Sciences Center Catalog* contains complete information about the program in dental hygiene.

Suggested Dental Hygiene Curriculum

First Year

First Semester	Hrs.
CHEM 111	4
*COMM 100/102 or 104	3
*DTHY 100 <i>Health Care Term</i>	1
DTHY 185 <i>Head & Neck Anatomy</i>	2
ENGL 101	3
MATH 126.....	3
*Orientation 101.....	1
Total	17

Summer Semester	Hrs.
NBAN 205 (Web) <i>Anatomy</i>	3
Total	3

Second Year

First Semester	Hrs.
NBAN 206 <i>Anatomy</i>	1
DTHY 205 <i>Theory/Practice-Prevent</i> ..	2
DTHY 210 <i>Dental Radiology</i>	2
*GEC (#3, 5, 8, 9)	3
MICB 200.....	3
PSYC 241*	3
SOCA 101*	3
Total	17

Summer Semester	Hrs.
DTHY 226 <i>Clinical Dental Hygiene</i>	1
PHARM 260 (Web).....	3
Total	4

Third Year

First Semester	Hrs.
DTHY 350 <i>Public Health</i>	2
DTHY 360 <i>Dental Materials</i>	3
DTHY 363 <i>Periodontics</i>	1
DTHY 366 <i>Dental Literature</i>	1
DTHY 370 <i>Clinical Methods</i>	2
DTHY 372 <i>Clinic DH</i>	2
*GEC Req (3, 5, 8, 9)	3
Pathology 300.....	3
Total	17

Summer Semester	Hrs.
DTHY 491 <i>Rural Health Rotation</i>	3
Total	3

Fourth Year

First Semester	Hrs.
DTHY 402 <i>DH Practice Mgmt</i>	2
DTHY 405 <i>Adv. Clinic DH</i>	4
DTHY 445 <i>Applied Pharmacology</i>	1
DTHY 450 <i>Dental Health Ed. 2</i>	2
DTHY 478 <i>Clin. Teaching Methods</i> ...	1
DTHY 493 <i>Clinical Pharm</i>	1
DTHY Electives 490, 491, 493	1
*GEC Req (#3, 5, 8, 9)	3
Total	15

Second Semester	Hrs.
BIOL 102	3
BIOL 104	1
CHEM 112	4
*DTHY 101 <i>Intro. to Dental Hygiene</i> .	1
*DTHY 186 <i>Dental Anatomy</i>	2
*HN&F 171 <i>Nutrition</i>	3
*PSYC 101	3
Total	17

Second Semester	Hrs.
DTHY 211 <i>Dental Radiology</i>	1
DTHY 220 <i>Dental Nursing Tech</i>	2
DTHY 225 <i>Dental Hygiene Tech</i>	4
*ENGL 102	3
GEC (#3, 5, 8, 9)	3
NBAN 309 <i>Histology</i>	2
PHYS 241.....	4
Total	19

Second Semester	Hrs.
DTHY 300 <i>Anesthesiology</i>	1
DTHY 351 <i>Dental Health Ed.</i>	3
DTHY 361 <i>Expanded Functions</i>	2
DTHY 364 <i>Periodontics</i>	2
DTHY 374 <i>Clinic DH</i>	3
DTHY 378 <i>Didactic Teaching Meth</i> ...	2
Pathology 302	3
Total	16

Second Semester	Hrs.
DTHY 406 <i>Clinic – DH</i>	3–4
DTHY 407 <i>Clinic Methods</i>	2
DTHY 440 <i>Sr. Integration Seminar</i> ...	1
DTHY 451 <i>Dental Health Ed. 3</i>	2
DTHY Electives 490, 491, 493	2
*GEC Req. (#3, 5, 8, 9)	3
Total	13–14