The associate of applied science degree in dental hygiene is an intensive, full-time endeavor that prepares you to take the American Dental Association National Board Dental Hygiene exam and the Western Regional Exam Board Written, Clinical and Local Anesthesia exam.

Students learn to take x-rays, clean teeth of adults and children, provide complex periodontal therapy, apply sealants and fluoride, desensitize teeth, place periodontal therapeutic agents, and administer local anesthetics and nitrous oxide.

A dental hygienist may work as a clinician in a private practice office, in specialty practices such as periodontics, pediatrics, orthodontics, in facilities of public health, managed care, and research, correctional institutions, hospitals, schools, and nursing homes. Additionally, they may be employed as educators, managers, oral preventative program developers, researchers, sales, consumer advocates, editors, and consultants.
DENTAL HYGIENE

SAMPLE COURSES

• Dental Radiography
• Dental Anatomy Embryology and Histology
• Techniques for Dental Hygienists
• Anatomy of the Orofacial Structures
• Periodontics
• Introduction to Dental Pharmacology
• Pathology for Oral Tissues
• Principles of Dental Health
• Clinical Practicum II for Dental Hygienists
• Oral Pain Control for Dental Hygienists

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Training takes place in CTC’s state-of-the-art dental clinic and laboratory featuring the latest in dental technology so that students are learning on equipment being used by the industry today. Faculty brings a wealth of industry experience with them to the classroom as many of them are practicing professionals.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program is competitive. Upon completion of the science and general education courses, students can apply for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. Acceptance into the program requires documentation of current immunizations and appropriate titer to hepatitis B and chicken pox.

Accepted students can anticipate an intensive 40 hour per week schedule to include some evening classes and special clinics. It is strongly recommended that interested students work with the dental hygiene advisor while preparing to apply to the program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

• Review admission requirements with an advisor by calling 907-455-2834 or email uaf-ctc@alaska.edu
• Apply for Admission to UAF: www.uaf.edu/admissions
• Apply for Financial Aid: www.uaf.edu/finaid/ or call 907-455-2832
• Find Classes & Register: www.uaf.edu/coursefinder/
• Get Your books & Class Materials Organized - UAF Bookstore: www.uaf.bkstr.com
• Start your Journey at UAF CTC!

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