

Dental Hygiene (AAS)



EXPLORE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

The AAS in Dental Hygiene prepares graduates clinically and academically to take the National and Western Regional Examining Boards for licensure through a rigorous program that includes two years of dental hygiene coursework. Dental Hygienists are oral health educators and clinical operators who use preventative, educational, and therapeutic methods to help individuals and groups attain optimum oral health.

Educational Pathway Options

Recommended Preparation

High School

- Reading and Writing Skills
- Algebra
- Biology
- Health Occupations*
- Chemistry
- Computer Applications

Also Helpful:

- Psychology
- Nutrition*

* Students may earn college credit through Tech Prep, techprep.uaa.alaska.edu

Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

2-3 Years

Dental Hygiene

Career Opportunities

Dental Hygienist

APPLICATION PROCESS

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

- 1 Apply for admission at www.uaa.alaska.edu/admissions.
- 2 Review admission requirements for your degree type.
- 3 Submit official transcripts from all regionally-accredited colleges and universities. (Exception: Students do not need to request transcripts from any University of Alaska campus.)
- 4 Take the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer test for English and math course placement. Call the UAA Advising & Testing Center at 907.786.4500 for testing information.
- 5 Make an appointment for academic advising at 907.786.6929 and meet regularly with an advisor.
- 6 Stay on track by accessing the Future Students Checklist online at www.uaa.alaska.edu/futurestudents/checklist.cfm.

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Complete admission to UAA. Admission to UAA does not guarantee admission to the program.
- 2 Complete and submit the following to the Dental Hygiene program by the deadline (forms and deadline information at www.uaa.alaska.edu/ctc/alliedhealth/dh):
 - Dental Hygiene program application
 - Three letters of recommendation (use provided forms)
- 3 Take the Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test and submit official scores.

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This is a suggested course sequence based on the 2009-2010 UAA Course Catalog. Please refer to the current catalog for complete information.

Note: Application for obtaining an Alaska dental hygiene license requires information concerning illegal activity, crimes, hospitalization history for emotional and mental illness, drug addiction, alcoholism, and contagious diseases. The UAA Dental Hygiene program application requires information concerning disciplinary actions taken at any university or college. If these are issues, please speak to an advisor before applying to the program.

PREREQUISITES & GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (32-33 credits)

The following must be completed by the program application deadline and with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.

▶ Science Prerequisites (17-18 credits)	Semester	Grade
BIOL 111/L Human Anatomy & Physiology I (with lab) (4)	_____	_____
BIOL 112/L Human Anatomy & Physiology II (with lab) (4)	_____	_____
CHEM 104 Introduction to Organic Chemistry & Biochemistry* (3)	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following:</i>		
BIOL 240 Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences* (4)	_____	_____
BIOL 241 Lectures in Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences* (3)	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following:</i>		
CHEM 103 Survey of Chemistry* (3)	_____	_____
CHEM 105 General Chemistry I* (3)	_____	_____
▶ AAS General Course Requirements (15 credits)		
ENGL 111 Methods of Written Communication* (3)	_____	_____
ENGL 212 Technical Writing (3) (or ENGL 211, 213, 214, or CIOS 260A)	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following:</i>		
COMM 111 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)	_____	_____
COMM 235 Small Group Communication (3)	_____	_____
COMM 237 Interpersonal Communication (3)	_____	_____
COMM 241 Public Speaking (3)	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following:</i>		
PSY 111 General Psychology (3)	_____	_____
PSY 150 Lifespan Development (3)	_____	_____
PSY 153 Human Relations (3)	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following:</i>		
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)	_____	_____
SOC 201 Social Problems & Solutions (3)	_____	_____
SOC 222 Small & Rural Communities (3)	_____	_____
SOC 307 Demography (3)	_____	_____
SOC 309 Urban Sociology (3)	_____	_____

* Placement test scores or prerequisite required.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (58 credits)

▶ Fall Semester, First Year (18 credits)	Semester	Grade
DA 110/L Dental Radiography (with lab) (4)	_____	_____
DH 201 Oral Histology & Embryology (2)	_____	_____
DH 202 Basic Techniques for Dental Hyg. (7)	_____	_____
DH 204 Anatomy of Orofacial Structures (2)	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following:</i>		
DN 101 Principles of Nutrition (3)	_____	_____
DN 203 Nutrition for Health Sciences (3)	_____	_____
<i>Due to heavy credit load, it is recommended that students take the nutrition course prior to formal admission into the program.</i>		
▶ Spring Semester, First Year (13.5 credits)		
DA 160 Materials in Dentistry (3)	_____	_____
DH 222 Adjunct. Techniq. for Dental Hyg. (1.5)	_____	_____
DH 292D Clinical Seminar I (1)	_____	_____
DH 295D Clinical Practicum I (4)	_____	_____
DH 311 Periodontics (2)	_____	_____
DH 365 Pharmacology for Dental Hyg. (2)	_____	_____
▶ Fall Semester, Second Year (16 credits)		
DH 310 Oral Pain Control (3)	_____	_____
DH 312 Adv. Techniques for Dental Hyg. (3)	_____	_____
DH 314 Pathology of Oral Tissues (2)	_____	_____
DH 321 Current Periodontal Therapies (2)	_____	_____
DH 392C Clinical Seminar II (1)	_____	_____
DH 395C Clinical Practicum II (5)	_____	_____
▶ Spring Semester, Second Year (10.5 credits)		
DH 316 Prof. Dental Hygiene Practice (1.5)	_____	_____
DH 324 Community Dental Health I (2)	_____	_____
DH 392D Clinical Seminar III (1)	_____	_____
DH 395D Clinical Practicum III (6)	_____	_____

A total of 73 credits is required for this degree, in addition to 17-18 credits of science prerequisites.

Note: Courses must be taken at the UAA campus to satisfy program requirements.

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