

# Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

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## Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene will be able to:

- Provide and document dental hygiene care in a legal and ethical manner.
- Exhibit professional behavior, including time management, risk management, and respect of patients and co-workers.
- Critically evaluate scientific literature and research relevant to dental hygiene.
- Collect, analyze, and record data on the general and oral health status of patients.
- Use critical decision-making skills to develop a dental hygiene diagnosis, which will provide a basis for interventions that are within the scope of dental hygiene practice and determine the need for referral to appropriate health professions as needed.
- Formulate a dental hygiene care plan, including a planned sequence of educational, preventive, and therapeutic services based on the dental hygiene diagnosis in collaboration with the patient and other health care providers.
- Deliver preventive and therapeutic care to achieve and maintain oral health utilizing established infection control procedures, pain control measures, and ergonomic practices.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the implemented services, and modify as needed.
- Promote the profession of dental hygiene through service and affiliations with professional organizations.
- Assess, plan, implement, and evaluate complex community oral health projects to diverse populations