

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT of DENTAL HYGIENE

BACHELOR of SCIENCE in DENTAL HYGIENE COMPLETION PROGRAM

Application/Admission and Program Bulletin – Fall 2009 and Spring 2010

Program:

The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene is a degree completion program for those who already possess an Associate level degree in dental hygiene from an accredited U.S. institution. It consists of a total of 120 credits, building on the foundational knowledge and skills possessed by the Associate level trained dental hygienist. The program is interdisciplinary, consisting of six upper level dental hygiene courses, as well as three tracts: Education, Public Health, and Business. This program will be offered on-line beginning fall 2009. Please contact the Department of Dental Hygiene for details.

The majority of the course work in the three tracts consists of courses already taught by their respective departments.

The program is intended to help dental hygienists attain their personal, career and educational goals, whether they remain in private practice or enter related areas of the profession. It is intended to further develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills and help address the ever growing knowledge base and changing oral health care delivery avenues. Further, the degree can be used towards exploration of, and/or as a step towards, acceptance into graduate level programs and research.

Program Objectives:

- Graduates will be able to expand and develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Graduates will be able to apply their knowledge and skills to their everyday practice and/or career development.
- Graduates will be able to identify future changes in the profession and formulate appropriate strategies to adapt to them.
- Graduates will be able to discuss the major current and future issues in oral care delivery to include cultural, economic, and societal factors.
- Graduates will be able to comprehend and apply their knowledge of learning/developmental theories to the education of their patients and community.

Length of Program:

The student will be required to complete the program in three academic years, beginning with the first semester they are officially in the program. It is expected that many students will be able to complete the program in one or two academic years on a part-time student basis, depending on their course load, previous work completed and individual life circumstances.

Admission/Application requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Program:
Admission to the program requires a separate admission process from that of applying to UVU.

- Graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program in the U.S. with an Associate level degree. The degree must be acceptable and transferable to the USHE higher education system.
- A minimum of 3.0 GPA in the Associate level dental hygiene program.
- A letter of intent stating why the applicant would like to attend the program.
- An interview, for non-UVU dental hygiene graduates, will also be required.

Admission to UVU does not constitute admission to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene completion program.

Admission/Selection Procedure:

Applicants must complete an official UVU Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program completion application. To request application materials you may email henderjo@uvu.edu, call the department at (801) 863-7536, or visit our administrative office in room MT 142 of the UVU West Campus Building.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling admissions basis. The application, and all application materials, must be completed and postmarked or hand-delivered before the start date of the semester in which the student wishes to begin the program.

The application materials consist of:

1. An official completed Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene completion program application.
2. Official transcripts showing the applicant's dental hygiene education, grades, degree awarded, etc.
3. All other official college transcripts.
4. Letter of intent.

Selection of Applicants:

Applicants must satisfy the above minimum requirements. The GPA of their dental hygiene degree will be determined. Results of the interview and letter of intent will also be evaluated. Admission points will be assigned on the basis of these factors.

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that their application file is complete and all required materials have been received by the application deadline date. Please call our department at (801) 863-7536 to make sure that application materials were received by the department, as well as to ask any questions you may have about the application process and/or your application.

All applicants will be notified by mail, no phone requests please, of their admission status, (accepted/not accepted).

Transfer of Credits:

For information regarding transfer of credits from other institutions of higher learning for general education and required courses, other than dental hygiene courses, please contact the UVU transfer credit office at (801) 863-8438. The Department will evaluate each applicant's previous dental hygiene courses.

Program Costs:

Student costs for the program will be based on UVU tuition and fees.

Professionalism:

Professionalism is an integral part of being a dental hygienist. The Department of Dental Hygiene expects professional conduct by the applicant and student at all times. As such, any serious lapse in professional conduct by the applicant or student may make the applicant ineligible for acceptance into the program or may be cause for dismissal from the program, if already a student.

The student will be informed of additional departmental policies following admission to the program.

The Curriculum Plan:

The program consists of 120 credits, your previous course work, including your Associate level dental hygiene degree, will be evaluated for acceptance towards the 120 credits. As of 2008, all UVU Bachelor degree candidates, who begin their Bachelor level degree in 2008 or later, will be required to take a **global involvement course** to meet graduation requirements. All of these courses is available from the Department of Dental Hygiene.

Upon acceptance, each student will meet with the Department and design a timetable and course sequence plan to be followed.

Emphases or Tracts:

There are three tracts for the student to choose from, depending on what their individual interests and future plans may be. Each tract consists of four courses of three credits each for a total of 12 credits.

Education Tract:

EDSC 3000 - Educational Psychology	3 credits
DENT 4200 - Teaching the Dental Hygiene Student	3 credits
HLTH 4200 - Health Education Teaching Methods	3 credits
SOC 3430 - Sociology of Education	3 credits

Public Health Tract:

HLTH 3200 - Principles of Community Health	3 credits
HLTH 3260 - Modifying Health Behavior	3 credits
HLTH 3800 - Epidemiology	3 credits
HLTH 4300 - Community Health Ethics	3 credits

Business Tract:

MGMT 3000 - Organizational Behavior	3 credits
MGMT 3600 - Principles of Marketing	3 credits
MGMT 3170 - Entrepreneurship	3 credits
MGMT 3210 - Convention and Events Management	3 credits

The following curriculum plan makes up the remaining 108 credits

General Education Requirements---38.0 Credits

ENGL 1010 - Introduction to Writing	3 credits
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ENGL 2010 - Intermediate Writing -- Humanities/Social Sciences or ENGL 2020 - Intermediate Writing -- Science and Technology	3 credits
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MATH 1050 - College Algebra	4 credits
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Complete one of the following:

HIST 1700 - American Civilization (3.0)	3 credits
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HIST 2700 - US History to 1877 (3.0)	
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HIST 2710 - US History since 1877 (3.0)	
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HIST 1740 - US Economic History (3.0)	
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POLS 1000 - American Heritage (3.0)	
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POLS 1100 - American National Government (3.0)	
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Complete the following:

PHIL 2050 - Ethics and Values	3 credits
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HLTH 1100 - Personal Health and Wellness or PES 1097 Fitness for Life	2 credits
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Distribution Courses:

BIOL 1010 - General Biology	3 credits
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CHEM 1110 - Elementary Chemistry for the Health Sciences	4 credits
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ZOOL 2320 - Human Anatomy	4 credits
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Fine Arts	3 credits
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COMM 1050 - Introduction to Speech Communication	3 credits
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SOC 1010 - Introduction to Sociology or SOC 1020 Modern Social Problems	3 credits
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Discipline Core Requirements -- Credits: 67.0

DENT 1010 - Dental Hygiene I	4 credits
DENT 1020 - Oral Anatomy and Physiology	4 credits
DENT 1030 - Dental Materials	2 credits
DENT 1040 - Dental Hygiene II	6 credits
DENT 1050 - Clinical Dental Radiography	2 credits
DENT 1060 - General Oral Pathology	2 credits
DENT 3010 - Dental Hygiene III	6 credits
DENT 2020 - Dental Pharmacology	3 credits
DENT 3050 - Dental Hygiene Seminar	1 credits
DENT 2060 - Community Dental Hygiene	3 credits
DENT 3030 - Periodontology	3 credits
DENT 3040 - Dental Hygiene IV	6 credits
DENT 3060 - Advanced Dental Hygiene Public Health	3 credits
DENT 3200 - Teaching the Dental Hygiene Patient	2 credits
DENT 4010 - Cutting Edge Seminar	1 credits
DENT 481R - Internship in Dental Hygiene	1 credits
MICR 2060 - Microbiology for Health Professions	4 credits
NUTR 1020 - Foundations of Human Nutrition	3 credits
PSY 1010 - General Psychology	3 credits
ZOOL 2420 - Human Physiology	4 credits

Elective Requirements -- Credits: 3.0

Choose any 3000 level courses or higher for 3 credits (DENT 489R recommended) 3 Credits

Graduation Requirements -- Credits: 0.0

1. Completion of a minimum of 120 semester credits.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.5 or above. All courses must have "C-" or higher.
3. Residency hours: minimum of 30 credit hours through course attendance at UVU, with 10 hours earned during the last 45 hours.
4. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
5. A minimum of 40 upper division credit hours.
6. Students completing a bachelor degree following the 2008 or later catalog must complete one course that meets the Global/Intercultural Requirement, indicated by a course number ending in G.

Progression in the Program:

Once accepted, the student will meet with the Department of Dental Hygiene to design a course sequence and time line plan. It will be highly recommended that the student enroll in DENT 3060, Advanced Dental Hygiene Public Health and DENT 3200, teaching the Dental Hygiene Patient in their first semester, at a minimum. The student must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA for all courses taken toward the degree and a minimum of a C- in any one course. Failure to do so may mean dismissal from the program.

Please be advised that 30 credit hours must be completed through attendance at UVU with 10 hours earned during the last 45 hours.

Information in this bulletin is valid for the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 entering class only.