# DENTAL HYGIENE

## **DEGREES**

- Associate in Applied Science in Dental Hygiene
- · Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

#### STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- AmeriCorps service hours
- · Opportunities with Title I elementary schools
- · University of Utah Dental Clinic partnerships
- · Share a Smile low-income and homeless populations
- · Service trips to Native American reservation
- · Service trips to Guatemala and other countries

#### **CAREER PATHS**

- · Dental hygienist
- Educator
- · Community dental health hygienist

#### JOB OUTLOOK

- It is estimated that graduates with a degree in dental hygiene will earn between \$54,000 to \$84,000 per year.
- Employment as a dental hygienist is projected to grow 11
  percent from 2020 to 2030, much faster than average for all
  occupations (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021).

#### COURSE DELIVERY OPTIONS

Associate level courses are offered face to face. Bachelor completion courses can be taken online.



## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Dental Hygiene graduates will exit the program with the ability to:

- Expand and develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Apply knowledge and skills to everyday practices and career development
- Identify future changes in the profession and create appropriate strategies to adapt
- Discuss the major current and future issues in oral health care delivery to include cultural, economic, and societal factors
- Comprehend and apply the knowledge of learning and development theories to the education of patients and the community

# **ADVISEMENT**

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