



University of New Haven

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

# DENTAL HYGIENE



## Did you know?

### EMPLOYMENT DEMAND:

Expected to grow by more than **20%** by 2026\*

### EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS:

Private dental clinics, government clinics, federally qualified health centers, insurance companies, wellness programs

### AVERAGE SALARY:

**\$75,000** per year\*

\*According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics



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## Program Description

The health of the mouth can affect the health of the entire body. Infection and inflammation of the teeth and gums can have long-term systemic consequences. In our B.S. in Dental Hygiene program – one of the finest dental hygiene programs in the United States – you will learn just how important the dental hygienist is to patients' overall health and will acquire the in-classroom knowledge and hands-on expertise you need for success in this highly rewarding field.

## Why Dental Hygiene?

Consider these four reasons to choose the University of New Haven:

- You'll have the opportunity for tutoring in both clinical skills and didactic content by dental hygiene content experts.
- You'll gain invaluable experience at our clinical rotation sites, working in a variety of real-world settings with many different populations.
- You'll learn from faculty members who have published in major dental hygiene textbooks. (We can't help bragging a bit about our faculty, who currently serve and have served on the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments.)
- You can enroll in study abroad and study away programs, honing your skills in another country or in the United States while earning academic credits toward your degree.

## Dental Hygiene at the University of New Haven

The University of New Haven's Dental Hygiene program emphasizes a hands-on approach to learning about this fast-growing and essential healthcare field. Our students learn cutting-edge prevention and detection skills, becoming both knowledgeable practitioners and careful guardians of their patients' health. They learn from our skilled faculty, with their vast clinical experience, and apply those lessons in real-world settings, including the University's Dental Center.

The University's B.S. in Dental Hygiene is ranked in the top 25 programs in the United States by GradReports, based on salary data of our alumni one year after graduation.



## Curriculum

As a graduate of the associate degree program, you will be ready for the necessary written National Board Dental Hygiene Examination and clinical board examination — and then employment in a dental office. Graduates of the Bachelor of Science program will be prepared to work in private dental offices as well as a variety of other healthcare settings. Bachelor of Science degree students also possess the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a master's degree.

### FEATURED COURSES

- Dental Hygiene Concepts with Laboratory
- Dental Materials with Laboratory
- General and Oral Pathology
- Issues in Contemporary Oral Healthcare Delivery
- Local Anesthesia with Laboratory
- Oral Facial Structures
- Oral Medicine
- Periodontology
- Pharmacology and Pain Management

## The Dental Center

Across the street from our main campus, the Dental Center features a preventive dental clinic with 19 chairs, three private radiology rooms, and a dental materials laboratory. The Center provides patients with a variety of oral healthcare services, from cavity and periodontal disease assessments to X-rays and oral cancer screenings. We also provide our students with crucial experience gained through internships. In fact, 100 percent of our Dental Hygiene students who earn a bachelor's degree complete an internship in their specific area of interest.

## Accreditation



The University's Associate in Dental Hygiene is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American

Dental Association, an accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation, and by the United States Department of Education. This status ensures our students receive the highest-quality education and benefit from valuable opportunities to deliver comprehensive dental hygiene services to diverse patient populations, putting into practice the ethical standards of care they learn at the University of New Haven.



*“The University of New Haven’s dental hygiene faculty is particularly interested in fostering relationships with students that encourage interaction and learning. Through the many clinical rotations, students have an opportunity to work closely with faculty — one-on-one and in small groups — applying what they learn in the classroom to real patient cases.”*

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## About Us

The University of New Haven, founded on the Yale campus in 1920, is a private, coeducational university situated on the coast of southern New England. It's a diverse and vibrant community of more than 7,000 students with campuses across the country and around the world.

Within our colleges and schools, students immerse themselves in a transformative, career-focused education across the liberal arts and sciences, fine arts, business, healthcare and health sciences, engineering, public safety, and public service. More than 100 academic programs are offered, all grounded in a long-standing commitment to collaborative, interdisciplinary, project-based learning.



## Degree Options and Dual Degree Programs

### A.S. in Dental Hygiene

Our three-year A.S. in Dental Hygiene prepares you for all necessary board examinations and employment in a dental office.

### Four-year B.S. Degree Program

Students may enroll in the four-year program from the start or defer this decision until they've completed the associate degree. The first three years of the bachelor's program are identical to the associate program. However, you can earn a B.S. with just one more year of study, which will afford you a variety of employment opportunities. To maximize convenience, all of our degree completion program courses are offered online.

### Online Dental Hygiene Degree Bachelor's Completion Program

Designed for practicing dental hygienists, the University will transfer credits from an accredited dental hygiene program. These transfer credits and any additional academic work, in combination with work experience, are used as the basis for building your coursework that will enable you to complete your B.S. degree.

### B.S. in Dental Hygiene/Master of Public Health (Accelerated 3+1 or Direct Entry 4+1)

Being on the front lines of encouraging the practice of good oral hygiene is essential in helping individuals protect their overall health and well-being. Combining your B.S. in Dental Hygiene with a Master of Public Health will allow you to go beyond rendering individual dental care, enabling you to make a difference across an entire community.

### B.S. in Dental Hygiene/Master of Healthcare Administration (Accelerated 3+1 or Direct Entry 4+1)

Unite your background in dental hygiene with an understanding of business administration to prepare for a leadership role in the dental field. You will be equipped to oversee the strategic direction of a dental clinic, oral health product company, or related practice and to advocate for the importance of dental care in an overall treatment plan. You can also pursue opportunities in teaching and education.



## Your Success Starts Here

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