Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

For Current UH Manoa Students and Transferring College Students

Program Description

The program admits students to the Bachelor of Science degree program following completion of prerequisite and the majority of general education courses. With the Bachelor of Science degree, students are prepared to sit for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE-written exam) and Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS-patient based exam). Once the student successfully passes both exams, they will be eligible for licensure.

Fast Facts

- Two-step application process.
- Outstanding faculty committed to advancing health care delivery.
- Cohort program designed to be completed in 3 years.
- Individual academic advising and support throughout the program.

Program Outcomes

The graduate of the Bachelor of Science program is prepared to:

- provide comprehensive individualized patient care in a competent, confident, safe, compassionate, ethical and legal manner.
• integrate evidence-based practice with problem solving, and critical thinking skills to inform clinical judgment and decision making.
• demonstrate ability to collaborate with patients and other healthcare professionals through effective written and verbal communication skills.
• ensure personal and professional growth through life-long learning and participation in professional dental hygiene organizations.
• assess the oral health care needs of the various cultures in the community and develop relevant action plans to be implemented in a variety of healthcare settings.
• demonstrate clinical skills and didactic knowledge to successfully pass national and regional state board examinations.

How to Apply

Fall 2023 Applications Available: September 1, 2022

Deadline: January 5, 2023

Two-Step Application Process

Application requirements are found in the applications listed below.

Step 1 – Apply to UH Manoa Undergraduate Admissions

• Required for all new applicants and returning, transferring, and unclassified UH Manoa students.
• https://manoa.hawaii.edu/admissions
• Fee: $70
• For your major choose Dental Hygiene

Step 2 – Apply to the Dental Hygiene Program

• Required for ALL applicants
Admission Requirements

Admission of students to the Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene program is based on specific written criteria, procedures and policies. Previous academic performance in high school, at UH Manoa or other college / university, performance on standardized tests and other predictors are utilized in selecting students who have potential for successfully completing the program.

Criteria for UH Manoa student and college transfer applicants include the following minimum requirements:

Cumulative GPA

2.5 in all college/university credits

Basic Science GPA

The following courses will be calculated for Basic Science GPA:

- PHYL 141/141L and PHYL 142/142L
- CHEM 161 or BIOC 141
- MICRO 130/140L
- FSHN 185

Individual Interview

Completion of 31 Prerequisite Credit, General Education and Other Requirements

At the time of application, students must have completed all prerequisite courses before submission of an application. In
addition, students have “General Education” and “Other” requirements to complete. It is highly recommended that the student contact a dental hygiene advisor.

**Prerequisites – 31 credits**

- PHYL 141/141L and PHYL 142/142L
- CHEM 161 or BIOC 141
- MICRO 130/140L
- FSHN 185
- COMG 151 or 251
- ENG 100
- SOC 100
- PSY 100

**Transfer Applicants**

Check the UH System Course Transfer Database and cross-reference their equivalent courses with the UH Manoa General Catalog for designations. Information on these requirements can be found in the UH Manoa General Catalog and UHM advising centers.

**Graduation Requirements**

Any missing graduation requirements will need to be met by the end of the dental hygiene program.

**English Language Proficiency**

If an applicant’s native language is not English or if they have not obtained a bachelor’s or master’s degree from an English-speaking college, then the applicant must submit official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores with a minimum score of 600.

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