

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

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

1. Provide and document dental hygiene care in a legal and ethical manner.
2. Exhibit professional behavior, including time management, risk management, and respect of patients and co-workers.
3. Critically evaluate scientific literature and research relevant to dental hygiene.
4. Collect, analyze, and record data on the general and oral health status of patients.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Deliver preventive and therapeutic care to achieve and maintain oral health utilizing established infection control procedures, pain control measures, and ergonomic practices.
8. Evaluate the effectiveness of the implemented services, and modify as needed.
9. Promote the profession of dental hygiene through service and affiliations with professional organizations.
10. Assess, plan, implement, and evaluate complex community oral health projects to diverse populations