

DENTAL HYGIENE ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS COMPLETION PROGRAM (120 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in **Dental Hygiene (DHYG)**. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep students on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each semester. The Pre – Admission Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for admissions into the Dental Hygiene program. Any missing Pre – Admissions Milestones will delay a student’s acceptance into the program. The other 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 for its students. Therefore, admission to the Dental Hygiene program is considered on a competitive basis. The admission committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the applicants and accepting those who possess the finest credentials based on the listed admission requirements outlined below. The College of Health Sciences of Tennessee State University offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene through this Degree Completion Program.

- Acceptance into the Degree Completion Program may be accomplished by: (A) Meeting the requirements for admission after completion of the 79 credit hours associated with the AAS degree in Dental Hygiene at TSU. (B). Meeting the requirements for admission after graduating from another Commission on Dental Accreditation, (CODA), accredited AAS degree program anywhere in the country, in dental hygiene.

All applicants must submit the following data to the department of Dental Hygiene by the final application deadline June 15th:

1. A 2.5 grade point average in *clinical dental hygiene courses* and a minimum overall grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale, from an accredited dental Hygiene Program. (Applicants with grade point averages higher than the minimum may be given priority in acceptance.)
2. Two letters of recommendation from dental hygiene faculty persons who taught the applicant. One letter must attest to the clinical competencies of the applicant.
3. Official college transcript (s).
4. National Board Certification and/or Tennessee licensure to register for core advanced DHYG courses (DHYG 3010, 4020, and 4120).

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. 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 must submit an admissions packet to the Department of Dental Hygiene. The admission material will be evaluated by the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee. Dental Hygiene applicants will be informed of their acceptance or rejection by the Department Admissions Committee.

THESE ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Note: All required information should be included in your Application Packet. That is sent directly to the Department of Dental Hygiene. 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: Advanced Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military 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 at (615) 963-7001 or adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu.

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Fall Schedule		Pre – Admission Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
ENG 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 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
NUFS 2010	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
Total Hours	13	

*Humanities-Must take 3 credit hours from the following list: AREN 2310. ART, 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1000 or RELS 2010.

Spring Schedule		Pre – Admission Milestones
		Apply for Admission to the Dental Hygiene AAS Program
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
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	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
CHEM 1110 /1111	4	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
Total Hours	13	

*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		Pre – Admission Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
		All DHYG courses must be completed in lock – step
DHYG 1010	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 1014	2	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
DHGY 1030	2	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 1110	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
COMM 2200	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
Total Hours	13	

Spring Schedule		Pre – Admission Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
		All DHYG courses must be completed in lock – step
DHYG 1020	2	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 1024	2	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 1040	2	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 1140	2	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade “C” Required

DHYG 2050	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
SOCI 2010	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
Total Hours	14	

Summer Schedule		Pre – Admission Milestones
Bridge Semester	Hrs.	Bridge Semester
		All DHYG courses must be completed in lock – step
DHYG 1134	1	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
DHYG 1200	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
PSYC 2010	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
Total Hours	7	

Fall Schedule		Pre – Admission Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
		All DHYG courses must be completed in lock – step
CHEM 2500	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
DHYG 2010	2	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
DHYG 2014	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
DHYG 2100	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
DHYG 2110	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
Total Hours	14	

Spring Schedule		Pre – Admission Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
		Apply for Admission into the Degree Completion Program
		All DHYG courses must be completed in lock – step
DHYG 2020	2	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
DYGH 2024	3	Pre-requisite requirement for formal admission to program; Minimum grade "C" Required
HIST 2010*	3	Minimum grade "C" Required
ENGL 1020	3	Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
MATH 1110-1915	3	Minimum grade "C" Required
Total Hours	14	

*The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
		All DHYG courses must be completed in lock – step
DHYG 4200 (Prof. Dev. For the Registered Dental Hygienist)	3	Minimum grade of “C” Required
DHYG 4350 (Educational Concepts for the Health Professional)	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 4420 (Interprofessional. Evidenced-Based Practice)	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
ENGL Literature**	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
HLSC 4010 (Introduction to Biostatistics)	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
Total Hours	15	

**Courses within the range of ENGL 2012 through ENGL 2322 will meet this requirement.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
		All DHYG courses must be completed in lock – step
HIST 2020*	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
HUMANITIES*	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 4430 (Alternative Dental Hygiene Practice)	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 4210 Dental Hygiene Research	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
DHYG 4340 (Global Oral Health)	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
Elective***	3	Minimum grade “C” Required
ELECTIVE -DHYG 4999 (Independent Study in Dental Hygiene (1or3 Credit Hours))	1 or 3	Minimum grade “C” Required
Total Hours	15-18	

*The Department recommends HIST 2020; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

*Humanities-Must take 3 credit hours from the following list: AREN 2310. ART, 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1000 or RELS 2010.

*** Elective course selected must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Employment Information:

Employment of dental hygienists is projected to grow 7 percent from 2022 to 2032, 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. <https://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 BS degree Completion Program will earn the following credentials:

Bachelorette 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 academic 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.