

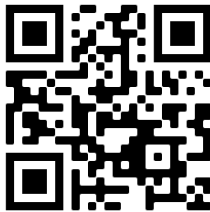
Pre-Dental Hygiene at OUHSC

It should be emphasized that “Pre-Dental Hygiene” is NOT a major. It simply means that the student is meeting requirements for transferring. Academic requirements for transferring vary by institution. To be eligible for transferring, you are advised to complete the following courses.

Additional Requirements

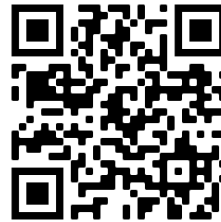
Tahlequah Science Building Rm 156

TQ appointments: <https://nsupph.youcanbook.me/>



Broken Arrow Science Building Rm 218

BA appointments: <https://nsupphba.youcanbook.me/>



<https://dentistry.ouhsc.edu/Academic-Programs/Dental-Hygiene/Apply#412782026-what-if-i-still-need-prerequisite-courses-when-i-apply>

<https://www.rose.edu/content/academics/academic-divisions/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/>

<https://www.tulsacc.edu/programs-and-courses/academic-programs/dental-hygiene-aas>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The dental hygienist is a licensed member of the oral health care team responsible for providing preventive measures in the treatment of dental and oral disease. The oral health services include oral examination and charting, removal of hard and soft deposits from teeth, application of fluoride therapy and sealants, and exposing and processing oral radiographs. The dental hygienist is also responsible for educating parents in techniques needed to prevent dental caries, periodontal disease and other oral conditions. These services are usually rendered in the private dental office, but dental hygienists can be found in numerous other settings: nursing homes and long-term care facilities, hospitals corporate health facilities, school systems, research centers, state and federal agencies and public health clinics. Also, they can be employed as educators and/or researchers in dental hygiene and dental school programs where they are responsible for teaching courses and clinics providing continuing education seminars, conducting clinical research or collecting and analyzing scientific data.

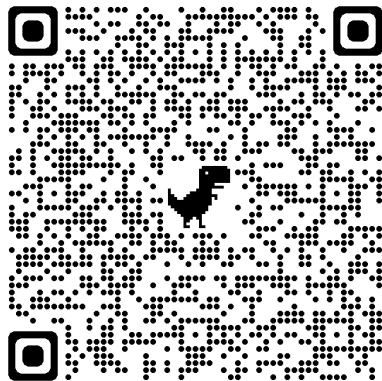
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics has projected that employment in the profession of dental hygiene will grow much faster than the average for all occupations through the end of the decade. There are still several areas of the United States that are currently reporting shortages of dental hygienists. Although there are opportunities for dental hygiene practice settings, the majority of dental hygienists are employed within general dental practices. About 70% of general dentists employ a dental hygienists, with many dentists employing more than one, which contributes to excellent employment opportunities. The dental hygiene field has a great deal of stability; the average length of employment for a hygienist working in the same practice is 5.5 years. Although there is a variation depending upon where a hygienist chooses to practice, the current average national wage is \$24-\$30 per hour. There is considerable freedom for hygienists to select their number of work days and hours; therefore, annual salaries for part-time practitioners vary.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Admission to the Dental Hygiene Program is competitive. Selection is based on the applicant's post-secondary academic record, life experiences and the potential for success in a baccalaureate program of study in dental hygiene. Oklahoma residents are given preference, but well-qualified non-residents are also considered for admission. New students are admitted for the fall semester only. To be considered for admission, students must meet the following requirements:

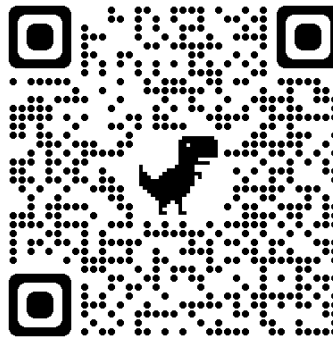
1. Submit a completed University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center application with application fee, a Dental Hygiene supplemental Application Form, official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended or currently enrolled, two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with applicant's potential for success, such as college science instructor and recent employer. All application materials must be submitted by January 15 of the year in which admission is sought (example: January 15 2016 is the deadline for fall 2016 admission).
2. Be in good standing with the college or university last attended.

3. Have successfully completed or will have completed, prior to entry into the program, the courses taken after the application deadline.
4. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale with a grade of C or better on all specifically required courses.
5. Ideally, applicants should complete FOUNDATIONAL coursework (see pre-requisite courses) before the January 15 application deadline. Acceptance is based upon completion of foundational coursework by the end of the spring semester prior to admission, and the remainder of required pre-requisite courses before entry into the Dental Hygiene program.
6. If English is the student's second language a national standardized TOEFL examination is required. A minimum score of 250 is required on that exam.
7. Interviews are conducted on an individual basis. Selected individuals will be notified and arrangements made for personal interviews. *An interview does not indicate acceptance into the program.* All expenses incurred in the interview process will be the responsibility of the applicant.
8. Fall transcript is required with application.

Applicants must investigate dental hygiene as a career prior to application by spending a minimum of 40 hours observing a dental hygienist.



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