

DENTAL HYGIENE (AAS)

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Program Description

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree Program in Dental Hygiene is comprised of lecture courses in dental and health sciences along with clinical and hands-on experience. The 78 credit curriculum is offered as a **"fast-track" 17-month program**, a **two-year program** or a **three-year program**. Dental hygiene students are prepared to perform competently in providing preventive and therapeutic patient oral health care. The dental hygiene program, located within the NYU College of Dentistry, allows students to work side by side with dental (DDS) students, dental faculty and dental hygiene faculty in the clinical portion of the curriculum. By working in these clinical settings with culturally diverse patients, dental hygiene students gain invaluable knowledge and experiences.

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

For admission requirements and instructions specific to this program, see Admission Requirements (<https://dental.nyu.edu/education/dental-hygiene-programs/admission-requirements.html>).

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
DHYG1-UD 100	Human Microbiology I	2
DHYG1-UD 110	Oral Anatomy	3
DHYG1-UD 112	Principles of Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 113	Principles of Dh I Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 114	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
DHYG1-UD 115	Radiology	2
DHYG1-UD 116	Chemistry for Allied Health	4
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
DHYG1-UD 120	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
DHYG1-UD 121	Principles of Dh II Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 122	Prin of Dent Hygiene II Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 123	Dental Materials Lec	3
DHYG1-UD 124	Oral Embryology & Histology	2
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2
DHYG1-UD 200	Microbiology II	2
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4
DHYG2-UD 130	Prin of Dh III Lec	2
DHYG2-UD 131	Principles of Dh III Clinic	2
DHYG2-UD 132	General & Oral Pathology	3
DHYG2-UD 134	Pharmacology	2
DHYG2-UD 135	Preventive Dentistry & Public Health	3
SOCS1-UC 2201	Oral Communications	4
PSYC1-UC 6801 or PSYCH- UA 9001	Intro to Psychology Intro to Psychology	4
DHYG2-UD 136	Nutrition and Health	3
DHYG2-UD 139	Board Review	0
DHYG2-UD 140	Prin of Dh IV Lecture	2
DHYG2-UD 141	Principles of Dh IV Clinic	2
DHYG2-UD 142	Ethics	1
DHYG2-UD 143	Oral Health Education	2
DHYG2-UD 145	Pain Management	2
SOCY1-UC 7200 or SOC-UA 1	Intro to Sociology Intro to Sociology	4
Total Credits		78

The NYU dental hygiene program is further enhanced by clinical rotations and outreaches. As part of the clinical requirements, students rotate through specialty areas such as orthodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics, implant dentistry, pediatric dentistry, and hospital clinics, while improving their clinical expertise. Domestic and international outreach opportunities in underserved areas are available to students in their second year. Selected students continue to work closely with dental students and other faculty members, providing comprehensive dental treatment to those who may not have access to care.

Upon completion of the 78 credit curriculum, students are qualified to take the clinical board examinations and the dental hygiene national boards, which are requirements for state licensure.

Advanced Standing Plan

NYU Dentistry offers an accelerated degree curriculum within its dental hygiene program for advanced students, creating a path for dentists with international dental degrees who want to pursue careers in dental hygiene. Students will earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in dental hygiene in the 12-month program.

- Important: Please review the AAS Advanced Standing Admissions Requirements (<https://dental.nyu.edu/education/dental-hygiene-programs/degree-programs/advanced-standing.html>).
- Contact the admissions officer (cwarren@nyu.edu) for further information.
- Please review the AAS Advanced Standing curriculum (PDF) (<https://dental.nyu.edu/content/dam/nyudental/documents/academic-programs/dental-hygiene/AAS-advanced-standing-track.pdf>)

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
DHYG1-UD 115	Radiology	2
DHYG1-UD 121	Principles of Dh II Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 122	Prin of Dent Hygiene II Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 123	Dental Materials Lec	3
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
PSYC1-UC 6801 or PSYCH- UA 9001	Intro to Psychology Intro to Psychology	4
DHYG2-UD 130	Prin of Dh III Lec	2
DHYG2-UD 131	Principles of Dh III Clinic	2

DHYG2-UD 132	General & Oral Pathology	3
DHYG2-UD 134	Pharmacology	2
DHYG2-UD 135	Preventive Dentistry & Public Health	3
DHYG2-UD 139	Board Review	0
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4
SOCS1-UC 2201	Oral Communications	4
DHYG2-UD 136	Nutrition and Health	3
DHYG2-UD 140	Prin of Dh IV Lecture	2
DHYG2-UD 141	Principles of Dh IV Clinic	2
DHYG2-UD 142	Ethics	1
DHYG2-UD 143	Oral Health Education	2
DHYG2-UD 145	Pain Management	2
SOCY1-UC 7200	Intro to Sociology	4
or SOC-UA 1	Intro to Sociology	
Total Credits	55	

3 Please review the AAS Three-Year curriculum (PDF) (https://dental.nyu.edu/content/dam/nyudental/documents/academic-programs/dental-hygiene/dh_aas3yrday.pdf).

Sample Plan of Study Advanced Standing Plan

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 115	Radiology	2
DHYG1-UD 121	Principles of Dh II Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 122	Prin of Dent Hygiene II Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 123	Dental Materials Lec	3
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
PSYC1-UC 6801 or PSYCH-UA 1	Intro to Psychology or Intro to Psychology	4
PSYCH-UA 1	Intro to Psychology	4
Credits		23
2nd Semester/Term		
DHYG2-UD 130	Prin of Dh III Lec	2
DHYG2-UD 131	Principles of Dh III Clinic	2
DHYG2-UD 132	General & Oral Pathology	3
DHYG2-UD 134	Pharmacology	2
DHYG2-UD 135	Preventive Dentistry & Public Health	3
DHYG2-UD 139	Board Review	1
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4
SOCS1-UC 2201	Oral Communications	4
Credits		21
3rd Semester/Term		
DHYG2-UD 136	Nutrition and Health	3
DHYG2-UD 140	Prin of Dh IV Lecture	2
DHYG2-UD 141	Principles of Dh IV Clinic	2
DHYG2-UD 142	Ethics	1
DHYG2-UD 143	Oral Health Education	2
DHYG2-UD 145	Pain Management	1
SOCY1-UC 7201 or SOC-UA 1	Contemporary Social Theory or Intro to Sociology	4
Credits		15
4th Semester/Term		
Mandatory Transfer Credits		
DHYG1-UD 100	Human Microbiology I	2
DHYG1-UD 110	Oral Anatomy	3
DHYG1-UD 112	Principles of Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 113	Principles of Dh I Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 114	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
DHYG1-UD 116	Chemistry for Allied Health	4
DHYG1-UD 120	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
DHYG1-UD 124	Oral Embryology & Histology	2
DHYG1-UD 200	Microbiology II	2
Credits		23
Total Credits		82

17-Month Fast Track

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 100	Human Microbiology I	2
DHYG1-UD 110	Oral Anatomy	3
DHYG1-UD 112	Principles of Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 113	Principles of Dh I Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 114	Anatomy & Physiology I	3

Three-Year Plan

The three-year plan extends the full-time two year Associate curriculum, allowing students to complete the required 78 credit program through a less intense full-time credit load. Semesters average 12-15 credits. Some students may have courses eligible for transfer, which could lessen the student's academic load; however, due to course sequencing, this track requires three years for degree completion. This track offers the flexibility that many students need to balance life/ work responsibilities during the week. Class meeting times vary from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm over five days per week. Course flexibility may vary week to week throughout the six semesters. Semesters average 15 weeks.

Please review the AAS Two-Year curriculum (PDF) (https://dental.nyu.edu/content/dam/nyudental/documents/academic-programs/dental-hygiene/dh_aas2yrday.pdf).

Two-Year Plan

The two-year plan is often the most sought-after track of the AAS degree program. It is also the most condensed of the tracks due to its heavy credit load with semesters averaging 18-20+ credits (full-time status at NYU is 12-20 credits). Students navigate through the 78 credit program over two academic years of study. Some students may have courses that are eligible for transfer, which could lessen the student's academic load; however, due to course sequencing, this track still requires a two-year commitment. Class meeting times vary from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm over five days per week. Semesters average 15 weeks.

Please review the AAS Two-Year curriculum (PDF) (https://dental.nyu.edu/content/dam/nyudental/documents/academic-programs/dental-hygiene/dh_aas2yrday.pdf).

DHYG1-UD 115	Radiology	2	3rd Semester/Term	
DHYG1-UD 116	Chemistry for Allied Health	4	DHYG2-UD 130	Prin of Dh III Lec
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0	DHYG2-UD 131	Principles of Dh III Clinic
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4	DHYG2-UD 132	General & Oral Pathology
	Credits	22	DHYG2-UD 134	Pharmacology
2nd Semester/Term			DHYG2-UD 135	Preventive Dentistry & Public Health
DHYG1-UD 120	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	SOCS1-UC 2201	Oral Communications
DHYG1-UD 121	Principles of Dh II Lecture	2	PSYC1-UC 6801	Intro to Psychology
DHYG1-UD 122	Prin of Dent Hygiene II Clinic	2	or PSYCH-UA 9001	or Intro to Psychology
DHYG1-UD 123	Dental Materials Lec	3		Credits
DHYG1-UD 124	Oral Embryology & Histology	2	DHYG2-UD 136	Nutrition and Health
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2	DHYG2-UD 139	Board Review
DHYG1-UD 200	Microbiology II	2	DHYG2-UD 140	Prin of Dh IV Lecture
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4	DHYG2-UD 141	Principles of Dh IV Clinic
	Credits	20	DHYG2-UD 142	Ethics
3rd Semester/Term			DHYG2-UD 143	Oral Health Education
DHYG2-UD 130	Prin of Dh III Lec	2	DHYG2-UD 145	Pain Management
DHYG2-UD 131	Principles of Dh III Clinic	2	SOCY1-UC 7200	Intro to Sociology
DHYG2-UD 132	General & Oral Pathology	3	or SOC-UA 1	or Intro to Sociology
DHYG2-UD 134	Pharmacology	2		Credits
DHYG2-UD 135	Preventive Dentistry & Public Health	3		16
PSYC1-UC 6801	Intro to Psychology	4		Total Credits
or PSYCH-UA 9001	or Intro to Psychology			78
SOCS1-UC 2201	Oral Communications	4		
	Credits	20		
4th Semester/Term				
DHYG2-UD 136	Nutrition and Health	3		
DHYG2-UD 139	Board Review	0		
DHYG2-UD 140	Prin of Dh IV Lecture	2		
DHYG2-UD 141	Principles of Dh IV Clinic	2		
DHYG2-UD 142	Ethics	1		
DHYG2-UD 143	Oral Health Education	2		
DHYG2-UD 145	Pain Management	2		
SOCY1-UC 7200	Intro to Sociology	4		
or SOC-UA 1	or Intro to Sociology			
	Credits	16		
	Total Credits	78		

Three-Year Plan

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 100	Human Microbiology I	2
DHYG1-UD 110	Oral Anatomy	3
DHYG1-UD 112	Principles of Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 113	Principles of Dh I Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 114	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
DHYG1-UD 115	Radiology	2
DHYG1-UD 116	Chemistry for Allied Health	4
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0
	Credits	12
2nd Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 120	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
DHYG1-UD 200	Microbiology II	2
PSYC1-UC 6801	Intro to Psychology	4
or PSYCH-UA 9001	or Intro to Psychology	
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
	Credits	13

Two-Year Plan

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 100	Human Microbiology I	2
DHYG1-UD 110	Oral Anatomy	3
DHYG1-UD 112	Principles of Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 113	Principles of Dh I Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 114	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
DHYG1-UD 115	Radiology	2
DHYG1-UD 116	Chemistry for Allied Health	4
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
	Credits	22
2nd Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 120	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
DHYG1-UD 121	Principles of Dh II Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 122	Prin of Dent Hygiene II Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 123	Dental Materials Lec	3
DHYG1-UD 124	Oral Embryology & Histology	2
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2
DHYG1-UD 200	Microbiology II	2
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4
	Credits	20
3rd Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 112	Principles of Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 113	Principles of Dh I Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 115	Radiology	2
SOCS1-UC 2201	Oral Communications	4
	Credits	10
4th Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 121	Principles of Dh II Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 122	Prin of Dent Hygiene II Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 123	Dental Materials Lec	3
DHYG1-UD 124	Oral Embryology & Histology	2
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2
	Credits	15
5th Semester/Term		
DHYG2-UD 130	Prin of Dh III Lec	2
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0
DHYG2-UD 131	Principles of Dh III Clinic	2
DHYG2-UD 132	General & Oral Pathology	3
DHYG2-UD 134	Pharmacology	2
DHYG2-UD 135	Preventive Dentistry & Public Health	3

SOCY1-UC 7200 or SOC-UA 1	Intro to Sociology or Intro to Sociology	4
	Credits	16
6th Semester/Term		
DHYG2-UD 136	Nutrition and Health	3
DHYG2-UD 139	Board Review	0
DHYG2-UD 140	Prin of Dh IV Lecture	2
DHYG2-UD 141	Principles of Dh IV Clinic	2
DHYG2-UD 142	Ethics	1
DHYG2-UD 143	Oral Health Education	2
DHYG2-UD 145	Pain Management	2
	Credits	12
	Total Credits	78

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Apply ethical practice of dental hygiene and adhere to legal and regulatory codes of the profession.
2. Use critical thinking skills and comprehensive problem-solving to create evidence-based systemic and oral health care strategies that promote patient health and wellness.
3. Continuously perform self-assessment for life-long learning and professional growth.
4. Promote the values of the dental hygiene profession through service-based activities, positive community affiliations, and active involvement in local organizations.
5. Initiate collaborative approach and communicate effectively with all patients when developing individualized care plans that are specialized, comprehensive, culturally sensitive, and acceptable to all parties involved without discrimination.
6. Use evidence-based decision making to evaluate emerging technology and treatment modalities to integrate into patient dental hygiene care plans to achieve high-quality, cost-effective care.
7. Assume responsibility for professional actions and integrates educational, preventive, and therapeutic oral health services based on accepted scientific theories, research, and the accepted standard of care.
8. Apply quality assurance mechanisms to ensure continuous commitment to accepted standards of care, including health and safety of patient and provider and accurate, consistent and complete documentation of general and oral health services.
9. Initiate consultations and collaborations with all relevant health care providers for the delivery of inter-professional, patient-centered care.
10. Manage medical emergencies by using professional judgment, providing life support, and utilizing required CPR and any specialized training or knowledge.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

College of Dentistry Policies

A full list of related academic policies can be found on the College of Dentistry Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/dentistry/academic-policies/>).