

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Tennessee State University Bachelor of Science/Degree Completion Program is designed to update the hygienists' professional skills, advance their knowledge and qualify them to accept positions beyond a traditional dental office.

Graduates of dental hygiene programs accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation who have successfully passed the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination may apply to the program. Hygienists with a Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree are also eligible to apply to graduate or professional schools. The curriculum is flexible to accommodate a variety of special interests and career goals of individual students.

WHY COME TO TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY?

Tennessee State University is located in Nashville, Tennessee's capital and one of the nation's healthcare industry hubs. The Dental Hygiene Program is housed in a 21st Century teaching/learning environment in a newly renovated facility. The faculty is diverse and committed to providing students with a quality education which is geared toward academics, research and service. In addition, tuition rates are affordable.

JOB MARKET

Dental Hygiene is one of the rapidly expanding professions in the Health Sciences field. Although most dental hygienists are employed in private dental offices, additional career opportunities are available in community health departments, public school systems, hospital dental departments, state and federal agencies, businesses and corporations related to dentistry.

BS DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

TSU's 41 credit hour BS/Degree Completion Dental Hygiene Program provides the opportunity for licensed Dental Hygienists who have been awarded a Certificate or Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene to earn a BS Degree within the discipline of Dental Hygiene.



BS DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM CURRICULUM

BS/Degree Completion	Credit Hours
MATH 1110	3
ENGL 1020	3
ENGL 2012	3
HIST 2010	3
HIST 2020	3
PSYC 2180	3
EDCI 3870	3
DHYG 3010	3
DHYG 4020	3
DHYG 4120	3
HLSC 4500	3
HCAP 4900	3
HPER Activity	2
Humanities/Fine Arts	3
TOTAL	41



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. A 2.0 grade point average in clinical dental hygiene courses and a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. (Applicants with a higher grade point average than the minimum requirement may be given priority in acceptance into the program.)
2. Two letters of recommendation from dental hygiene faculty who taught the applicant. One letter must attest to the clinical competencies of the applicant.
3. Official college transcript(s).
4. A complete health evaluation on the official forms provided by the Department of Dental Hygiene.
5. A personal interview with members of the Committee on Admissions. An interview may be arranged for an applicant living beyond 300 miles from the University.
6. The following advanced Dental Hygiene courses require National Board Certification and/or Tennessee licensure: DHYG 3010, 4020 and 4120.
7. Admission to TSU is an initial requirement before admission to the BS/Degree Completion Program. To apply, visit our website: www.tnstate.edu/dhyg. Review the application requirements; download the application packet and submit it to the Department.

Completion of the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program.

ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Science/Degree Completion Program is accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS) and the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR).