For Prospective, Pre-Dental Hygiene and Transfer Students

The Pre-Dental Hygiene advisor facilitates successful progress toward degree by assisting students to navigate the academic arena. Clarification of educational goals and alignment toward career preferences accompany discussions of the student’s academic pathway. Potential applicants to the program are highly encouraged to contact the Pre-Dental Hygiene advisor.

Dental Hygiene Licensure and State Authorization

Once the student has completed the Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene program, the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners determines the applicant eligibility to obtain a state license, which will allow the licensee to practice dental hygiene in the State of Hawaii. UH Manoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing (NAWSON) is unable to confirm that the Dental Hygiene program meets the professional licensure requirements outside of the State of Hawaii and recommends the student contact the respective professional licensing board to determine the licensure requirements in the state in which the student will practice.

University of Hawaii at Manoa OVCAA Professional Licensure Disclosure

College-Level Exam Program Option

College-Level Exam Program (CLEP) exams are a viable option for satisfying course requirements of the Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene programs. Applicants to and students of a
NAWSON undergraduate dental hygiene program must consult with a NAWSON Office of Students Services advisor regarding the use and limitations of non-graded course equivalencies to meet current graduation requirements.

Students who successfully pass a CLEP exam will be awarded college credit toward a Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene degree and, therefore, will not need to take the respective required coursework.

**Western Undergraduate Exchange**

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) is a tuition program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) allowing out-of-state students from specific states a special University resident tuition rate. Please visit the UH Manoa Admission’s WUE page for more details.

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Contact for applicants & prospective students to High School Direct Entry in Nursing (HS-DEN), High School Direct Entry in Dental Hygiene (HS-DEDH), Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Online ADN to BS programs.
Email for applicants and prospective students:

- High School Direct Entry in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing & Online ADN to BS programs (bsnurs@hawaii.edu)
- High School Direct Entry in Dental Hygiene program (bsdh@hawaii.edu)

Schedule an Advising Appointment via Star Balance

For Current Dental Hygiene Students

Academic advising is provided by faculty of the Department of Dental Hygiene. Students in need of advising should call an advisor for an appointment.

All enrolled dental hygiene students are advised to meet with a faculty advisor regarding their progress toward their degree to ensure that all requirements are met at least two semesters before the scheduled graduation date. An application for graduation must be submitted with a degree fee to the Cashier’s Office, QLCSS Room 001. This should be processed during the first three weeks of the semester the student intends to graduate.
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