

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

The Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in dental hygiene is offered through the College of General Studies (CGS) and the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. Only graduates of accredited dental hygiene programs are eligible to complete the BS in dental hygiene. This degree enhances already completed professional training and provides important exposure to the liberal arts, giving dental hygienists additional career opportunities in business, sales, education, and research.

Students must earn a minimum of 120 credits to complete the Bachelor of Science degree. Of this 120-credit total, 30 credits must be at the 1000 (junior/senior) level.

Students must complete the following requirements upon transfer to CGS:

- Writing 6 cr.
- Mathematics 3 cr.
- Humanities 6 cr. (1000-level)
- Social Sciences 3 cr. (1000-level)
- Literature 3 cr.
- History 3 cr. (1000-level)
- International Perspective 6 cr. (1000-level)
- Electives 3 cr. (1000-level)
- Health Concentration 6 cr. (1000-level)

Contact an academic advisor for credits that transfer from other institutions or if you completed your dental hygiene certificate at the University of Pittsburgh before 1995: **412-624-6600**.

A. The following courses are accepted toward the general education requirements:

DENHYG 1244	Communications	3 cr.
DENHYG 1544	Introduction to Research Analysis (1944)*	3 cr.
DENHYG 1420	Ethics for the Healthcare Professional	3 cr.
SOC 0010	Sociology	3 cr.
DENHYG 1414	Gerontology (1920)*	3 cr.
DENHYG 1110	Biological Sciences 1	3 cr.
DENHYG 1242	Biological Sciences 2	3 cr.
DENHYG 1682	Basic Psychology	3 cr.
ENGCMP 0200	General Writing	3 cr.

*These courses may be taken as Web-based courses through PittOnline.

B. The following courses are accepted as the major:

DENHYG 1112	Introduction to Dental Hygiene	3 cr.
DENHYG 1113	Introduction to Dentistry	3 cr.
DENHYG 1114	Dental Anatomy	2 cr.
DENHYG 1116	Dental Hygiene Practicum	2 cr.
DENHYG 1245	Dental Hygiene Radiology 1	2 cr.
DENHYG 1248	Dental Materials	2 cr.
DENHYG 1370	Introduction to Clinical Periodontics	3 cr.
DENHYG 1375	Anesthesia and Medical Emergencies	2 cr.
DENHYG 1379	Dental Hygiene Clinic 2	3 cr.
DENHYG 1419	Dental Hygiene Clinic 3	4 cr.
DENHYG 1412	Public Health Dentistry	3 cr.
DENHYG 1545	Dental Health Education, Methods, and Practicum	4 cr.

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C. The following courses are accepted as electives:

DENHYG	1241	Dental Hygiene Microbiology	4 cr.
DENHYG	1117	Survey of Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Nutrition	5 cr.
DENHYG	1372	General and Oral Pathology	3 cr.
DENHYG	1373	Biological Sciences 3	3 cr.
DENHYG	1411	Dental Pharmacology	2 cr.
DENHYG	1247	Dental Hygiene Seminar 1	1 cr.
DENHYG	1377	Dental Hygiene Seminar 2	1 cr.
DENHYG	1417	Dental Hygiene Seminar 3	1 cr.
DENHYG	1249	Dental Hygiene Clinic 1	2 cr.

D. Students must choose a concentration in health management, education, or research (6 credits):

1. Health Management

DENHYG	1921	Health Management Seminar	3 cr.
DENHYG	1922	Health Management Practicum	3 cr.

2. Education

DENHYG	1901*	Allied Health Education	3 cr.
DENHYG	1902*	Allied Health Education Practicum	3 cr.

3. Research

DENHYG	1942	Scientific Literature Evaluation	3 cr.
DENHYG	1544	Introduction to Research Analysis (1944)*	3 cr.

College of General Studies

The College of General Studies (CGS) provides adult and continuing education programs that are designed to address changing employer and student needs. The high-quality, flexible programs include degree completion, certificates, and enrichment courses. CGS provides a single point of access to the University's innovative programs and services that both enrich lives and promote the economic health of the region.

Requirements subject to change. Check with an academic advisor before registering.

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