

REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE (ONLINE PROGRAM)

RDH to BS Program

Admission to the Registered Dental Hygienist to B.S. in Dental Hygiene Program

The online RDH-to-BS program allows an individual who has either graduated from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited Program in Dental Hygiene or is currently enrolled as a student in a CODA accredited Program in Dental Hygiene (early entry) to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene. This program does not fulfill requirements for licensure as a dental hygienist. A total of 90 semester credit hours may be transferred into the program; up to 84 of those semester credit hours may be lower division. Transfer courses may include bachelor's degree requirements for Texas and TWU as well as some courses from previous dental hygiene coursework.

Eligibility

Applicants must

- Meet TWU entrance requirements and complete the TWU Application for Admission.
- Meet Dental Hygiene Program entrance requirements, which include graduation from a Dental Hygiene Program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or current status of good standing as a dental hygiene student in a CODA accredited program. Complete the TWU Dental Hygiene Program Application for Admission.
- An applicant who desires early entry into the RDH to BS program must be currently enrolled as a dental hygiene student in the final year of the dental hygiene program and must obtain written approval from the Dental Hygiene Program Director to matriculate into the RDH to BS Program.
- Send official transcripts from all colleges attended to the following address:

TWU Dental Hygiene
attn.: RDH-to-BS Program
P.O. Box 425796
Denton, TX 76204-5796
- Have regular access to a computer that meets standards compatible with TWU Distance Education and high speed Internet access.

Upon acceptance into the program, an advisor will work with the individual to determine requisite coursework in accordance with the student's interests and previous course credits.

Program Requirements

- Complete the Texas general education core curriculum and TWU bachelor's degree course requirements (listed elsewhere in this catalog).
- Complete 36 semester credit hours of upper level courses, including 18 semester credit hours of requisite RDH to BS dental hygiene

courses. Remaining upper division coursework may be selected from elective courses appropriate for personal professional goals and in certain core areas (Visual or Performing Arts, Humanities, Multicultural Women's Studies, Global Perspectives, Computer Science, and/or Dental Hygiene).

- Complete remaining semester credit hours required for the degree. Dental hygiene coursework must receive a grade of C or better to be accepted toward the degree. Additional dental hygiene coursework from an associate's degree program may be transferred for remaining credits. Note: Graduates from institutions with whom the TWU Dental Hygiene Program has articulation agreements are admitted and courses accepted per agreements.

RDH to BS Curriculum (120 semester credit hours)

Required

Code	Title	SCHs
Core Curriculum (may be transferred up to semester credit hour limit)		42
Entry-Level Dental Hygiene coursework (transferred from AAS DH program)		TBD
RDH to BSDH major required courses (upper division courses).		18
DH 3843	Introduction to Process of Care for Early Entry RDH to BSDH (DH 3843 is offered in spring. DH 3303 is offered in fall.)	
or DH 3303	Process of Care for the Registered Dental Hygienist	
DH 4833	Professional Development for the Registered Dental Hygienist (Offered in fall)	
DH 4713	Applied Evidence-based Research (Offered in spring)	
DH 4533	Oral Health Worldview (Offered in fall)	
DH 4823	Dental Hygiene Clinical Case Study Development (Offered in spring)	
DH 4513	Alternative Dental Hygiene Practice (Offered in fall)	
Elective Courses		
DH 4903	Special Topics (Can be taken in any semester offered)	
DH 4911	Independent Study (Can be taken in any semester offered)	
DH 4913	Independent Study (Can be taken in any semester offered)	
Additional upper division courses are required to equal a total of 120 credit hours (May include courses relevant to dental hygiene, personal professional goals, core curriculum, and/or other applicable TWU courses.)		18