

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE (PROFESSIONAL, ENTRY- LEVEL PROGRAM)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/communication-sciences-oral-health/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-programs/bs-in-dental-hygiene-bsdh-professional-entry-level/>

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 121

Major: 63 SCH

Program Code: DENTHYGNENTRY.BS **CIP Code:** 51.0602.00

Texas Core Curriculum

| Code | Title | SCHs |
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| ENG 1013 | Composition I | 3 |
| ENG 1023 | Composition II | 3 |
| Mathematics | | 3 |
| Life & Physical Sciences | | 6 |
| Language, Philosophy, & Culture | | 3 |
| Creative Arts | | 3 |
| HIST 1013 | History of the United States, 1492-1865 | 3 |
| HIST 1023 | History of the United States, 1865 to the Present | 3 |
| POLS 2013 | U.S. National Government | 3 |
| POLS 2023 | Texas Government | 3 |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences | | 3 |
| CAO: Women's Studies | | 3 |
| CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics | | 3 |
| Total SCHs | | 42 |

Courses Required for Major

| Code | Title | SCHs |
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| DH 3112 | Periodontology I | 2 |
| DH 3221 | Risk Assessment and Preventive Dentistry Lab | 1 |
| DH 3222 | Risk Assessment and Preventive Dentistry | 2 |
| DH 3312 | Professionalism and Ethics | 2 |
| DH 3323 | Orofacial Biology | 3 |
| DH 3341 | Orofacial Biology Lab | 1 |
| DH 3401 | Preclinical Dental Hygiene I Theory | 1 |
| DH 3402 | Preclinical Dental Hygiene I Practice | 2 |
| DH 3413 | Clinical Dental Hygiene Theory and Practice | 3 |
| DH 3431 | Oral Radiology Lab | 1 |
| DH 3433 | Oral Radiology | 3 |
| DH 3502 | Dental Hygiene II | 2 |
| DH 3511 | Clinical Dental Hygiene II Theory | 1 |
| DH 3512 | Clinical Dental Hygiene II Practice | 2 |
| DH 3542 | Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist | 2 |

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| DH 4301 | Clinical Dental Hygiene III Theory | 1 |
| DH 4303 | Clinical Dental Hygiene III Practice | 3 |
| DH 4313 | Community Oral Health | 3 |
| DH 4341 | Periodontology II Lab | 1 |
| DH 4342 | Periodontal Disease II | 2 |
| DH 4412 | Dental Hygiene III | 2 |
| DH 4431 | Community Oral Health Practicum | 1 |
| DH 4443 | Dental Hygiene Care for Special Needs | 3 |
| DH 4451 | Dental Materials | 1 |
| DH 4461 | Dental Materials Lab | 1 |
| DH 4513 | Alternative Dental Hygiene Practice | 3 |
| DH 4533 | Oral Health Worldview | 3 |
| DH 4551 | Senior Seminar | 1 |
| DH 4561 | Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Theory | 1 |
| DH 4563 | Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Practice | 3 |
| DH 4713 | Applied Evidence-based Research | 3 |
| DH 4723 | General and Oral Pathology | 3 |
| Total SCHs | | 63 |

Departmental Requirements

| Code | Title | SCHs |
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| BACT 1003 & BACT 1001 | Microbiology and Microbiology Laboratory (may be applied from core; grade of C or higher required) | 4 |
| | Any introductory level or higher chemistry lecture course | 3 |
| | Any introductory level or higher chemistry laboratory course | 1 |
| MATH 1703 | Elementary Statistics I (may be applied from core; grade of C or higher required) | 3 |
| NFS 2323 | Introduction to Nutrition (grade of C or higher required) | 3 |
| ZOOL 2013 & ZOOL 2011 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory (may be applied from core; grade of C or higher required) | 4 |
| ZOOL 2023 & ZOOL 2021 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory (grade of C or higher required) | 4 |
| PSY 1013 | Introduction to General Psychology (may be applied from core) | 3 |
| SOCI 1413 or SOCI 1013 | Culture, Inequality, and Self (may be applied from core) Introductory Sociology | 3 |
| Total SCHs | | 28 |

Retention Criteria

Students must meet all of the following requirements in order to continue in the program.

- A minimum grade of C is required for all dental hygiene courses. No credit will be awarded toward the major for a grade of D or F.
- Students receiving a grade of D or F in a course will be placed on academic probation and must retake the course and earn a grade of C or better in order to graduate from the Dental Hygiene program. Students earning two grades lower than a C, whether in the same course or different courses, will be dismissed from the program.

- Students must maintain professional and academic integrity at all times and must abide by the **Texas State Board of Dental Examiners ethics policy and the American Dental Hygienists' Association Standards for Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice**, university, college, department, and program codes of ethics/conduct and policies and procedures while in the program. Any act deemed unethical or unprofessional by the Promotion Committee may result in sanctions for the student including academic probation or dismissal from the program.
- **Immunizations:** Students must submit documentation showing that all required immunizations are current to Student Health Services (<https://www.twu.edu/student-health-services/immunization-compliance/>) at TWU. Immunizations must also remain current throughout enrollment. Without immunizations, students will not be able to participate in required externships, clinical rotations or client interactions on campus.
- **Background check:** Before beginning the dental hygiene program a criminal background check is required. The background checks are conducted by a third party at the student's expense. In addition, some externships and clinical rotation sites require additional background checks that students are responsible to complete at their expense. Inability to participate in clinical experiences will hinder or preclude a student from either entering into or continuing in the program.
 - Students who have had a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense (not a traffic ticket) should contact the dental board (<http://www.tsbde.texas.gov/>) to determine whether or not they will be eligible for licensure. Also note that the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners requires naturalization papers, driver's license, or passport in order to apply for dental hygiene licensure.
- **Drug Screening:** A drug screening is required before beginning the program. Most externships and all clinical rotation sites also require drug screenings. Drug screening is facilitated through TWU Student Health Services at the student's expense. Any student with a non-negative drug screen result or any student who refuses the test will not be admitted into the dental hygiene program or will be dismissed from the program if enrolled.