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**Introduction:**

Thank you for your interest in the UAA Dental Hygiene Program! Our students consistently perform extremely well on board exams, demonstrating excellence in our students, curriculum, faculty, and staff. Dental hygiene programs are stressful and demanding, but the reward of delivering high quality patient care is worth the effort.

**Advising Goal:**

Provide students with accurate information regarding the UAA Dental Hygiene Program and the application process.

**Outcomes:**

Upon completion of advising, the student will be able to:

- Identify steps needed to submit a complete application packet to the program.
- List unmet requirements the student needs to complete prior to submitting application packet.
- Demonstrate understanding of degree requirements for the program.
- Discuss program requirements, limitations, costs, and risks.
- Discuss dental hygiene student responsibilities.

**Student Advising Expectations:**

1. Call program secretary to schedule appointment (786-6929)
2. Print out this syllabus.
3. Fill out the prerequisite worksheet
4. Develop a plan to complete any missing coursework .
5. Write down questions you may have about the program or application process.
6. Bring all the above items to the advising appointment.

**Advisor Responsibilities:**

1. Provide pertinent information about the UAA Dental Hygiene Program
2. Answer or assist student in finding answers to questions.
3. Be available for further discussion as needed.

## Advising Content:

- I. AAS degree requirements
  - a. Prerequisite coursework
  - b. Program coursework
  - c. Other degree requirements
  
- II. Program costs
  
- III. Application procedure
  - a. Apply to UAA as dental hygiene pre-major
  - b. Submit transcripts with pre-requisite coursework
    - i. Need transcript evaluation of non-UAA transcripts
    - ii. Minimum GPA of 2.5 in non-science and science courses
  - c. Application form completed and submitted
  - d. HOBET scores (study guide [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) )
    - i. No more than 24 months old
    - ii. No more than once in 12 months
  - e. Three letters of recommendation
    - i. Confidential
    - ii. From supervisor (e.g. teacher or employer)
  
- IV. Selection criteria and procedure
  - a. Application materials submitted prior to deadline (posted on website)
  - b. Points awarded
    - i. Science GPA and non-science GPA
    - ii. HOBET scores
    - iii. Dental assisting experience, CDA, or graduation from accredited dental assisting program
  - c. Interviews for top candidates
  - d. The Program reserves the right to require documentation concerning all (any) disciplinary actions at other dental hygiene programs, including request of a Letter of Standing from past program enrollment.
  
- V. Other recommendations
  - a. Apply to more than one school
  - b. Observe a hygienist and/or visit UAA Dental Hygiene Clinic

- VI. Program student requirements
  - a. Insurance
    - i. Medical insurance—student purchased
    - ii. Liability insurance—school purchase from lab fees
  - b. Conduct
    - i. ADHA Code of Ethics
    - ii. UAA Student Code of Conduct
    - iii. UAA Dental Hygiene Program policy
  - c. Mandatory attendance
    - i. Rigorous program
    - ii. Employment discouraged
    - iii. Back-up child care highly recommended.
  - d. Patient requirements—student responsibility
  - e. CPR certification throughout program
    - i. Adult/infant/child
    - ii. American Red Cross or American Heart Association
    - iii. Healthcare provider/AED
  - f. Immunizations
  - g. Strict grooming and infection control
    - i. Uniforms
    - ii. No tattoos
    - iii. CDC guidelines followed for students with exposure to contagious diseases
    - iv. Exposure to radiation, infectious diseases, and hazardous chemicals
- VII. Employment opportunities
- VIII. Licensure
  - a. Costs—refer to web page
  - b. Requirements
    - i. Graduate of accredited dental hygiene program
    - ii. Board exams
    - iii. Background check
  - c. State of Alaska: Board of Dental Examiners required information
    - i. Conviction of felonies or other crimes within the last 5 years
    - ii. Treatment or hospitalization for emotional or mental illness, drug addiction or alcoholism
    - iii. Freedom from contagious or infectious disease
    - iv. Disciplinary actions regarding licensure in other states

## **DENTAL HYGIENE SCOPE OF PRACTICE/EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

The registered dental hygienist is a licensed oral health educator and clinical operator who, as part of the dental team, uses preventive, educational, and therapeutic methods which aid individuals and groups to attain and maintain optimum oral health. Dental hygienists can work as clinicians, educators, researchers, administrators, managers, preventive program developers, consumer advocates, sales and marketing managers, editors, and consultants. Clinical dental hygienists may work in a variety of health care settings such as private dental offices, schools, public health clinics, hospitals, managed care organizations, correctional institutions, or nursing homes.

## **DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The educational objectives of the Dental Hygiene program are to produce graduates who:

- Have the technical skills and professional demeanor to perform occupationally related procedures.
- Demonstrate academic and clinical proficiency necessary to succeed on national and regional examinations.
- Are prepared to perform occupationally related procedures in various settings.
- Meet the occupational requirements of employers

## **DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

The specific educational outcomes that support the program objectives are to produce graduates who are able to:

- Provide dental hygiene care in a legal and ethical manner.
- Exhibit professional behavior, including time management, risk management, and respect of patients and co-workers.
- Acquire, synthesize, and critically analyze information in a scientific and effective manner.
- Collect, analyze, and record data on the general and oral health status of patients.
- Use critical decision making skills to develop a dental hygiene diagnosis, which will provide a basis for interventions that are within the scope of dental hygiene practice and determine the need for referral to appropriate health professions as needed.
- Formulate a dental hygiene care plan, including a planned sequence of educational, preventive, and therapeutic services based on the dental hygiene diagnosis in collaboration with the patient and other health care providers.
- Deliver preventive and therapeutic care to achieve and maintain oral health utilizing established infection control procedures, pain control measures, and ergonomic practices.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the implemented services, and modify as needed.
- Promote the profession of dental hygiene through service and affiliations with professional organizations.
- Provide community oral health services to diverse populations in a variety of settings.

## **COURSE SEQUENCING**

Complete the following required courses.

### **First Year**

Fall Semester (18 credits)

DA A110 & DA A110L - Dental Radiography - 4 credits  
DH A201 – Oral Embryology and Histology- 2 credits  
DH A202 – Basic Techniques for Dental Hygienists - 7 credits  
DH A204 - Anatomy of the Orofacial Structures - 2 credits  
DN A203\* - 3 credits or DN A101\* - 3 credits

Spring Semester (13.5 credits)

DA A160 Materials in Dentistry-3 credits  
DH A222 – Adjunctive Techniques for Dental Hygienists – 1.5 credits  
DH A311 - Periodontics - 2 credits  
DH A292D - Clinical Seminar I - 1 credit  
DH A295D - Clinical Practicum I - 4 credits  
DH A365 - Pharmacology for Dental Hygienists - 2 credits

### **Second Year**

Fall Semester (16 credits)

DH A310 - Oral Pain Control - 3 credits  
DH A312 – Advanced Techniques for Dental Hygienists - 3 credits  
DH A314 - Pathology of the Oral Tissues - 2 credits  
DH A321 - Current Periodontal Therapies - 2 credits  
DH A392C - Clinical Seminar II - 1 credit  
DH A395C - Clinical Practicum II - 5 credits

Spring Semester (10.5 credits)

DH A316 – Professional Dental Hygiene Practice – 1.5 credits  
DH A324 – Community Dental Health I - 2 credits  
DH A392D - Clinical Seminar III - 1 credit  
DH A295D - Clinical Practicum III - 6 credits

A total of 73 credits is required for the degree.

\* Due to a heavy credit load, it is recommended that the nutrition course be taken prior to formal admission into the Dental Hygiene program.

**Dental Hygiene Program**  
**Estimated Expenses for 2011-2012**

Actual cost may vary

	Fall 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (*15 cr)	Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (13.5 cr)	Fall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester (16 cr)	Spring 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester (10.5 cr)
Resident tuition (\$154-187/credit hour)	\$2772	\$2211	\$2992	\$1964
<i>Non-Resident tuition (~\$550/cr hr first year)</i>	\$9756	\$7449		
Technical fees	Maximum of \$343 per semester			
Lab fees/special fee (includes instrument kits and loupes)	1595	1515	2845	790
BLS/CPR	\$80/2 yr			
Textbooks	\$657	227	350	136
Immunizations	Available at the Student Health Center at a reduced cost			
Student Accident/Illness Insurance (if purchased at UAA)	\$1222/yr '10 rates		\$1222/yr	
Uniforms, shoes	200	0	0	0
Parking	250/yr		250/yr	
Other miscellaneous supplies	150	150	150	150

\*Does not include nutrition course. Additional costs will be incurred if taken this semester.

Additional costs for second year students (vary year to year):

- Local Anesthetic Board (\$270 in 2011)
- National Board (written exam) (\$360 in 2010)
- Western Regional Board (clinical) (\$1060 in 2011)
- Licensing fees after graduation and passing boards (\$85 application fee + \$50 licensure fee for local anesthetic; \$85 application fee +120 licensure fee for dental hygiene [2011])
- Alaska Dental Hygiene/Anesthesia License (\$120/\$50 biennially)
- Criminal background check (\$300 in 2011) <http://www.pbisonline.com/pbis/Policies.htm>