

## Dental Hygiene

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### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Dental hygienists, under the supervision of licensed dentists, provide preventive dental care to patients such as dental prophylaxis, topical fluoride applications, pit and fissure sealants, administration of local anesthetics, dental radiographs and teaching patients plaque control

procedures. Dental hygienists work in private dental practices as well as in school systems, public health agencies, Federal and State agencies, hospitals, nursing homes, the World Health Organization, and foreign governments.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Admission to UVSC does not constitute admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. Admission to the Dental Hygiene Program requires a separate and competitive admission process.**

The Dental Hygiene program is a two-year program leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates must pass the national, regional and state board examinations to apply for Licensure. Applicants for Licensure in Utah must "produce satisfactory evidence of good moral character as it relates to the practice of...dental hygiene;" (State of Utah Dentists and Dental Hygienists Act Title 58 Chapter 7-7.1). This act includes conviction of a felony or violating the Utah Controlled Substance Act as unprofessional conduct. Applicants to the program who have questions regarding their potential for Licensure should contact the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensure.

Utah Valley State College has been granted accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements" by The Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, (211 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 440-4653).

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Students are required to follow departmental infection control policies and procedures that are based on OSHA regulations and CDC recommendations. They must meet the health and safety requirements participating facilities require of their employees. These requirements must be met prior to enrollment in Dental Hygiene 1010:

1. Documentation of current immunization for Tetanus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Hepatitis B. Students may refuse any immunization by signing a waiver and release from liability. Immunization may also be waived with documentation of acceptable titer or written documentation from a physician of immunization risk.
2. Negative Mantoux for tuberculosis; negative chest x-ray if Mantoux is contra indicated/positive.
3. Current CPR certification (American

Heart Association CPR for Health Care Providers, American Red Cross Health Care Provider, or National Safety Council); certification must remain current throughout academic program.

Students will have professional liability insurance through UVSC's comprehensive liability insurance policy. This liability insurance is in effect when students are performing within the scope of their assigned clinical/laboratory activities and under the supervision of Department of Dental Hygiene faculty and supervising dentists.

The Department of Dental Hygiene adheres to UVSC policy allowing students, staff or faculty with AIDS, ARC, or HIV to participate in all phases of College life within established College policies. The Department will respect the confidentiality of individuals with AIDS, ARC, or HIV insofar as the safety of others is not in question. College policy is not to test students, faculty or staff for the AIDS virus. See Policy A-9.1 for full college policy. State Licensure requirements may consider health status. Applicants with questions regarding Licensure policies should contact the licensing division of the state(s) in which they intend to seek Licensure following graduation.

Costs for the Dental Hygiene program include a \$2,675 program fee per semester for 4 semesters, in addition to UVSC tuition and laboratory fees (these costs are subject to change). Students are required to purchase their own dental instruments, some clinical supplies, and uniforms. Students are responsible for transportation to the MATC clinic and other clinical sites, as well as other field experiences and any state, regional or national boards and licensing.

The dental hygiene program is challenging academically and in the amount of time involved on campus and at clinical experiences. Students should plan for some evening and weekend clinical experiences in dental hygiene courses. Students will provide patient care in a clinical setting. While volunteer patients come to the clinic for treatment, students may have to seek patients for some clinical experiences, and are ultimately responsible for obtaining their clinical patients.

Students will be informed of additional departmental policies following admission to the program.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

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## separate and competitive admission process.

For specific admission criteria, please contact the Department of Dental Hygiene at 801-863-7536 or e-mail request for information to henderjo@uvsc.edu or see our departmental website www.uvsc.edu/dent/.

All applicants will be notified by mail of their admission status. No telephone or in-person requests for admission status will be answered. Students not admitted for the semester of application must reapply for the next application period and compete with the new pool for admission. There is no waiting list for this program.

## Transfer of Credits

For information regarding the transfer of credits from other institutions of higher learning for general education and required courses other than Dental Hygiene, please contact the Graduation and Transfer Services office (AD 114, telephone 863-8438). For Dental Hygiene courses, contact the Department of Dental Hygiene after you have been notified of acceptance into the program.

## DEGREE

The Department of Dental Hygiene reserves the right to modify the curriculum as needed to meet accreditation requirements and changes in the profession.

## The following degree requirements are valid only for students accepted into the Dental Hygiene program

**Fall 2007.** Contact the Dental Hygiene department advisor for Fall 2008 requirements.

## PROGRAM

### AAS in Dental Hygiene 81 CREDITS

#### Matriculation Requirements:

- 1 Complete MATH 1050, ENGL 1010, CHEM 1110, ZOOL 2320 and ZOOL 2420

#### General Education Requirements: 20 Credits

##### ENGLISH

- ENGL 1010 Introduction to Writing 3.0

##### MATHEMATICS

- MATH 1050 College Algebra 4.0

##### HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS/FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- PHIL 2050 Ethics and Values 3.0

##### SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

- SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology 3.0

or SOC 1020 Modern Social Problems (3.0)

##### BIOLOGY OR PHYSICAL SCIENCE

- MICR 2060 Microbiology for Health Professions 4.0

##### PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH/SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENT

- NUTR 1020 Foundations of Human Nutrition 3.0

#### Discipline Core Requirements: 61 Credits

Complete the following:

- DENT 1010 Dental Hygiene I 4.0
- DENT 1020 Oral Anatomy and Physiology 4.0
- DENT 2010 Dental Hygiene III 6.0
- DENT 2020 Dental Pharmacology 3.0
- DENT 2030 Periodontology 3.0
- DENT 1030 Dental Materials 2.0
- DENT 1040 Dental Hygiene II 6.0

- DENT 1050 Clinical Dental Radiography 2.0
- DENT 1060 General and Oral Pathology 3.0
- DENT 2040 Dental Hygiene IV 6.0
- DENT 2050 Dental Hygiene Seminar 1.0
- DENT 2060 Community Dental Hygiene 3.0
- CHEM 1110 Elementary Chemistry for the Health Sciences 4.0
- COMM 1050 Introduction to Speech Communication 3.0
- or COMM 2110 Interpersonal Communication (3.0)
- PSY 1010 General Psychology 3.0
- ZOOL 2320 Human Anatomy 4.0
- ZOOL 2420 Human Physiology 4.0

#### Graduation Requirements:

- 1 Completion of a minimum of 81 semester credits
- 2 Overall grade point average of 2.5 or above. All courses must have "C-" or higher.
- 3 Residency hours: minimum of 20 credit hours through course attendance at UVSC.
- 4 Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements

See Course Descriptions section of the catalog for detailed course information. This department manages the following course prefixes:

- DENT, Dental Hygiene