Admission

The dental hygiene curriculum is designed to provide opportunities for the student to develop a sound clinical and theoretical foundation for the practice of dental hygiene. The graduate is prepared to fulfill the dental hygiene roles as clinician, change agent, educator, researcher and consumer advocate as put forth by the American Dental Hygienists’ Association.

The program is accredited by the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation, and meets by the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene. A Bachelor of Science degree is earned upon completion of the program.

Admission to Program. Application for admission to the Dental Hygiene program is a separate process in addition to being admitted to the University. It is highly recommended to meet with a Dental Hygiene advisor to formulate a plan of study as soon as possible. Requirements for application for admission to the dental hygiene program include:

1. Completion of at least 36 semester credits.
2. A minimum career grade-point average of 2.5.
3. Successful completion of prerequisites of CMST 100 or CMST 102, ENG 101, PSYC 101, SOC 150 or SOC 101, BIOL 220, MATH 112 and two of these three courses: BIOL 270, BIOL 230, or CHEM 111.

A maximum of two science courses can be repeated (each once) in order for the application to be accepted.

The application form may be obtained from the Dental Hygiene Department website or secretary. The number of students admitted to the Dental Hygiene major is limited to 24 students admitted each fall semester. Applicants are accepted primarily based on academic achievement in prerequisite courses with an emphasis placed on the science prerequisites.

POLICIES/INFORMATION

P/N Grading Policy. All courses required for Dental Hygiene must be taken for a letter grade and a letter grade of “C” or higher must be achieved. A grade of “D” or “F” in a Dental Hygiene course will result in academic suspension from the program. Completion of didactic course numbers DHYG 326 forward requires successful completion of previous Dental Hygiene courses obtaining a “C” or better in order to continue in the Dental Hygiene program.

Costs. A student in the dental hygiene program should be prepared to spend about $375 each semester for books and supplies. An additional $2,400+ will be spent for instruments, gloves, etc. An additional $850.00 will be spent at the beginning of the program to purchase scrubs, labcoats and loupes. Approximately 50 percent is paid before beginning the program. Upon acceptance to the program a deposit of $500 is required. The remainder is due in July of the same year.

Dental hygienists are at risk for exposure to blood borne pathogens (BBP). Accepted students will be required to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B and will also be required to have their blood tested following any exposures to BBP through needle sticks, cuts or splashes that occur at the Minnesota State Mankato Dental Clinic or any off-site clinical sites. Currently the vaccine series costs approximately $150. Students must successfully complete a CPR course prior to enrolling fall semester.
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This course will give the student an introduction to Dental Hygiene as a profession and career. Exploration of dental hygiene practice and an overview of the dental hygiene curriculum and conceptual framework will be covered.

Fall, Spring |
| **DHYG 311 (3) Preclinical Orientation** |
This course includes an introduction to dental terminology and clinical aspects of dental hygiene treatment including care and use of equipment/instruments, infection control and preparation of patient records.

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Fall |
| **DHYG 321 (3) Clinical Skills Development** |
This course will teach the operative techniques needed to perform oral prophylactic procedures and health education through laboratory/clinical practice.

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Fall, Variable |
| **DHYG 329 (3) Oral Embryology and Pathology** |
This course will study the normal anatomical features from intraoral and extraoral radiographs. Students will then use this knowledge to interpret what is seen on radiographs to discern normal from abnormal. Interpretation of dental caries, periodontal disease and pathology are among the topics this course will cover.

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Fall |
| **DHYG 332 (2) Oral Anatomy** |
This course includes the study of the permanent, mixed and primary dentitions including each individual tooth’s morphology, function and occlusion.

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Fall |
| **DHYG 333 (2) Clinical Seminar I** |
This course offers the student continued practice of dental hygiene procedures in the Minnesota State Mankato Dental Clinic. It includes several mandated off-campus experiences.

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Fall |
| **DHYG 334 (1) Dental Computer Software Management** |
This course is designed to equip the dental hygiene students with the skills necessary to manage a dental computer software program. A focus on networking, dental resource codes and insurance protocol will also be covered.

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Fall |
| **DHYG 336 (2) Biomaterials II** |
This course is the second of two courses that studies the fundamental elements, purposes and uses of the materials used in the modern dental office. The student will develop laboratory or clinical competency in functions using dental materials that are legal duties for Minnesota dental hygienists.

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Fall |
| **DHYG 337 (2) Clinical Dental Hygiene I** |
This course provides an opportunity for dental hygiene students to develop their roles as educators, clinicians, consumer advocates, change agents, researchers, and administrators in a clinical setting.

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Spring, Variable |
| **DHYG 338 (2) Radiography Interpretation** |
This course includes a study of supporting tooth structures, identification, classification, etiology, progression and treatment of periodontal diseases.

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Spring |
| **DHYG 342 (1) Clinical Seminar II** |
This course focuses on clinical procedures, educational techniques and legal and ethical issues as they apply to the patient- dental hygiene provider relationship.

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Fall |
| **DHYG 410 (1) Local Anesthesia** |
This course is designed to be a study of the fundamental elements, purposes, and uses of local anesthesia for the dental hygienist.

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Fall |
| **DHYG 421 (3) Clinical Dental Hygiene II** |
This course offers the student continued practice of dental hygiene treatment procedures in the Minnesota State Mankato Dental Clinic. It includes several mandatory off-campus experiences.

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Fall |
DHYG 423 (3) Pharmacology
Pharmacology is the study of drugs used in dentistry or medicine for the treat-
ment, prevention and diagnosis of disease.
Fall

DHYG 424 (1) Nitrous Oxide Sedation
The course is designed to be a study of the fundamental elements, purposes and
uses of nitrous oxide sedation in the practice of dental hygiene. This course meets
the educational criteria established by the Minnesota Board of Dentistry.
Spring

DHYG 425 (3) Community Dental Health
This course introduces second year dental hygiene students to the disciplines
and basic principles of community dental health, epidemiologic methods and
biostatistical measurement analysis. Preventive oral health measures and program
development is included to provide a background for the practical application of
dental public health methods to the community.
Fall

DHYG 426 (1) Dental Hygiene Jurisprudence and Ethics
This course focuses on legal and ethical issues as applied to the patient dental
hygiene provider relationship.
Fall

DHYG 427 (2) Periodontology II
Didactic and clinical study of etiology, diagnosis, preventive and therapeutic
procedures involved with periodontal disease.
Fall

DHYG 428 (1) Technology in Dentistry
This course is designed to prepare the dental hygiene student in the use of new
technologies in the modern dental office. Students will learn to integrate these
new technologies into the teledentistry model.
Fall

DHYG 431 (3) Clinical Dental Hygiene III
This course offers the student continued practice of dental hygiene treatment
procedures in the Minnesota State Mankato Dental Clinic. It includes several
mandatory off-campus experiences.
Fall, Variable

DHYG 432 (2) Clinical Seminar III
This course focuses on the development of a personal sense of responsibility
for the well-being and development of one’s workplace from an employee
perspective.
Spring

DHYG 435 (2) Community Practicum
This course focuses on the role of dental hygiene practitioners in promoting
optimal oral health at the individual level and in the community.
Spring

DHYG 437 (2) Dental Mgmt. of the Medically Compromised Patient
The course is designed to provide the dental hygiene practitioner with a survey
of common medical disorders that may be encountered in a dental practice. The
medical problems are organized to provide a brief overview of the basic disease
process, etiology, incidence, prevalence, behavior characteristics, medications
and oral manifestations commonly presented by the dental patients. As a result
of the accumulation of evidence based research, the dental hygiene practitioner
will be provided with an understanding of the disease, recognize the severity of
the common medical disorders and make a dental management decision providing
the patient with the highest possible level of oral health.

DHYG 438 (1) Advanced Community Practice I
The first of two clinical courses designed to utilize the assessment, planning,
implementation and evaluation process in a community based setting. This course
will address efforts to reduce incidence and severity of oral diseases resulting in
improved access to community oral health in complex cases.
Fall

DHYG 439 (1) Advanced Community Practice II
This is the second of two clinical courses designed to utilize the assessment,
planning, implementation and evaluation process in a community based setting.
This course will address efforts to reduce incidence and severity of oral diseases
resulting in improved access to community oral health in complex cases.
Spring

DHYG 440 (4) Restorative Functions
This course meets the requirements of the Minnesota Board of Dentistry for dental
hygienists and assistants to legally perform new expanded duties including the
placement, contouring and adjustment of amalgam, glass ionomer and composite
restorations and the placement and adjustment of stainless steel crowns.
Spring

DHYG 441 (3) Advanced Dental Hygiene Practice
Identify clinical skills and knowledge needed to improve effectiveness as a dental
hygienist. Areas addressed: ultrasonic implementation using multiple types of
devices, risk factor analysis, comprehensive treatment planning, Periscope (en-
doscope), carbide/diamond files, advanced instrumentation techniques, patient
management, case presentation.
Spring

DHYG 442 (3) Current Issues in Dental Hygiene
Topics included but not be limited to: advanced practice models to expand oral
health services, including restorative procedures; counseling regarding smoking
cessation; recent medical advances in the field of dentistry and legal and policy
issues currently impacting dental hygiene.
Fall

DHYG 443 (3) Technology in Oral Health
Assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of the impact of emerging
dental technology. Topics include dental practice software management, digital
radiography, intra-oral cameras, patient education software, lasers in dentistry,
and internet information sources for both practitioners and patients.
Spring

DHYG 444 (3) Principles of Oral Health Promotion
Leadership preparation in the delivery of oral health care in the public health
model. Emphasis will be placed on defining oral health problems and solutions,
community planning, implementation and evaluation based on the oral health
objectives of Healthy People 2010.
Fall

DHYG 445 (3) Educational Methods in Dental Hygiene
Examines educational methods needed for effective dental hygiene instruction.
Topics addressed within this course will include learner and context analysis,
performance objectives, assessment instruments, instructional strategies, forma-
tive and summative evaluations. Emphasis will be placed on competency based
instruction.
Fall

DHYG 451 (3) Dental Hygiene Care Planning
Evidence based dental management of patients with medical disorders en-
countered in dental practice. Provides an overview of basic disease processes,
epidemiology, pathophysiology, and accepted medical therapies utilizing human
needs model to formulate a dental hygiene care plan.
Fall

DHYG 452 (3) Decision Making in Periodontology
Combines the sciences and knowledge in the discipline of dental hygiene that
permits synthesis and application of periodontal treatment techniques. Surgical
and aggressive management of medically compromised periodontal patients will
be addressed in this course.
Fall
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DHYG 453 (3) Research Methods in Dental Hygiene
Provides student awareness of the American Dental Hygienists' Research Agenda and prepares students on the methodology of research. Includes strengths and limitations of quantitative and qualitative research methods while developing methodological skills and proficiencies related to research.
Spring

DHYG 454 (3) Oral Health Promotion Practice
Demonstration of oral health delivery in community based clinics embracing oral health promotion efforts as a methodology. Increasing demand for care, dental services and prevention resulting in reduction of oral diseases and improved community oral health.
Prerequisite: DHYG 444
Spring

DHYG 455 (3) Educational Practice in Dental Hygiene
Applies content from Principles of Educational Methods to support the role of dental hygiene educator in didactic and clinical instruction. Active participation in course design, delivery and evaluation in classroom, online or clinical format with emphasis on competency based instruction.
Prerequisite: DHYG 445
Spring

DHYG 456 (2) Oral Medicine and Treatment Planning
This course is designed to facilitate critical thinking skills related to drugs used in dentistry and medicine with emphasis placed on the impact of the dental hygiene diagnosis.
Spring

DHYG 499 (1-6) Individual Study