

DENTAL HYGIENE (BS)

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Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, totaling 128 credits, serves as a gateway to numerous career prospects within the field. This comprehensive degree not only enhances professional capabilities but also unlocks diverse employment opportunities for dental hygienists. From roles as administrators, clinicians, and educators to opportunities in corporate settings, entrepreneurship, public health, and research, this degree equips individuals with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in various facets of the profession.

The BSDH Dental Hygiene program offers various options for students to pursue their education in dental hygiene. The BSDH Dental Hygiene Concentration (https://dental.nyu.edu/content/nyudental/en/content/dam/nyudental/documents/dh_bstracka.pdf) curriculum plan can be completed over a typical four-year college curriculum, providing students with the opportunity to earn a BS degree while receiving dental hygiene education. This full-time on-campus or hybrid program includes coursework in general education, basic sciences, clinical sciences, and dental hygiene theory, with a clinical component in the second and third years.

Additionally, there's an option for students who have completed an associate degree in dental hygiene to pursue a BS Degree Completion (https://dental.nyu.edu/content/nyudental/en/content/dam/nyudental/documents/dh_bscompletion.pdf) program, where credits can be transferred, and most classes are offered online. Another option is the BSDH Dental Science Concentration (<https://dental.nyu.edu/content/dam/nyudental/documents/education/dh/BSDH-Dental-Science-curriculum.pdf>), which integrates prerequisite courses required for dental school application and other health-related professions. For incoming students with transfer credits, there's a BSDH for Transfers (https://dental.nyu.edu/content/nyudental/en/content/dam/nyudental/documents/dh_bsaccelerated.pdf) curriculum plan, allowing for a shorter completion period. All options are discussed during information-sharing sessions with admissions counselors, ensuring students find the right fit for their educational goals.

The Department of Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting offers BS students the opportunity to apply for a scholarship when enrolling in our internship courses.

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

BSDH Dental Hygiene Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
General Requirements		
Mathematics		3
Foreign Language		3
History/Culture/Arts (2 courses)		6
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4
PSYC1-UC 6801	Intro to Psychology	4
	or PSYCH-UA 1 Intro to Psychology	
SOCY1-UC 7200	Intro to Sociology	4
	or SOC-UA 1 Intro to Sociology	
SOCS1-UC 2201	Oral Communications	4
DHYG1-UD 114	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
DHYG1-UD 120	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
DHYG1-UD 116	Chemistry for Allied Health	4
NURSE-UN 80	Statistics I	3
Major Requirements		
DHYG1-UD 110	Oral Anatomy	3
DHYG1-UD 100	Human Microbiology I	2
DHYG1-UD 112	Principles of Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 113	Principles of Dh I Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 115	Radiology	2
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0
HUMN1-UC 6401	Critical Thinking	4
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 200	Microbiology II	2
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2
DHYG1-UD 124	Oral Embryology & Histology	2
DHYG3-UD 155	Cultural Competence	3
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
DHYG3-UD 150	Advanced Allied Dental Education	3
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
DHYG3-UD 156	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Teaching	3
DHYG3-UD 173	Leadership Development	3
DHYG3-UD 162	Research Methods	4
DHYG3-UD 151	Internship	3
DHYG3-UD 172	Internship II	3
DHYG2-UD 139	Board Review	0

Major Electives

Select three of the following dental hygiene electives:	9
DHYG3-UD 152 Introduction to Oral Health Policy	
DHYG3-UD 154 Healthcare for the Older Adult	
DHYG3-UD 166 Forensic Dentistry/ Catastrophe Preparedness	
DHYG3-UD 170 Women's Health	
DHYG1-UD 167	
Total Credits	128

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Course	Title	Credits
General Requirements		
Foreign Language		3
History/Culture/Arts (2 courses)		6
MATH-UA 121	Calculus I	4
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4
PSYC1-UC 6801	Intro to Psychology	4
	or PSYCH-UA 1 Intro to Psychology	
SOCY1-UC 7200	Intro to Sociology	4
	or SOC-UA 1 Intro to Sociology	
SOC1-UC 2201	Oral Communications	4
DHYG1-UD 114	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
DHYG1-UD 114	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
DHYG1-UD 120	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
DHYG1-UD 120	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
Major Requirements		
CHEM-UA 125	General Chemistry I & Laboratory	5
CHEM-UA 126	General Chemistry II & Laboratory	5
CHEM-UA 225	Organic Chemistry I & Laboratory	5
CHEM-UA 226	Organic Chemistry II & Laboratory	5
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0
PHYS-UA 11	General Physics I	5
DHYG1-UD 100	Human Microbiology I	2
PHYS-UA 12	General Physics II	5
DHYG1-UD 200	Microbiology II	2
DHYG1-UD 112	Principles of Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 113	Principles of Dh I Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 110	Oral Anatomy	3
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 124	Oral Embryology & Histology	2
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2
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
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

Major Electives

Select three of the following dental science electives:	9
DHYG3-UD 150 Advanced Allied Dental Education	
DHYG3-UD 156 Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Teaching	
DHYG3-UD 167 Concepts in Community & Public Health	
DHYG3-UD 155 Cultural Competence	
DHYG3-UD 166 Forensic Dentistry/ Catastrophe Preparedness	
DHYG3-UD 154 Healthcare for the Older Adult	
DHYG3-UD 152 Introduction to Oral Health Policy	
DHYG3-UD 173 Leadership Development	
DHYG3-UD 162 Research Methods	
DHYG3-UD 170 Women's Health	
Total Credits	128

BS Degree Completion

The requirements below are for a student who has successfully transferred 76 credits to NYU Dentistry. Transfer credits are evaluated individually, and on a case-by-case basis, at the time of admissions.

Course	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
History/Culture/Arts (2 courses)		6
Foreign Language		3
Mathematics		3
NURSE-UN 80	Statistics I	3
HUMN1-UC 6401	Critical Thinking	4
DHYG3-UD 155	Cultural Competence	3
DHYG3-UD 156	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Teaching	3
DHYG1-UD 126		0
DHYG3-UD 150	Advanced Allied Dental Education	3
DHYG3-UD 151	Internship	3
DHYG2-UD 145	Pain Management	2
DHYG3-UD 173	Leadership Development	3
DHYG3-UD 162	Research Methods	4
DHYG3-UD 172	Internship II	3
Major Electives		
Select three of the following dental hygiene electives:	9	
DHYG3-UD 152 Introduction to Oral Health Policy		
DHYG3-UD 154 Healthcare for the Older Adult		
DHYG3-UD 166 Forensic Dentistry/ Catastrophe Preparedness		
DHYG3-UD 170 Women's Health		
DHYG3-UD 167 Concepts in Community & Public Health		
Total Credits	52	

Important Notes

A maximum of 96 transfer credits is accepted. Students not taking the NY State Pain Management course through the Dental Hygiene Program at NYU Dentistry must submit official completion of certification of local anesthesia/nitrous oxide training. This must be in the form of an official

state continuing education certificate showing successful completion of the individual state mandated course. Continuing education credits do not count as transfer credits. State licensure in local anesthesia will be accepted. The Department of Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting submits external credits for transfer that are 'like for like' with our Dental Hygiene courses. Students must still have earned a total of 128 credits for degree conferral of the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene from NYU Dentistry.

BSDH for Transfers

The requirements below are for a student who has successfully transferred 45 credits to NYU Dentistry. Transfer credits are evaluated individually, and on a case-by-case basis, at the time of admissions.

Course	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
DHYG1-UD 110	Oral Anatomy	3
DHYG1-UD 100	Human Microbiology I	2
DHYG1-UD 112	Principles of Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 113	Principles of Dh I Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 115	Radiology	2
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0
HUMN1-UC 6401	Critical Thinking	4
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 200	Microbiology II	2
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2
DHYG1-UD 124	Oral Embryology & Histology	2
DHYG3-UD 155	Cultural Competence	3
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
DHYG3-UD 150	Advanced Allied Dental Education	3
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
DHYG3-UD 156	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Teaching	3
DHYG3-UD 173	Leadership Development	3
DHYG3-UD 162	Research Methods	4
DHYG3-UD 151	Internship	3
DHYG3-UD 172	Internship II	3
DHYG2-UD 139	Board Review	0
Major Electives		
Select three of the following dental hygiene electives:		9
DHYG3-UD 152 Introduction to Oral Health Policy		
DHYG3-UD 154 Healthcare for the Older Adult		
DHYG3-UD 166 Forensic Dentistry/ Catastrophe Preparedness		
DHYG3-UD 170 Women's Health		

DHYG3-UD 167 Concepts in Community & Public Health

Total Credits 83

Sample Plan of Study BSDH Dental Hygiene Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 110	Oral Anatomy	3
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
PSYC1-UC 6801 or PSYCH-UA 1	Intro to Psychology or Intro to Psychology	4
Math		3
Credits		14
2nd Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 116	Chemistry for Allied Health	4
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4
SOC1-UC 2201	Oral Communications	4
SOCY1-UC 7200 or SOC-UA 1	Intro to Sociology or Intro to Sociology	4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 100	Human Microbiology I	2
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
NURSE-UN 80	Statistics I	3
Credits		14
4th Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 120	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
DHYG1-UD 121	Principles of Dh II Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 122		2
DHYG1-UD 123	Dental Materials Lec	3
DHYG1-UD 124	Oral Embryology & Histology	2
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2
DHYG1-UD 200		2
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0
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
DHYG3-UD 150	Advanced Allied Dental Education	3
Major Elective		3
Credits		18
6th Semester/Term		
DHYG2-UD 136		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
DHYG3-UD 156	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Teaching	3
DHYG3-UD 173	Leadership Development	3
Credits		18
7th Semester/Term		
DHYG2-UD 139	Board Review	0

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DHYG3-UD 151	Internship	3
DHYG3-UD 155	Cultural Competence	3
History/Culture/Arts course		3
DHYG3-UD 162	Research Methods	4
Major Elective		3
Credits		16
8th Semester/Term		
DHYG3-UD 172	Internship II	3
History/Culture/Arts course		3
Foreign Language		3
HUMN1-UC 6401	Critical Thinking	4
Major Elective		3
Credits		16
Total Credits		128

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Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
Foreign Language		3
History/Culture/Arts course		3
MATH-UA 121	Calculus I	4
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
PSYCH-UA 1	Intro to Psychology	4
Credits		18
2nd Semester/Term		
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4
SOC-UA 1	Intro to Sociology	4
SOCS1-UC 2201	Oral Communications	4
DHYG1-UD 114	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
DHYG1-UD 114	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 120	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
DHYG1-UD 120	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
CHEM-UA 125	General Chemistry I & Laboratory	5
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0
PHYS-UA 11	General Physics I	5
DHYG1-UD 100	Human Microbiology I	2
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
CHEM-UA 126	General Chemistry II & Laboratory	5
PHYS-UA 12	General Physics II	5
DHYG1-UD 112	Principles of Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 113	Principles of Dh I Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 110	Oral Anatomy	3
Credits		17
5th Semester/Term		
CHEM-UA 225	Organic Chemistry I & Laboratory	5
DHYG1-UD 200	Microbiology II	2
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
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
CHEM-UA 226	Organic Chemistry II & Laboratory	5
DHYG1-UD 124	Oral Embryology & Histology	2
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2
DHYG2-UD 130	Prin of Dh III Lec	2
DHYG2-UD 131	Principles of Dh III Clinic	2

Major Elective		3
Credits		16
7th Semester/Term		
DHYG2-UD 132	General & Oral Pathology	3
DHYG2-UD 134	Pharmacology	2
DHYG2-UD 135	Preventive Dentistry & Public Health	3
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
Credits		16
8th Semester/Term		
DHYG2-UD 139	Board Review	0
DHYG2-UD 143	Oral Health Education	2
DHYG2-UD 145	Pain Management	2
History/Culture/Arts course		3
Major Elective		3
Major Elective		3
Credits		13
Total Credits		128

BS Degree Completion

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
NURSE-UN 80	Statistics I	3
HUMN1-UC 6401	Critical Thinking	4
DHYG3-UD 155		3
DHYG1-UD 126		0
DHYG3-UD 150	Advanced Allied Dental Education	3
Major Elective		3
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
DHYG3-UD 151	Internship	3
DHYG2-UD 145	Pain Management	2
DHYG3-UD 173	Leadership Development	3
History/Culture/Arts course		3
DHYG3-UD 156	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Teaching	3
Major Elective		3
Credits		17
3rd Semester/Term		
Foreign Language		3
Mathematics course		3
DHYG3-UD 162	Research Methods	4
DHYG3-UD 172	Internship II	3
History/Culture/Arts course		3
Major Elective		3
Credits		19
Total Credits		52

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Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
DHYG1-UD 110	Oral Anatomy	3
DHYG1-UD 100	Human Microbiology I	2
DHYG1-UD 112	Principles of Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
DHYG1-UD 113	Principles of Dh I Clinic	2
DHYG1-UD 115	Radiology	2
DHYG1-UD 125	CPR Hygiene	0
HUMN1-UC 6401	Critical Thinking	4
Credits		15

2nd 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 200	Microbiology II	2
DHYG1-UD 129	Periodontics	2
DHYG1-UD 124	Oral Embryology & Histology	2
Credits		13
3rd Semester/Term		
DHYG3-UD 155	Cultural Competence	3
Major Elective		3
Credits		6
4th 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
DHYG3-UD 150	Advanced Allied Dental Education	3
Major Elective		3
Credits		18
5th 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	2
DHYG3-UD 156	Advanced Clinical Dental Hygiene Teaching	3
DHYG3-UD 173	Leadership Development	3
Major Elective		3
Credits		21
6th Semester/Term		
DHYG3-UD 162	Research Methods	4
DHYG3-UD 151	Internship	3
DHYG3-UD 172	Internship II	3
DHYG2-UD 139	Board Review	0
Credits		10
Total Credits		83

- 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.
- 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.
- Initiate consultations and collaborations with all relevant health care providers for the delivery of inter-professional, patient-centered care.
- 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/>).

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

- Apply ethical practice of dental hygiene and adhere to legal and regulatory codes of the profession.
- Use critical thinking skills and comprehensive problem-solving to create evidence-based systemic and oral health care strategies that promote patient health and wellness.
- Continuously perform self-assessment for life-long learning and professional growth.
- Promote the values of the dental hygiene profession through service-based activities, positive community affiliations, and active involvement in local organizations.
- 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.
- 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.