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.

With the Bachelor of Science degree, the student is 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. The student completes pre-requisites in Year 1 and begins dental hygiene courses in year 2.

Fast Facts

- Two-step application process.
- 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 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
- Application (PDF)
  Download the application from the link above.
- Fee: $0

Admission Requirements

Admission of students to the Direct Entry in Dental Hygiene (DEDH) program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) is based on specific written criteria, procedures and policies. Previous academic performance in high school, at UHM or other college or university, performance on standardized tests and other predictors are utilized in selecting students who have potential for successfully completing the program.

Exam Scores

Prospective freshmen students applying for the 2023-2024 academic year are not required to submit SAT or ACT test scores. Freshman applicants have the option of submitting test scores as part of their admissions application.

Cumulative High School GPA

3.0 or higher at the end of junior year of high school

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.
Continuation Requirements

Successful completion of the freshman year with prerequisite dental hygiene course grades in the dental hygiene program are required to retain status as a direct entry student.

The following conditions must be met:

- GPA of 3.0 in all freshman year college coursework
- Minimum grade of C in all prerequisite coursework

Admission to the direct entry program will not be deferred.

Prospective Students Not Applying for Direct Entry

Students who are interested in the dental hygiene program but are not eligible for the direct entry program can enter UH Manoa as a pre-dental hygiene student and apply in fall of their freshman year for admission to dental hygiene. Interested students should contact the dental hygiene faculty advisors listed on the program page for more information.

Contact

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Contact for applicants for all Undergraduate Nursing programs and the High School Direct Entry in Dental Hygiene program.

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Contact for Pre-Nursing students: UH Manoa, UH West Oahu, Veteran students, and students using VA education benefits.

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Contact for applicants to the High School Direct Entry in Dental Hygiene (HS-DEDH) program and Bachelors of Science in dental hygiene program. Also, contact for enrolled dental hygiene students.
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