Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

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Entry Level Program

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

Career opportunities in:
- Education
- Management
- Sales
- Research
- Health
- Public Health

Admission Requirements

- Completion of all pre-requisite courses prior to or in-progress during the semester of application. For a list of current required pre-requisite courses please see the UNM catalog, or attend an advising session at the UNM Division of Dental Hygiene.
- A satisfactory academic GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Application to the University of New Mexico
- Application to the UNM Dental Hygiene Program through ADEA DH-CAS and A copy of all official college transcripts
- A $105.00 application fee submitted online
- Interview with Admissions Committee
- Verification of shadowing or observing a Licensed Dental Hygienist for a minimum of 20 hours.

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

Curriculum

A five semester (2.5 year) full time professional clinical program beginning the spring semester of every year leading to licensure. Pre-requisite coursework required prior to application and admission.
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The Dental Hygiene program at The University of New Mexico School of Medicine is a five-semester (2.5 year) curriculum that starts in the spring semester. Each class of 24 students is selected through the Division of Dental Hygiene’s admission process.

Student selection is based on grades in the pre-professional coursework, state residency, shadowing experience, and a personal interview.

The UNM dental hygiene program accepts transfer coursework from all accredited university, state or community college across the United States. The Division of Dental Hygiene is a CODA accredited institution.

After admission, students pursue both didactic and clinical 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; and complete clinical experiences prior to graduation.

Post graduation students complete national board exams both written and clinical prior to state licensure and becoming Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH).

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Pre-professional requirements

ENGL 1120- Composition II
BIOL 1140/L- Biology for the Life Sciences
CHEM 1120C- Introduction to Chemistry
PSYC 1110- Introduction to Psychology
BIOL 2210- Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL 2210L- Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab
CHEM 2120- Integrated Organic & Bio Chem
COMM 2120- Interpersonal Communication
SOCI 1110- Introduction to Sociology
BIOL 2305- Microbiology for Health Sciences
NUTR 2110- Human Nutrition
MATH 1350- Introduction to Statistics
BIOL 2225- Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BIOL 2225L- Human Anatomy & Physiology L II
Elective- Fine Arts Gen Ed Course
Elective- Humanities Gen Ed Course
Elective- Global Diversity Gen Ed Course
Elective- Foreign Language Gen Ed Course

The UNM Faculty

The Dental Hygiene Faculty at the University of New Mexico regularly contribute articles to the RDH Magazine along with other Dental Hygiene publications. Additionally, the faculty have published multiple books used by other Dental Hygiene programs in the country! You’ll be learning from premiere researchers!

- Excellent student to faculty ratio
- Clinical education hours exceed national norms
- Opportunities to participate in research and interdisciplinary education within UNM

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