



**SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE**
DENTAL HYGIENE



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of prerequisite coursework (see inside).
- An academic GPA of at least 2.4 on a 4.0 scale.
- Application to the UNM Dental Hygiene Program
 - Official transcripts must be submitted through the department application.
- Admission to UNM Main Campus for the Spring the student intends to begin the program.
 - Students who are currently enrolled at main campus need not reapply.
- Division Application fee submitted online through Touchnet.
- Interview with the admissions committee
- Verification of shadowing a licensed dental hygienist for 20 hours.
- Attendance at a Required Advisement meeting.

Dental Hygienists enjoy career opportunities in the following areas:

- Education
- Sales
- Health Care
- Management
- Public Health

For more information of application materials, please contact:

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**Bachelor of Science
in Dental Hygiene**

ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM

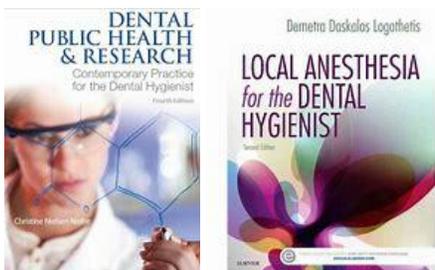
Dental hygienists provide preventive dental services, serve as advocates for the public, and apply research methods to improve community health.

Since its inception, the school has educated the majority of dental hygienists practicing in New Mexico.

The Department of Dental Medicine continues to develop interprofessional collaborations with other UNM School of Medicine departments. The dental hygiene students learn with dental medicine residents in a variety of UNM clinics.

Dental hygiene students are taught how to practice in a variety of areas and importantly how to transform dental hygiene so that all populations receive the benefits of dental hygiene care.

Members of our faculty have published multiple books used by dental hygiene programs across the country.



- Study with premier researchers in the field
- Excellent student to faculty ratio
- Clinical education hours exceed national norms
- Opportunities to participate in research and interdisciplinary education in UNM's academic community

CURRICULUM

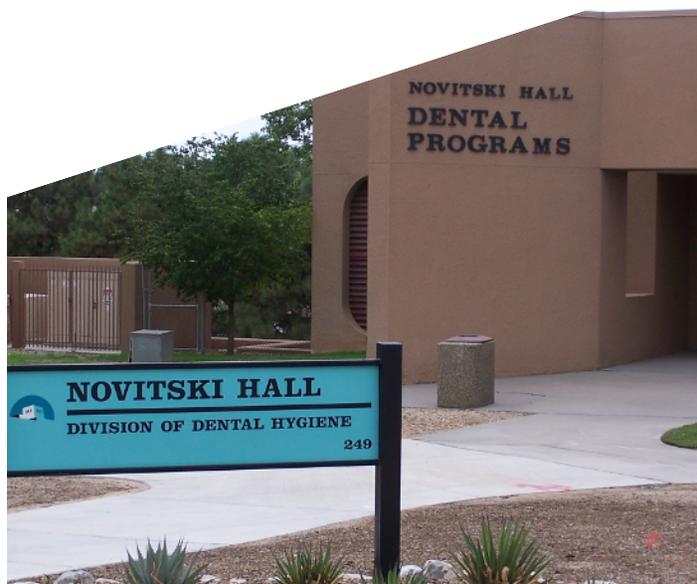
The Dental Hygiene program at UNM's School of Medicine is a five-semester (2.5 year) curriculum. The program admits a cohort of 24 students each year in the Spring semester. Student selection is based on GPA, state residency, shadowing experience, and a personal interview.

Once admitted, students pursue both didactic coursework in oral pathology, dental health education, radiology, dental bio materials, dental anatomy, head and neck anatomy, oral histology and embryology, pharmacology, periodontology, dental public health, local anesthesia, and pain control.

Additionally, they spend two semesters developing their clinical skills and contributing to community health in Novitski Hall's dental hygiene facility.

Upon graduation from the dental hygiene program, students take clinical and written national board exams. Students must successfully complete these examinations to receive state licensure and the title of Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH).

For more information please visit our website: dentalmedicine.unm.edu



PREREQUISITES

- BIOL 1140+1140L | *Biology for Health Sciences*
- BIOL 2210+2210L | *Anatomy and Physiology I*
- BIOL 2225+2225L | *A and P II*
- BIOL 2305 | *Microbiology for Health Sciences*
- CHEM 1120C or CHEM 1215+1215L
- CHEM 2120 | *Org Chem and Biochem*
- COMM 2120 | *Interpersonal Communication*
- ENGL 1110 | *Composition I*
- ENGL 1120 | *Composition II*
- MATH 1350 | *Statistics*
- NUTR 2110 | *Human Nutrition*
- PSYCH 1110 | *Intro to Psychology*
- SOCI 1110 | *Intro to Sociology*
- Arts and Design Elective (gened.unm.edu)*

All science prerequisites must be complete prior to semester of application. All other prerequisites must be complete or in progress at the time of application.