

B.S. Dental Hygiene

The Importance of Dental Hygiene

- Become a licensed oral health professional
- Develop proficiency in critical reasoning skills and problem-solving
- Learn a multifaceted skillset including how to prevent and treat oral disease
- Open opportunities and skills in complementary areas: Public Health, Nutrition, Communication, Paramedicine, and more!
- Gain access to some of the most highly rated and in demand careers in the health sciences

What can I learn studying Dental Hygiene?

- A deep understanding of the oral disease process, as well as how to prevent oral disease.
- The skills to communicate complicated oral and overall health concerns in clear and patient-centered language.
- The latest advances in dental hygiene standards and infection control practices.
- Cutting edge clinical techniques through on-site and off-site faculty supervised patient experiences.

Great Minors to Pair with Dental Hygiene

- Biology
- Business
- Communications
- Marketing
- Nutrition
- Psychology



B.S. Dental Hygiene – General Major Map



University of New Haven

	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th or final year	After Graduation
Get the Courses You Need (core courses, requirements, electives...) *= prerequisite required	ENGL 1112 /3♦ : Sem Acad Inquiry MATH 1108♦ or MATH 1110♦ BIOL 1121 : General Human Biology I w/ lab CHEM 1105 : General and Organic Chemistry w/ lab DHYG 1105 : Intro Dental Hygiene I (if required) UNIV 1141 : Life on Earth Historical Perspectives PSYC 1111 : Intro Psychology DHYG 1110♦ : Dental Hygiene II (if required) BIOL 2261♦ : Biochemistry COMM 1130 : Communication Focus on broad selection of Tier 1 core courses to allow for broad exposure to minor options Start discussing possible minor options	DHYG 2220♦ : Dental Hygiene Conc O w/ lab DHYG 2214♦ : Oral Facial Structure BIOL 2259♦ or PARA 2230♦ : A&P I w/ lab BIOL 2240♦ : Intro to Microbiology SOCI 1113 : Sociology DHYG 2215♦ : Radiology w/ lab DHYG 2240♦ : DH Conc II w/ lab BIOL 2260/ PARA 2231♦ : A&P II w/ lab DIET 2215 : Principles of Nutrition DHYG 3327 : Periodontology Good time to start of a minor if one is desired Make possible plans to apply for linked programs	DHYG 3330♦ : Dental Hyg Conc III w/ lab DHYG 3342♦ : Dental Materials w/ lab DHYG 3320♦ : Pharm & Pain Mgmt DHYG 3325♦ : Oral Pathology DHYG 3350♦ : Dental Hyg Conc IV w/ lab DHYG 3360♦ : Local Anesthesia w/ lab DHYG 4455♦ : DH Public Health w/ lab DHYG 4460♦ : Adv DH Conc w/ lab HLTH 2200 : Intro US Healthcare Perspectives on Creative Arts Complete remaining Tier 2 Core Competencies	DHYG 4462♦ : Internships DHYG 4464♦ : Contemp Oral HC Del DHYG 4423♦ : Instructional Planning DHYG 4438♦ : Dental Hyg Research DIET 1175 : Food/ Nutrition/ Culture DHYG 4461♦ : Oral Medicine DHYG 4468♦ : Dental Hygiene Senior Capstone Project HLTH 2230 : Bioethics Elective Complete remaining requirements	Potential Careers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oral Health Consultant - Dental Hygienist - Dental Hygiene Educator - Public Health Hygienist
Get Relevant Experience & Connections (clubs, jobs, volunteering, research, internships, conferences, professional associations)	Start building your personal and professional network by getting involved on campus and in the community	Explore research and internships Connect with faculty to discern professional options Join professional organization as student member	Engage in one or more experiential opportunities Create LinkedIn account and network with alumni Maintain professional organization student membership	Continue your experiential engagement Look for ways to present your capstone work Join professional organization as professional member	Potential Employers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dental Offices - Hospitals - FQHC's/Community Health Centers - College or University - Elderly Care Facilities
Get Thinking Globally & Locally (Study abroad, travel, modern language, service learning)	Explore and engage in experiential opportunities such as study abroad	Explore service learning opportunities	Engage in experiential opportunities like SURF	Engage in experiential opportunities such as capstone projects	Skills and Qualifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Creativity ❖ Critical Thinking Skills ❖ Data Analysis skills ❖ Scientific and technical writing ❖ Proficient Clinical Skills ❖ Ethical and Professional Healthcare Providers ❖ Qualified for Licensure Examinations
Get Ready for Life After Graduation (Career or grad school prep)	Take FOCUS Career Assessment and meet with a career advisor to begin aligning your skills and interested with academic programs and career goals	Explore career options and connect with career advisors and alumni to discern your professional options	Begin researching graduate schools and preparing for admissions exams and applications	Begin your job search by attending career fairs and matching with employers on ChargerLink	