Admission Requirements

- Proof of a bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene or a related field. In the later case, completion of an accredited certificate or associates degree program in dental hygiene. Program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and a regional accrediting agency.
- A satisfactory undergraduate academic GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Application to the Office of Graduate Studies
- Application to the Division of Dental Hygiene
- A copy of official transcripts of all prior college courses undertaken
- A $105.00 application fee made payable to the Department of Dental Medicine
- A copy of national board scores
- A copy of current American Dental Hygienist license
- Interview with Admissions Committee
- Three letters of recommendation

Program information is available at dentalmedicine.unm.edu
UNM Admissions web site
unm.edu/apply
UNM Registration web registrar.unm.edu

Curriculum

Degree curriculum requirements specific to the Master of Science in Dental Hygiene program are offered ONLINE. Please seek department advising for individual course plans.

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Career opportunities in:
- Education
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- Research
- Health
- Public Health
**Program Overview**

Offered in continuation to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene, the Master of Science Degree Program in Dental Hygiene will enable the graduate level prepared dental hygienist to:

- Build on the knowledge gained in Baccalaureate dental hygiene program.
- Prepare and specialize in dental hygiene.
- Enhance decision-making skills by participating in graduate level dental hygiene courses.
- Develop problem-solving skills for independent dental hygiene practice.
- Contribute to the dental hygiene scientific body of knowledge.
- Conduct research and theory development in the dental hygiene sciences.
- Expand the scope of general knowledge by participating in University elective courses.
- Provide career opportunities in alternative practice settings.
- Build a foundation for future doctoral education in related disciplines.
- Develop collegiate relationships with practicing healthcare professionals.
- Participate in graduate dental hygiene internship experiences in educational settings, rural areas, industry and community outreach sites.

Satisfactory completion of the Master’s Exam or thesis defense is mandatory for graduation. For course synopses, graduation requirements and additional information, please refer to the department’s website:

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**Online Graduate Program**

**100% Online course list**

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**Graduate curriculum**

The Master of Science in Dental Hygiene degree program follows a four semester graduate level curriculum, which begins each year during the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Students do have the option to enroll on a full or part time basis. In addition to tuition, only books and other usual school expenses should be expected.

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