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**MINNESOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY**
MANKATO

DENTAL HYGIENE *College of Allied Health & Nursing*

WHAT DEGREES AND PROGRAMS DO WE OFFER?

The degree offered is a BS in Dental Hygiene.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM

Most of our graduates practice dental hygiene in dental offices. Some may continue on for a master's degree and enter a career in education, while others may accept careers in business, industry, or public health. Salary ranges greatly depend on location, with \$35 per hour as average starting wage.

The median annual wage for dental hygienists was \$74,820 in May 2020.

OPPORTUNITIES: WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THIS DEGREE?

Career opportunities

There is good demand for this job especially in certain geographic locations.

Nationally: Employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2026, in response to increasing demand for dental care and the greater substitution of hygienists for services previously performed by dentists. Job prospects are expected to remain very good. It is expected that there will be an additional 40,900 positions by 2026.

EXAMINING THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

Accreditation

To be licensed in dental hygiene, one must graduate from an accredited program. The Minnesota State University program is accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Faculty

Seven full-time faculty have master's degrees, and two have doctoral degrees. Faculty are engaged in research presentations and publications.

Placement

Minnesota State Mankato Dental Hygiene graduates have been able to find positions within the first few months after receiving a dental hygiene license.

Professional Exams

Our students do very well on national testing. Most years we have had a 100 percent pass rate on the National board on the first attempt. On Regional boards, the pass rate is close to 100 percent every year. After passing the National and Regional exams, it is necessary to obtain licensure in the state in which the graduate chooses to work.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE/ PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Faculty/student ratio:

1:24 lectures, 1:10 laboratory, 1:5 clinic

State-of-the-art equipment and facilities

In January of 2017, the dental hygiene department moved to the new Clinical Sciences Building on campus. These beautiful facilities include a 25-operator clinic, multiple labs, and a specific simulation lab. Students and patients from the community benefit from high-end equipment including dental computer software for 100% electronic charting, digital radiography, intraoral cameras and more.

Externships

Externships include Open Door Health Center, the Harry Meyering Center, and Mankato District 77, Nicollet Public School and St. Peter Schools.

Scholarships

Several scholarships are available through the department such as the Dr. Debra Strand Endowment, Chi Chi Omicron Scholarship, and MSU Foundation Scholarships. Go to www.mnsu.edu/scholarshipfinder for more information.

Cohorts

Junior dental hygiene students have an informal mentoring program with senior dental hygiene students.

Clubs

The Student American Dental Hygiene Association (SADHA) is an active club. There is also a Dental Hygiene Club which is a recognized student organization.

HOW DOES A STUDENT PREPARE FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Beneficial high school preparation courses include: biology, chemistry, English, composition and entry level computer skills. Grades earned in the college prerequisite courses, with additional emphasis on the science courses, are considered during application to the program. A minimum college GPA of 2.9 in the college prerequisite courses is required. It is strongly recommended that students considering dental hygiene shadow a dental hygienist in a dental office for a day to observe daily routine. This will advance the students understanding of the profession of dental hygiene and provide insight in career selection. A job shadow experience is required in the prerequisite DHYG 100 course. Please review the material on the dental hygiene Web site at <http://ahn.mnsu.edu/dental>. Feel free to contact us if you still have questions after viewing this material. You are highly encouraged to contact the department and meet with a dental hygiene advisor to discuss the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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You are encouraged to visit the campus.
To arrange for a visit, please call:
Office of Admissions: 507-389-1822
Toll-free: 800-722-0544

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
ENG 101 Composition (4) STAT 154 Introduction to Statistics (4) OR SOC 202 Introduction to Social Statistics (3) BIOL 220 Human Anatomy (4) SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3) OR SOC 150 Social Problems (3) DHYG 100 Perspectives in Dental Hygiene (1)	CHEM 106 Chemistry of Life Process Part I (General) (3) OR CHEM 111 Chemistry of Life Process Part II (Organic & Biochemistry) (5) DHYG 219 Head & Neck Anatomy & Histology (2) CMST 100 Fundamentals of Communication (3) OR CMST 102 Public Speaking (3) PSYCH 101 Introduction to Psychological Sciences (4) General Education Course (3-4)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
BIOL 270 Microbiology (4) DHYG 225 Oral Anatomy (2) General Education Course (3-4) General Education Course (3-4) General Education Writing Intensive (3-4)	BIOL 330 Principles of Human Physiology (4) FCS 242 Nutrition for Healthcare Professionals (3) OR FCS 140 Introduction to Nutrition (3) General Education Diverse Cultures (3) DHYG 223 Pharmacology (3) Apply for Dental Hygiene Program in January
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 I (2) DHYG 327 Periodontology I (2) DHYG 334 Dental Computer Software Management (1)	DHYG 328 Radiography Interpretation (2) DHYG 329 Oral Embryology and Pathology (3) DHYG 326 Biomaterials II (2) DHYG 331 Clinical Dental Hygiene I (2) DHYG 332 Clinical Seminar I (2) DHYG 427 Periodontology II (2) DHYG 420 Local Anesthesia (1)
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 (1) DHYG 428 Technology in Dentistry (1) DHYG 435 Community Practicum II (2) DHYG 438 Advanced Community Practicum I (1)	DHYG 431 Clinical Dental Hygiene III (3) DHYG 432 Clinical Seminar III (2) DHYG 437 Dental Mgmt of Medically Compromised Patient (2) DHYG 439 Advanced Community Practicum II (1) DHYG 440 Restorative Functions (4) DHYG 447 Belize Dental Hygiene Study Abroad (3) (Optional) DHYG 499 National Board Review (1) (Optional)

For additional information about course requirements, please visit <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog/>

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