

## DENTAL HYGIENE ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE AAS (79 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in [Dental Hygiene](#). The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

The Department of Dental Hygiene is committed to ensure an educational program of excellence to its students. Therefore, admission to the Dental Hygiene program is considered on a competitive basis. The committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the applicants and accepting those who possess the finest credentials based on the listed admission requirements mentioned below.

Admission into the dental hygiene program is **highly competitive**. The final application deadline is January 15th. We accept a class for admission the fall semester of each year, therefore Interviews are conducted in the spring prior to the fall semester. Any application received after January 15th will not be considered.

- Two degree programs are offered by the Department of Dental Hygiene: The Associate of Applied Science, which is our primary program and the Bachelor of Science/Degree Completion. The Bachelor of Science/Degree Completion may serve as a foundation for further study. **NOTE: Students applying for entry into the B.S. Completion Program must have completed the AAS Degree program and have been issued a license to practice Dental Hygiene.**
- Graduates of the Associates of Applied Science degree program in Dental Hygiene are eligible to test for the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination and Regional/State Board Examinations throughout the country.
- **A student must be accepted into the University before applying to the Dental Hygiene program. A formal admission into the Dental Hygiene program is required prior to enrolling in any Dental Hygiene (DHYG) courses.**
- NOTE: Acceptance into the University does not ensure acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program. Following notification of acceptance to the University by the Office of Admissions and Records, the prospective dental hygiene applicant's admission material will be evaluated by the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee. Dental Hygiene applicants will be informed of their acceptance or rejection by the Admissions Committee.

### THESE ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- All High School Prerequisite Courses passed with a "C" or better (Chemistry, Biology and Algebra). Minimum GPA 2.5
- All College Prerequisite Courses passed with "C" or better (Anatomy & Physiology I, II; Microbiology, English Composition I, single semester course in humanities [Art appreciation, Music appreciation, Introduction to philosophy etc...]). Minimum GPA 2.70
- SAT / ACT Exam – 19 or better
- TOEFL Exam if Needed
- Any Required Immunizations should be up to date
- (DHAE), Dental Hygiene Assessment Exam (formally HESI); Minimum score 75% (DHAE - Minimum Score of 75 Required to submit application to the program)

DHAE Study guides are available. To purchase by phone call 1-800-401-9962 and request ISBN #9781455703333. To purchase online go to <https://evolve.elsevier.com/>  
[Download the DHAE \(HESI\) information sheet.](#)

Note: All required information should be included in your [Application Packet](#). The TSU Dental Hygiene Department will not request any information from the university. Incomplete applications will not be considered complete.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category "Prior Learning Assessment" (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advance Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, American Council on Education (ACE) other Assessed Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by

Examination Program (includes DANTES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners (615) 963-7001.

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Fall Schedule		Pre – Admission Milestones
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>
ENG 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade “C” Required; Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program.
HUMANITIES*	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
BIOL 2210/2211	4	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>10</b>	

\*Humanities-Must take 3 credit hours from the following list: AREN 2310. ART, 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1210, HIST 1220 or RELS 2010.

Spring Schedule		Pre – Admission Milestones
<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
BIOL 2220/2221	4	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
BIOL 2400/2401	4	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
UNIV 1000*	1	Minimum grade “C” Required
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>9</b>	

\* An Orientation course taken at another University does NOT meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 3</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>
		<b>All DHYG courses must be completed in lock – step</b>
DHYG 1010	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 1014	2	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHGY 1030	2	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 1110	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
CHEM 1100 /1101	4	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before DHYG 1020; Minimum grade “C” Required
COMM 2200	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>17</b>	

Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 4</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 4</b>
		<b>All DHYG courses must be completed in lock – step</b>
DHYG 1020	2	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 1024	2	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 1040	2	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 1140	2	Minimum grade “C” Required
SOCI 2010	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
NUFS 2110	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>14</b>	

Summer Schedule		Milestones
<b>Bridge Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 5</b>
		<b>All DHYG courses must be completed in lock – step</b>
DHYG 1134	1	Completion of all first year DHYG course work at a “C” or better
DHYG 1200	3	Completion of all first year DHYG course work at a “C” or better
DHYG 2300 ELECTIVE (3 CREDITS)		
PSYC 2010	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>7</b>	

Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 5</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 6</b>
		<b>All DHYG courses must be completed in lock – step</b>
CHEM 2500	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 2010	2	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 2014	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 2050	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 2100	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 2110	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>17</b>	

Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 6</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 6</b>
DHYG 2020	2	Minimum grade “C” Required
DYGH 2024	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>5</b>	

**Employment Information:**

Employment of dental hygienists is projected to grow 33 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Ongoing research linking oral health to general health will continue to spur demand for preventative dental services, which are often provided by dental hygienists. <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-hygienists.htm>

**Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:**

Clinician, Public Health practitioner, Researcher, Educator, Corporate Partner, Administrator, Entrepreneur.

Graduates from the AAS degree program will have the following credentials:

Registered Dental Hygienist, RDH

Graduates from the BS degree Completion Program will the following credentials:

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, BSDH

**Representative Employers:**

Graduates may be employed in a variety of settings – **Clinician:** Private dental practices, Nursing Homes, Assisted living Facilities, Hospitals, Prisons, and University dental practices; **Public Health:** Clinicians, Administrators, Researchers, State Public Health Officer, Community Clinic Administrator, Indian Health Service, Head Start programs, Local health departments, National Health Service Corps, School sealant programs, Rural or inner city community clinics; **Researcher:** Colleges & Universities, Corporations, Government agencies, Nonprofit organizations; **Corporate settings:** Sales representatives, Product researchers Corporate educators, corporate administrators; **Educator:** Clinical instructor, Classroom instructor, Corporate educator; **Administrator:** Clinical Director, Statewide school sealant program, Program director, Executive director; **Entrepreneur:** Product developer and Sales, Practice Management Company, CE Provider or Meeting Planner, Consulting Business, Founder of Nonprofit, Independent Clinical Practice and Professional Speaker.

**International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors.** International study may have an impact on the MAP; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international Program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

This map is not intended to be a contract; either expressed or implied, between the University and the students, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum which may be altered from time to time to carry out the academic objectives of the University. TSU specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any MAP at any time within the student's period of study at the University.

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