High School Direct Entry in Dental Hygiene

For High School Graduates

Program Description

The program offers direct entry for high school graduates who are dedicated to completing their Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene in four years. With direct entry into our dental hygiene program, a student’s academic path is secure. Students can have confidence that they have been admitted to the dental hygiene program while they complete their prerequisite classes in a cohort based learning model. Students enter the program in the fall of their freshman year.

With the BS degree, the student is prepared to sit for the national board dental hygiene examination (NBDHE) and eligible for licensure. The student completes pre-requisites in Year 1 and begins dental hygiene courses in year 2.

Fast Facts

- Outstanding faculty committed to advancing health care delivery.
- Cohort program designed to be completed in 4 years.
- Individual academic advising and support throughout the program.

Program Outcomes

The graduate of the BS 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.

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