

BS Dent Hyg **Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene**

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Changes

- Program Description
- participants
- Licensure Information
- Proposed Effective Term and Year
- Program Justification
- Admissions Requirements
- Graduation Requirements
- Professional credential or licensure description
- License/Certification associated with program

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College

School of Medicine

Department

Dental Medicine

Campus

Main Campus

Effective Term and Year

Proposed
Proposed Effective Term and Year
Fall 2025
Existing
Proposed Effective Term and Year
Fall 2023

Justification

Proposed
Program Justification
Slight grammatical corrections.
Existing
Program Justification
This is a non-curriculum update, no changes are being made to program requirements. Updated Required Courses as one course was missing - DEHY 442 (Curriculum is the same as current catalog year - https://catalog.unm.edu/catalogs/2022-2023/colleges/medicine/dental-medicine/undergraduate-program.html). Brought over information from the current catalog for program information.

Program Category and Level

Program Category	Program Level	Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name
Program	Undergraduate	Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene
Degree Type		
Bachelor of Science		
Degree/Certificate Level		
Undergraduate		
Is this program also offered online?	Format(s)	AOP MOU
Yes		

Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

Shared Credit and Dual Degree information

Interdepartmental Program
No

Catalog Information

Proposed

Program Description

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (B.S.D.H.)

The Division of Dental Hygiene currently offers the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (B.S.D.H.) in two tracks:

1. B.S.D.H. degree program which includes one and one-half years of pre-professional entrance requirements and two and one-half years of professional curriculum requirements.
2. B.S.D.H. degree completion program (online) for students who have already completed an Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene.

Dental hygienists are licensed preventive oral health professionals who provide educational, clinical and therapeutic services in dental care.

Career opportunities for hygienists are available in a variety of settings, including private dental practices, community dental health clinics, public schools, clinical and basic science research laboratories, state and federal health facilities and management positions. Licensure by national and state examination is required.

Students for the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree are accepted for matriculation only in the spring semester. Students may be accepted into the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Degree Completion Program for the fall, spring or summer sessions.

The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree program follows a required three-semester pre-professional year in college with a five-semester curriculum, which begins each year during the spring semester. An additional short session is also included during the summer between the junior and senior years of the Dental Hygiene curriculum. Facilities limit each class to no more the 24 students. In addition to tuition, housing, books, and other usual school expenses, the Division of Dental Hygiene issues student instrument kits costing the student approximately \$4,000.00 Additional fees of approximately \$2,000.00 annually cover dental supplies, clinic and laboratory, uniforms, graduation fees and Student American Dental Hygienists' Association membership. Fees are subject to change on approval from the Chancellor for the UNM Health Science Center. Students are responsible for transportation fees to and from rotations at off campus sites.

The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree completion program is a post-licensure degree completion program that expands the basic skills and knowledge acquired in an Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene degree program. This program is available to selected students who have received an Associate Degree or a Certificate in Dental Hygiene from a school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and a regional accreditation agency.

This program requires the successful completion of 12 credit hours of core 400-level upper-division courses and 12 to 24 credit hours of electives, with a total of at least 30 credit hours taken at the University of New Mexico. It offers an innovative, personalized curriculum that is designed to graduate dental hygienists with advanced skills.

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- Application to the Division of Dental Hygiene: Forms are available through the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and must be submitted through the ADEA Dental Hygiene Centralized Application Service (DHCAS).
- Application fee, payable on the Division of Dental Hygiene website.
- Academic Credentials: Must be submitted with the ADEA DHCAS application.
- Official transcripts from all previous institutions of higher education.
- Official listing of courses in progress.

2. Admissibility to UNM as described in *Admissions* section of this Catalog.

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4. Minimum overall grade point average of 2.40 on a 4.0 scale is considered. Courses with grades of "CR/NC" (credit/no credit) are not considered for fulfillment of the requirements. All program prerequisite courses must be taken for a letter grade.

Deadline: Both applications (UNM and Dental Hygiene) and credentials are due no later than the first Friday of Fall semester (typically the third Friday in August). A specific date is set in January of the application year. Admission is for the Spring semester only. Those applicants who are provisionally selected are notified in December.

All applicants are notified of their admissions status. Selection is given to qualified persons regardless of their race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, qualified disability or military involvement. Equal opportunity for admission is given to all qualified applicants.

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3. A satisfactory academic GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
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5. A copy of official transcripts of all prior college courses undertaken.
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8. A copy of a current and active license in any state of the United States of America.
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3. At least a 2.00 GPA in all credit hours attempted at UNM and at least a 2.50 GPA in all dental hygiene courses.
4. Completion of all University General Education and U.S. and Global Diversity and Inclusion requirements.*
5. Completed Notification of Intent to Graduate to be submitted to Division academic advisor during the semester prior to expected graduation date.
6. Unanimous recommendation for graduation by the full-time faculty of the Division.

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Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

Proposed

License/Certification associated with program

Yes

Existing

License/Certification associated with program

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Licensure Information

Pre-licensure

Existing

Licensure Information

Both Pre- and Post- licensure

Licensure requirements met in the following states:

Licensure requirements not met in the following states:

Licensure requirements undetermined in the following states:

For each state selected, is there a state or regional licensing board that oversees Professional Licensure?

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National licensing board

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Degree Information

Degree Hours

128

Minimum Major Hours

12

Professional Accrediting Bodies

Commission on Dental Accreditation

Degree Requirements

Requirements

- Complete 1 of the following

Track I: Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

- Complete all of the following
 - Students who have not earned an Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene complete Track I.
 - Complete the following:
 - BIOL1140 - Biology for Health Sciences (3)
 - BIOL1140L - Biology for Health Sciences Lab (1)
 - BIOL2210 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I (3)
 - BIOL2210L - Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory (1)
 - BIOL2225 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II (3)
 - BIOL2225L - Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory (1)
 - BIOL2305 - Microbiology for Health Sciences (4)
 - CHEM1120C - Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory for Non-Majors (4)
 - CHEM2120 - Integrated Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry (4)
 - COMM2120 - Interpersonal Communication (3)
 - DEHY205 - Introduction to Dental Hygiene (2)
 - DEHY210 - Head and Neck Anatomy (2)
 - DEHY211 - Dental Anatomy (2)
 - DEHY250 - Gen Oral Hist and Embrey (2)
 - DEHY301 - Clinical Dental Hygiene Lecture I (3)
 - DEHY302 - Clinical Dental Hygiene I (2)
 - DEHY303 - Clinical Dental Hygiene Lecture II (3)
 - DEHY304 - Clinical Dental Hygiene II (3)
 - DEHY312 - Dental Radiology-Lab (3)
 - DEHY320 - Dental Bio-Materials (2)
 - DEHY330 - Dental Health Education I (2)
 - DEHY335 - Dental Office Emergencies (2)
 - DEHY340 - General and Oral Pathology (3)
 - DEHY360 - Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist (3)
 - DEHY370 - Special Care in Dental Hygiene (2)
 - DEHY400 - Current Issues in Dental Hygiene (3)
 - DEHY401 - Clinical Dental Hygiene Lecture III (2)
 - DEHY402 - Clinical Dental Hygiene III (3)
 - DEHY403 - Clinical Dental Hygiene Lecture IV (2)
 - DEHY404 - Clinical Dental Hygiene IV (4)
 - DEHY410 - Dental Hygiene Research Methodology (3)
 - DEHY422 - Dental Public Health I (3)
 - DEHY423 - Dental Public Health II (1)
 - DEHY470 - Periodontology I (3)
 - DEHY480 - Local Anesthesia and Pain Control (3)
 - ENGL1120 - Composition II (3)
 - MATH1350 - Introduction to Statistics (3)
 - NUTR2110 - Human Nutrition (3)
 - PSYC1110 - Introduction to Psychology (3)
 - SOCI1110 - Introduction to Sociology (3)
 - DEHY442 - Principles of Practice (2)
 - Earn at least 6 credits from the following:
 - DEHY440 - Extramural Experience (1 - 6)
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - ENGL1110 - Composition I (3)
 - ENGL1110Y - Composition I: Stretch II (3)
 - ENGL1110Z - Enhanced Composition (4)
 - Earn at least 12 credits from the following types of courses:
General education. Students must take 3 credit hours per area from courses in General Education Areas: Arts & Design, Humanities, and Second Language. Students choose 3 additional credit hours from any General Education Area.

Track II: Post Associates

- o Complete all of the following
 - Students who have earned an Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene complete Track II.
 - Complete the following:
 - DEHY400 - Current Issues in Dental Hygiene (3)
 - DEHY410 - Dental Hygiene Research Methodology (3)
 - DEHY441 - Dental Hygiene Business Principles (3)
 - DEHY443 - Dental Hygiene Teaching Strategies (3)
 - Earn at least 31 credits from the following types of courses:
General education. Students must complete all General Education and US & Global Diversity and Inclusion requirements.
 - Dental Hygiene Electives include: DEHY 405 - DH Clinical Instruction; DEHY 415 - Advocacy and Leadership; DEHY 420 - DH Program Planning; DEHY 422 - Dental Public Health

Grand Total Credits: 43 - 129

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code

Title

Concentration Required

No

Emphases

Emphasis required

N/A

Emphasis Hours

Emphasis Rules

(Inactive)

No Rules

Sample Degree Plan

Sample Degree Plan Upload

Program Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes

NA