

## DENTAL HYGIENE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE MASTER'S DEGREE (ONLINE)

The Master of Science degree builds on a baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene or a related field to develop professionals with expertise in a specialized area of dental hygiene. Through academic courses, independent study, research, and practical experience, graduate students will have the opportunity to prepare to meet the demands of an evolving health care environment. The primary goal of graduate education in dental hygiene is to prepare professionals to assume leadership roles in clinical, educational, research, political, administrative, and other health care delivery agencies.



The Master of Science in Dental Hygiene on-line degree program is designed for registered dental hygienists with a bachelor's degree who wish to pursue advanced education in dental hygiene teaching, administration, research, and other related areas. This program requires a minimum of 36 semester credit hours of graduate work and allows a maximum of 6 semester credit hours of transfer courses. The student will be required to conduct original research under the guidance of a faculty mentor. The student has an option to publish their research findings in a traditional thesis format, or in a condensed publish ready manuscript design. In either case, the student will describe a research question, conduct a review of the literature, describe study methods and materials, synthesize the findings and write a conclusion.

Graduate students will also be required to present their study process and findings to appropriate audiences.

A part time option is available, but all work toward the degree should be completed within 3 years of initial enrollment. Students with extenuating circumstances may petition the Committee on Graduate Studies for additional time to complete this degree. Graduate education is delivered within a multidisciplinary framework through the School of Health Professions, the Dental School, and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Graduates are expected to develop expertise in conducting research related to dental hygiene, health care delivery, health promotion, or other relevant areas. The master's degree also forms a foundation for future doctoral study.

### APPLICATION AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Texas Common Application and the Supplemental Application, all fees, letters of recommendation, and official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended must be submitted to the Application Center by **January 15**.



Completed applications will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee for final acceptance and enrollment for the upcoming academic year. Admission is offered through the Graduate School of Biomedical Science's Dental Hygiene Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS). Four to six students may be admitted each year. In addition to the academic admission requirements, non-academic factors may be considered when selecting students to the program.

DENH 5926 - Preclinical Teaching Practicum	4.0
DENH 6091 - Independent Study	1.0-3.0

Admission requirements include:

- Completion of the [Texas Common Application](#)
- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Grade point average of at least 3.0 in bachelor's degree
- Graduation from an ADA/CODA-accredited dental hygiene program in the U.S. or Canada
- Successful completion of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination
- Current licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist from any state in the U.S. or Canada
- Graduate Record Examination or Miller Analogies Test; tests must have been taken within 5 years of admission
- Three completed Recommendation Forms
- Official Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended



### Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Curriculum (21.5 hours)

	Credit Hours
DENH 5022 - Research Apprenticeship	3.0
DENH 5024 - Professional Communication	3.0
DENH 5026 - Research Principles and Applications	3.0
DENH 6098 - Thesis	6.0
INTD 6002 - Ethics in Research	0.5
DENH 5050 – Educational Principles and Application	3.0
INTD 5064 – Applied Statistics	3.0
<b>Total for Core Courses</b>	<b>21.5</b>

### Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Electives (minimum 14.5 hours)

	Credit Hours
DENH 5003 - Current Issues in Dental Hygiene	3.0
DENH 5007 - Clinical Administration Practicum	4.0
DENH 5010 - Teaching Internship	3.0
DENH 5015 - Public Health Practicum	4.0
DENH 5017 - Clinical Teaching Practicum	4.0
DENH 5036 - Health Promotion	3.0
DENH 5091 - Special Topics in Dental Hygiene	1.0-3.0
DENH 5903 - Organizational Leadership	3.0

### PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition and required fees for the program are detailed in the *HSC Catalog*. In addition to the required tuition and fees of approximately \$7,681 (in-state students), costs for other expenses such as textbooks and course manuals are approximately \$450. There is no on-campus housing at the HSC and program expenses do not reflect day-to-day living expenses.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions about prerequisite courses, waivers, equivalencies and transcript evaluations:

#### School of Health Professions Welcome Center

E-mail: [SHPwelcome@uthscsa.edu](mailto:SHPwelcome@uthscsa.edu)

Phone: 210-567-8744 or toll free 1-866-802-6288

<http://SHPwelcome.uthscsa.edu>

#### Department of Dental Hygiene

(210) 567-8820

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#### Office of Student Services Application Center

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