

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH STUDIES (DENTAL HYGIENE)

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/health-studies/graduate-programs/ms-in-health-studies/>

The Master of Science in Health Studies program prepares students to work as health educators. As a health promotion/health education program, the M.S. program prepares students to promote health and wellness across diverse settings. Such settings include health departments, hospitals, clinics, nonprofit agencies, corporate wellness programs, and community health settings. Graduates are eligible to take the MCHES® Exam to become Master Certified Health Education Specialists.

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## Dental Hygiene Emphasis

Students who have graduated with an entry-level dental hygiene degree and a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene or a related field may pursue an M.S. in Health Studies with an emphasis in Dental Hygiene that will prepare leaders in dental hygiene and health education. This emphasis area allows students to learn to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate oral health programs. In addition, successful completion of the program may help qualify graduates of the program for professional promotions and positions in dental career education, wellness coordination, or dental health administration/management.

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the-cb-60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

- Communicate and advocate for the improvement of health.
- Assess health needs and recommend appropriate solutions.

## Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

This academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

## Degree Requirements

### Prerequisites or Co-requisites

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited university.
- Successful completion of new student orientation within the first year.

## Total Semester Credit Hours Required

**Emphasis in Dental Hygiene Option:** 36 semester credit hours (SCH) that includes 18 SCH of required program courses, 12 SCH of Dental Hygiene emphasis area courses, and 6 SCH of research tools

### Emphasis in Dental Hygiene (36 SCH)

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Health Studies Core</b>		
HS 5413	Current Issues in Health Promotion	3
HS 5353	Epidemiology	3
HS 6443	Theoretical Foundations of Health Promotion	3
HS 5723	Health Care in a Culture of Poverty	3
HS 5763	Alternative Dental Health Careers	3
HS 5383	Program Planning and Implementation in Health Promotion	3
<b>Dental Hygiene</b>		
HS 5713	Dental Hygiene Leadership and Advocacy	3
HS 5733	Dental Hygiene Clinical Education	3
HS 5753	Interprofessional Collaboration and Health Promotion	3
HS 5783	Research in Dental Hygiene	3
<b>Research Tools</b>		
HS 5013	Data Collection and Analysis	3
HS 5703	Applied Statistics in Health Promotion	3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>36</b>

## Residence Requirement

There is no resident requirement for students in the Emphasis in Dental Hygiene.

## Final Examination

For emphasis in Dental Hygiene, a written comprehensive core project on the core coursework is required.