

# **MS Dent Hy** **Master of Science in Dental Hygiene**

Under Review | Fall 2025

## Proposal Information

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### Status

Active

### Workflow Status

In Progress

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**Changes**

- Campus
- Admissions Requirements
- Proposed Effective Term and Year
- Program Justification
- CIP Code
- Format(s)

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## Proposal Information

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**College**

School of Medicine

**Department**

Dental Medicine

Proposed

**Campus**

Main Campus

Existing

**Campus**

Health Sciences Center  
(Albuquerque)

## Effective Term and Year

Proposed
<b>Proposed Effective Term and Year</b>
Fall 2025
Existing
<b>Proposed Effective Term and Year</b>
Fall 2023

## Justification

Proposed
<b>Program Justification</b>
Small grammatical adjustments, as well as a few admissions updates to clarify requirements for admissions.
Existing
<b>Program Justification</b>
This is a catalog update, no changes are being made to curriculum requirements.

**Graduate program revision**

No

## Program Category and Level

<b>Program Category</b>	<b>Program Level</b>	<b>Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name</b>
Program	Graduate	Master of Science in Dental Hygiene

**Degree Type**

Master of Science

**Degree/Certificate Level**

Graduate

**Plan Options**

- Plan I (Thesis)
- Plan II (Non-thesis)

**Is this program also offered online?**

Yes

Proposed	<b>AOP MOU</b>
<b>Format(s)</b>	
Accelerated Online Program	
Existing	
<b>Format(s)</b>	

## Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

## Shared Credit and Dual Degree information

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**Interdepartmental Program**

No

## Catalog Information

### Program Description

The Master of Science (M.S.) in Dental Hygiene program is intended to develop dental hygienists to teach and develop dental health programs in a variety of settings, conduct research, and provide care as collaborative dental hygiene practitioners throughout the country. The purpose of this program is to educate students by developing their intellectual and creative skills and capabilities so students may be well-equipped to participate in the world as productive and enlightened individuals.

#### Proposed

##### Admissions Requirements

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The following documentation must be submitted with the program application:

1. Proof of a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene or a related field. In the latter case, proof of having completed a certificate or associate dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and a regional accrediting agency is required. Proof of regional accreditation for all related degrees is required. Proof should be provided by official college transcripts.
2. Evidence of an undergraduate overall quality point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. A copy of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination score.
4. A copy of a current American dental hygiene license.
5. Application fee, payable online.
6. Up to three letters of recommendation.
7. Adherence to the ADEA Professionalism Values.

**Deadline:** Admission to the M.S. program is rolling, with five application cycles per year. All applicants are notified of their admission status. Selection is given to qualified persons regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin, age, qualified disability or military involvement. Equal opportunity for admission is given to all qualified applicants. For the next admissions deadline, visit the Division of Dental Hygiene Web site.

Advisement sessions are available from the Division of Dental Hygiene. Call the office at (505) 272-4513 for an appointment.

#### Existing

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### Graduation Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all courses as listed below.

2. Students who have completed graduate-level coursework (at a grade of "B" or higher) at an accredited institution other than UNM may apply for the credit(s) to be transferred.
3. Students must maintain a 3.00 GPA or higher.
4. Student must complete the Thesis and/or Non-Thesis Project.
5. All work toward a Master's degree including transferred coursework must be completed within a seven-year period.
6. Students must inform their graduate unit and Graduate Studies in writing of their intention to graduate at the end of a particular semester by submitting a "Notification of Intent to Graduate" form.
7. Unanimous recommendation for graduation by the full-time faculty of the Division of Dental Hygiene and School of Medicine.

## Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

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### License/Certification associated with program

No

## Degree Information

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### Degree Hours

30-33

### Minimum Major Hours

### Professional Accrediting Bodies

## Degree Requirements

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### Requirements

- Complete 1 of the following

#### Plan I (Thesis)

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete the following:
    - DEHY502 - Dental Hygiene Instructional Strategies (3)
    - DEHY505 - Clinical Teaching and Administration (3)
    - DEHY510 - Dental Hygiene Research Methodology (3)
    - DEHY501 - Dental Hygiene Administration (3)
    - DEHY503 - Oral Medicine (3)
    - DEHY538 - Statistics in Dental Hygiene Research (3)
    - DEHY500 - Current Issues in Dental Hygiene (3)
  - Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
    - DEHY504 - Dental Hygiene Internship (3)
  - Earn at least 6 credits from the following:
    - DEHY599 - Dental Hygiene Thesis (1 - 6)

#### Plan II (Non-Thesis, Specialty)

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete the following:
    - DEHY502 - Dental Hygiene Instructional Strategies (3)
    - DEHY510 - Dental Hygiene Research Methodology (3)
    - DEHY501 - Dental Hygiene Administration (3)
    - DEHY503 - Oral Medicine (3)
    - DEHY538 - Statistics in Dental Hygiene Research (3)
    - DEHY500 - Current Issues in Dental Hygiene (3)
    - DEHY505 - Clinical Teaching and Administration (3)
  - Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
    - DEHY504 - Dental Hygiene Internship (3)
  - Earn at least 6 credits from the following types of courses: (Graduate Course from Specialty)
  - Complete the following:
    - DEHY560 - Nonthesis Project (3)

#### Plan II (Non-Thesis, Dental Hygiene Practitioner Option)

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete the following:
    - DEHY502 - Dental Hygiene Instructional Strategies (3)
    - DEHY505 - Clinical Teaching and Administration (3)
    - DEHY510 - Dental Hygiene Research Methodology (3)
    - DEHY500 - Current Issues in Dental Hygiene (3)
    - DEHY501 - Dental Hygiene Administration (3)
    - DEHY503 - Oral Medicine (3)
    - DEHY538 - Statistics in Dental Hygiene Research (3)
  - Complete the following:
    - DEHY561 - Advanced Dental Hygiene Clinic (6)



- Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
  - DEHY504 - Dental Hygiene Internship (3)
- Complete the following:
  - DEHY562 - Primary Dental Care (3)

**Grand Total Credits: 30 - 33**

## Concentrations

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### Program Concentrations

**Code**

**Title**

#### Concentration Required

No

## Emphases

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### Emphasis required

### Emphasis Hours

No

### Emphasis Rules

No Rules

## Program Learning Outcomes

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### Learning Outcomes

In your online coursework, you will build upon the knowledge gained in your baccalaureate work, including emphasis on the following areas:

- Enhance decision-making skills by participating in graduate-level dental hygiene courses
- Develop problem-solving skills for independent dental hygiene practice
- Contribute to the dental hygiene scientific body of knowledge
- Conduct research and theory development in the dental hygiene sciences
- Participate in graduate dental hygiene internship experiences in educational settings, rural areas, industry and community outreach sites