Dental Hygiene – Bachelors Degree Overview

The dental hygiene program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa is the only baccalaureate level program in the state. It offers the educational preparation required of dental hygienists to provide oral health care and education to the people of Hawaii, the continental U.S., and the Pacific-Asia region. Students majoring in dental hygiene can become licensed professionals who offer preventive, education, and therapeutic services for the control of oral diseases and the promotion of optimum oral health.

Events for Prospective Students

Potential applicants to the program are highly encouraged to attend an open house event. Visit the event page for upcoming events.

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Dental Hygiene Program Pathways

High School Direct Entry in Dental Hygiene

- For High School Graduates
- August admission
- This full-time program admits high school graduates who will complete their Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene degree in four years. With direct entry into our program, a student’s academic path is secure.
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

- For Current UH and Transferring College Students
- August admission
- This full-time program admits current UH Manoa, transfer and veteran students to the bachelor of science degree program following completion of prerequisite and the majority of general education courses.

Advanced Professional Certificate for Expanded Function Dental Hygiene in Pediatrics

- For Registered Dental Hygienist and Graduates from the UH Manoa BS Dental Hygiene Program
- August admission
- This full-time program admits State and Nationally board certified dental hygienist who will complete their certificate program in 2 semesters.

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