

DENTAL HYGIENE ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE AAS (79- CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in Dental Hygiene. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep you on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When you miss one or more milestones, you should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable for you.

The Department of Dental Hygiene is committed to ensure an educational program of excellence to its students. Therefore, admission to the Dental Hygiene program is considered on a competitive basis. The committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the applicants and accepting those who possess the finest credentials based on the listed admission requirements mentioned below.

Admission into the dental hygiene program is **highly competitive**. The final application deadline is January 15th. We accept a class for admission the fall semester of each year, therefore Interviews are conducted in the spring prior to the fall semester. Any application received after January 15th will not be considered for first round admission. A secondary application deadline May 15 is available to applicants who are currently enrolled in a prerequisite course or who missed taking the DHAE examination. Meeting this May 15th deadline places the applicant on an Alternate list, along with those not accepted in the initial Jan 15th application review. Your subsequent admissions will be based on review of your packet and “Space Availability”.

- Two degree programs are offered by the Department of Dental Hygiene: The Associate of Applied Science, which is our primary program and the Bachelor of Science/Degree Completion. The Bachelor of Science/Degree Completion may serve as a foundation for further study. **NOTE: Students applying for entry into the B.S. Completion Program must have completed the AAS Degree program and have been issued a license to practice Dental Hygiene.**
- Graduates of the Associates of Applied Science degree program in Dental Hygiene are eligible to test for the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination and Regional/State Board Examinations throughout the country.
- **A student must be accepted into the University before applying to the Dental Hygiene program. A formal admission into the Dental Hygiene program is required prior to enrolling in any Dental Hygiene (DHYG) courses.**
- NOTE: Acceptance into the University does not ensure acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program. Following notification of acceptance to the University by the Office of Admissions and Records, the prospective dental hygiene applicant's admission material will be evaluated by the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee. Dental Hygiene applicants will be informed of their acceptance or rejection by the Admissions Committee.

THESE ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- All High School Prerequisite Courses passed with a “C” or better (Chemistry, Biology and Algebra). Minimum GPA 2.5
- All College Prerequisite Courses passed with “C” or better (Anatomy & Physiology I, II; Microbiology, English Composition I, single semester course in humanities [Art appreciation, Music appreciation, Introduction to philosophy etc...]). Minimum GPA 3.0
- SAT / ACT Exam – 19 or better
- TOEFL Exam if Needed
- Any Required Immunizations should be up to date
- (DHAE), Dental Hygiene Assessment Exam (formally HESI); Minimum score 70% (DHAE - Minimum Score of 70 Required to submit application to the program)

DHAE Study guides are available. To purchase by phone call 1-800-401-9962 and request ISBN #9781455703333. To purchase online go to <https://evolve.elsevier.com/>
[Download the DHAE \(HESI\) information sheet.](#)

Note: All required information should be included in your [Application Packet](#). The TSU Dental Hygiene Department will not request any information from the university. Incomplete applications will not be considered complete.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category "Prior Learning Assessment" (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advance Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, American Council on Education (ACE) other Assessed Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DAN TES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners (615) 963-7001.

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Fall Schedule		Pre – Admission Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
ENG 1010	3	PRE-REQUISITE REQUIREMENT FOR FORMAL ADMISSION TO PROGRAM MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
HUMANITIES*	3	PRE-REQUISITE REQUIREMENT FOR FORMAL ADMISSION TO PROGRAM MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
BIOL 2210/2211	4	PRE-REQUISITE REQUIREMENT FOR FORMAL ADMISSION TO PROGRAM MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
Total hours	10	

*Humanities-Must take 3 credit hours from the following list: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1210, HIST 1220 or RELS 2010.

Spring Schedule		Pre – Admission Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
BIOL 2220/2221	4	PRE-REQUISITE REQUIREMENT FOR FORMAL ADMISSION TO PROGRAM MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
BIOL 2400/2401	4	PRE-REQUISITE REQUIREMENT FOR FORMAL ADMISSION TO PROGRAM MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
UNIV 1000*	1	GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT PASSED WITH "C" OR BETTER
Total hours	9	

* An Orientation course taken at another University does NOT meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
DHYG 1010	3	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DHYG 1014	2	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DHGY 1030	2	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DHYG 1110	3	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
CHEM 1110/1111	4	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
COMM 2200	3	GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT PASSED WITH "C" OR BETTER
Total hours	17	

All DHYG course must be completed in lock – step

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
DHYG 1020	2	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DHYG 1024	2	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DHYG 1040	2	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DHYG 1140	2	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER

SOCI 2010	3	GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT PASSED WITH "C" OR BETTER
NUFS 2010	3	GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT PASSED WITH "C" OR BETTER
Total hours	14	

All DHYG course must be completed in lock – step

Summer Schedule		Milestones
Bridge Semester	Hrs.	Semester 5
DHYG 1134	1	COMPLETION OF ALL FIRST YEAR DHYG COURSE WORK AT A "C" OR BETTER
DHYG 1200	3	COMPLETION OF ALL FIRST YEAR DHYG COURSE WORK AT A "C" OR BETTER
DHYG 2300 ELECTIVE (3 CREDITS)		
PSYC 2010	3	GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT PASSED WITH "C" OR BETTER
Total hours	7	

All DHYG course must be completed in lock – step

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 6
CHEM 2500	3	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DHYG 2010	2	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DHYG 2014	3	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DHYG 2050	3	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DHYG 2110	3	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
Total hours	14	

All DHYG course must be completed in lock – step

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
DHYG 2020	2	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DYGH 2024	3	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
DHYG 2100	3	MUST MAINTAIN A "C" GRADE OR BETTER
Total hours	8	

Employment Information:

Employment of dental hygienists is projected to grow 33 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Ongoing research linking oral health to general health will continue to spur demand for preventative dental services, which are often provided by dental hygienists.

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-hygienists.htm>

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Clinician, Public Health practitioner, Researcher, Educator, Corporate Partner, Administrator, Entrepreneur.

Graduates from the AAS degree program will have the following credentials:

Registered Dental Hygienist, RDH

Graduates from the BS degree Completion Program will the following credentials:

Bachelorette Science in Dental Hygiene, BSDH

Representative Employers:

Graduates may be employed in a variety of settings – **Clinician:** Private dental practices, Nursing Homes, Assisted living Facilities, Hospitals, Prisons, and University dental practices; **Public Health:** Clinicians, Administrators, Researchers, State Public Health Officer, Community Clinic Administrator, Indian Health Service, Head Start programs, Local health departments, National Health Service Corps, School sealant programs, Rural or inner city community clinics; **Researcher:** Colleges & Universities, Corporations, Government agencies, Nonprofit organizations; **Corporate settings:** Sales representatives, Product researchers Corporate educators, corporate administrators; **Educator:** Clinical instructor, Classroom instructor, Corporate educator; **Administrator:** Clinical Director, Statewide school sealant program, Program director, Executive director; **Entrepreneur:** Product developer and Sales, Practice Management Company, CE Provider or Meeting Planner, Consulting Business, Founder of Nonprofit, Independent Clinical Practice and Professional Speaker.

International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors. International study may have an impact on the MAP; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international Program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of [International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.](#)
