

# DENTAL HYGIENE

Minnesota State Mankato is one of the few dental hygiene programs in Minnesota to offer a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. Having a Bachelor's Degree in Dental Hygiene will allow students to develop a sound clinical and theoretical foundation and provide more options for job opportunities in the future. Most graduates practice dental hygiene in dental offices. Our simulation lab offers state-of-the-art training for students. Technology includes 100% computer-based patient charts, digital X-rays, and intraoral cameras.

## PROGRAMS



### DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The dental hygiene curriculum provides opportunities for the student to develop a sound clinical and theoretical foundation for the practice of dental hygiene. Graduates are prepared to fulfill the dental hygiene roles as clinician, corporate, public health, researcher, educator, administrator, and entrepreneur, as put forth by the American Dental Hygienists' Association.

## REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



### SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Knowledge of Dental Hygiene
- Patient Care
- Verbal Communication
- Clinical Skills
- Fine Motor Skills
- Detail Oriented

### CAREERS

- Clinical Dental Hygienist
- Dental Hygiene Instructor
- Clinic Manager
- Dental Sales

### EMPLOYERS

- Private Dental Offices
- Managed Care Organizations
- Schools
- Public Health Clinics
- Hospitals
- Nursing Homes

## INSPIRED ACTION



### EMPLOYMENT RATE

**98.1%**  
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 273  
Respondents: 225

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### MEDIAN SALARY

**\$87,530**

The median annual wage for Dental Hygienists in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Dental Hygienists, at [link.mnsu.edu/dental-hygiene-salary](http://link.mnsu.edu/dental-hygiene-salary)

### PROGRAM WEBSITE



[link.mnsu.edu/dental-hygiene](http://link.mnsu.edu/dental-hygiene)

## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN - DENTAL HYGIENE, BS

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
ENG 101 Foundations of Writing & Rhetoric (4) SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3) DHYG 100 Perspectives in Dental Hygiene (1) STAT 154 Elementary Statistics (4) BIOL 201 Anatomy & Physiology I (4)	COMM 100 Fundamentals of Communication (3) PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychological Science (4) CHEM 111 Chemistry of Life Process Part II (Organic and Biochemistry) (5) DHYG 219 Head and Neck Anatomy and Histology (2) General Education Course (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
DHYG 225 Oral Anatomy (2) BIOL 270 Microbiology (4) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	BIOL 202 Anatomy & Physiology II (4) DHYG 223 Pharmacology (3) FCS 242 Nutrition for Healthcare Professionals (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course, Diverse Cultures Course (3)
<b>APPLY IN JANUARY FOR A FALL START TO THE PROGRAM</b>	
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
DHYG 311 Preclinical Orientation (3) DHYG 313 Clinical Skills Development (3) DHYG 321 Radiography I (3) DHYG 322 Biomaterials (2) DHYG 327 Periodontology I (2) DHYG 333 Clinical Dental Hygiene IS (2) DHYG 334 Dental Practice Management (1)	DHYG 326 Biomaterials II (2) DHYG 328 Radiography Interpretation (2) DHYG 329 Oral Embryology & Pathology (3) DHYG 331 Clinical Dental Hygiene I (2) DHYG 332 Clinical Seminar I (2) DHYG 420 Local Anesthesia (1) DHYG 427 Periodontology II (2)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
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 and Ethics (1) DHYG 428 Technology in Dentistry (1) DHYG 438 Advanced Community Practice (1) DHYG 461 Restorative Functions Clinic I (1)	DHYG 431 Clinical Dental Hygiene III (3) DHYG 432 Clinical Seminar III (2) DHYG 435 Community Practicum (2) DHYG 437 Dental Management of Medically Compromised Patient (2) DHYG 439 Advanced Community Practice II (1) DHYG 462 Restorative Functions Clinic II (1)

For more information about program requirements, visit:  
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### LEARN MORE

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