

# Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

The UAA dental hygiene entry-level program prepares graduates for licensure and employment as dental hygienists. Admission to the entry-level program is competitive due to limited capacity. Admittance to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) for graduates of an associate degree dental hygiene program for the purpose of bachelor degree completion does not require a competitive admission process.

The UAA dental hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

## Licensure and/or Certification

Graduates of the BSDH are eligible to sit for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination from the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and for regional clinical examinations required for state licensure. Graduation from a CODA accredited dental hygiene program and successful completion of licensure examinations are required to obtain a State of Alaska Dental Hygiene License.

Please go to UAA's Authorization by State ([https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/office-of-academic-affairs/provost\\_office/uaa-state-authorization/authorization.cshtml/](https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/office-of-academic-affairs/provost_office/uaa-state-authorization/authorization.cshtml/)) website for information about licensure or certification in a state other than Alaska.

## Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Programs (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/>).
- Complete the following Admission Requirements for the BS in Dental Hygiene:
  - All students will initially be admitted to a pre-major status. Admission to the pre-major status does not guarantee subsequent admission to the major. As a pre-major, students work with an advisor to assist them in completing pre-major requirements and preparing to apply to the full major.
  - Complete the following courses with a minimum grade of C:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL A111	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL A112	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL A240	Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences	4
COMM GER course		3
CHEM A103 & A103L	Introduction to General Chemistry and Introduction to General Chemistry Laboratory	4
or CHEM A105 & A105L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	
PSY A111	Introduction to Psychology	3
or PSY A150	Lifespan Development	

SOC A101	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOC A201	Social Problems and Solutions	
WRTG GER course		3

- For entry-level admission to the BSDH, submit an application according to criteria and deadlines on the program website (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/school-of-allied-health/academics/dental-hygiene/applicationprocedure.cshtml/>). Completion of the program admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program as a full major.
- Applicants with an associate degree in dental hygiene should meet with an advisor to determine eligibility to petition selected coursework for the major.

## Special Considerations

Prior to beginning pre-clinical and clinical courses, students must provide documentation of the following:

- Current health insurance
- Vaccinations as listed in the program handbook
- Current Basic Life Support certification for healthcare professionals
- State of Alaska background checks

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/>).
- Complete the General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>).
  - For Written Communication Skills GER, WRTG A212 is recommended.
  - Courses required for program admission may satisfy Oral Communication Skills, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences GERs.
  - The statistics major requirement may satisfy the Quantitative Skills GER.
- Complete the following major requirements with a minimum grade of C:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL A111	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL A112	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL A240	Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences	4
CHEM A103 & A103L	Introduction to General Chemistry and Introduction to General Chemistry Laboratory	4
or CHEM A105 & A105L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	

CHEM A104 & A104L	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry and Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry Laboratory	4
DA A110	Dental Radiography	3
DA A110L	Dental Radiography Laboratory	1
DA A160	Materials in Dentistry	3
DH A200	Basic Instrumentation for Dental Hygienists	2
DH A201	Oral Histology and Embryology	2
DH A203	Assessment Procedures in Dental Hygiene	3
DH A204	Anatomy of the Orofacial Structures	2
DH A220	Introduction to Preventive Dentistry	1.5
DH A222	Adjunctive Techniques for Dental Hygienists	3
DH A292D	Clinical Seminar I	1
DH A292E	Preclinical Seminar	1
DH A295D	Clinical Practicum I	4
DH A302	Advanced Instrumentation for Dental Hygienists	1
DH A310	Oral Pain Control	3
DH A311	Periodontics	2
DH A314	Pathology of Oral Tissues	2
DH A316	Professional Dental Hygiene Practice	1
DH A321	Current Periodontal Therapies	2
DH A324	Community Dental Health I	2
DH A365	Pharmacology for Dental Hygienists	2
DH A392C	Clinical Seminar II	1
DH A392D	Clinical Seminar III	1
DH A395C	Clinical Practicum II	5
DH A395D	Clinical Practicum III	6
DN A203	Nutrition for Health Sciences	3
PSY A111 or PSY A150	Introduction to Psychology Lifespan Development	3
SOC A101 or SOC A201	Introduction to Sociology Social Problems and Solutions	3
STAT A200 or STAT A253	Elementary Statistics Applied Statistics for the Sciences	3-4
Complete a minimum of 11 credits from the following:		11
DH A360	Restorative Techniques for Dental Auxiliaries	
DH A390	Selected Topics in Dental Hygiene <sup>1</sup>	
DH A395E	Community Practicum in Dental Hygiene <sup>2</sup>	

DH A395R	Supplemental Dental Hygiene Clinical Practicum <sup>2</sup>	
DH A398	Individual Research	
DH A495B	Instructional Practicum in Dental Hygiene	
DH A495E	Rural Practicum in Dental Hygiene <sup>2</sup>	
DN A315	World Food Patterns	
DN A325	Food & Nutrition in Modern Alaska	
DN A355	Weight Management and Eating Disorders	
DN A407	Preventive and Therapeutic Nutrition	
ENGL A312 or ENGL A313 or ENGL A414	Advanced Technical Writing Professional Writing Research Writing	
HS/SOC A370	Medical Sociology	
PHIL A302	Biomedical Ethics	
Other courses approved by a Dental Hygiene advisor		
<b>Integrative Capstone</b>		
DH A424	Community Dental Health II	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>100.5-101.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> No more than 6 credits of DH A390 may be applied toward this degree.

<sup>2</sup> No more than 3 credits total of DH A395E, DH A395R, and DH A495E can be counted toward this requirement.

**A minimum of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 42 credits must be upper-division.**