

# Dental Hygiene

College of Rural and Community Development  
Tanana Valley Campus  
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www.tvc.uaf.edu/programs/health/dh/

## A.A.S. Degree

Minimum Requirements for A.A.S. Degree: 69 credits

The registered dental hygienist is a licensed oral health educator and clinical operator who uses preventive, educational and therapeutic methods to help individuals and groups attain and maintain optimum oral health. The dental hygiene A.A.S. degree is a three-year program with one year of prerequisite science and general education courses and two years of course work in dental hygiene. The program prepares graduates clinically and academically to take the National and Western Regional Examining Boards for licensure. Once enrolled as a dental hygiene student, the student can anticipate a four-semester, 40-hour-per-week intensive program. Some evening classes and clinics are scheduled.

The dental hygiene program has received initial accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

## Admission Requirements

Admission to the dental hygiene program is competitive. Six students per year are accepted, based on the following criteria:

1. Complete UAF application.
2. Complete dental hygiene program application.
3. Proof of immunity to rubella, rubeola, varicella, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.
4. Evidence of freedom from tuberculosis by PPD or chest X-ray within the previous six months.
5. Current CPR certification for health care providers.
6. Complete the required prerequisite with a C\* (2.0) or better in each course, and an overall GPA of at least 2.5. GPA is considered in the admission criteria.
7. Scores on the Health Occupational Basic Entrance Test (HOBET).
8. Personal interview for top-tier candidates.
9. Complete prerequisite courses\*\*:  
BIOL F111X—Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....4  
BIOL F112X—Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....4  
BIOL F240—Beginnings in Microbiology .....4  
CHEM F103X—Basic General Chemistry .....4  
CHEM F104X—Beginnings in Biochemistry: A Survey of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry .....4  
HLTH F203—Science of Nutrition.....3  
PSY F101—Introduction to Psychology .....3

\*\* Courses with equivalent content transferred from another university may be substituted for the above UAF courses.

Note: Additional information and a complete application packet are available at 907-455-2834 or 907-455-2805, [fjdh@uaf.edu](mailto:fjdh@uaf.edu), or [www.tvc.uaf.edu/programs/health/dh/](http://www.tvc.uaf.edu/programs/health/dh/). It is strongly recommended that interested students work with the dental hygiene advisor while preparing to apply to the program.

## Major — A.A.S. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 92).
2. Complete the A.A.S. degree requirements. (See page 96. As part of the degree requirements, complete SOC F100X for the human relations requirement.)
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:\*  
HLTH F150—Dental Radiography and Lab .....4  
DH F111—Dental Anatomy Embryology and Histology .....2  
DH F112—Techniques for Dental Hygienists.....7  
DH F114—Anatomy of the Orofacial Structures.....2  
DH F121—Periodontics I—2  
DH F122—Techniques II for Dental Hygienists .....4  
DH F165—Introduction to Dental Pharmacology.....2  
DH F181—Clinical Practicum I .....4  
DH F182—Clinical Seminar I.....1  
DH F211—Periodontics II.....2  
DH F212—Techniques III for Dental Hygienists.....3  
DH F214—Pathology for Oral Tissues .....2  
DH F224—Principles of Dental Health .....3  
DH F283—Clinical Practicum II .....5  
DH F284—Clinical Seminar II .....1  
DH F285—Clinical Practicum III.....6  
DH F286—Clinical Seminar III .....1  
DH F310—Oral Pain Control.....3
4. Minimum credits required .....69

\* Students must earn a C grade or better in each course.

All degrees (e.g. Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., A.S., etc) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

## Certificate Requirements

### COMMUNICATION (2-3)

Complete one of the following:

ENGL F111X.....	(3)	_____
ABUS F170 .....	(3)	_____
ABUS F271 .....	(3)	_____
ENGL F211X.....	(3)	_____
ENGL F212 .....	(3)	_____
ENGL F213X.....	(3)	_____
COMM F131X.....	(3)	_____
COMM F141X.....	(3)	_____
DEVS F104.....	(1 – 3)	_____
DEVS F105 .....	(3)	_____

*Other program-approved discipline-based communication course or discipline-based courses with embedded communication content. (2 – 3)*

\* ENGL F212 does not fulfill the second half of the written communication requirement for the bachelor's degree.

### COMPUTATION (2-3)

Complete one of the following:

Any course at the F100-level or above in mathematical sciences (computer science, math or statistics).....	(3)	_____
ABUS F155 .....	(3)	_____
DEVM F105.....	(3)	_____
ECE F117 .....	(3)	_____
HLTH F116 .....	(3)	_____
HUMS F117.....	(3)	_____
PRT F155.....	(3)	_____
TTCH F131 .....	(3)	_____

*Other program-approved discipline-based computation course or discipline-based courses with embedded computation content. (2 – 3)*

### HUMAN RELATIONS (2-3)

Complete one of the following:

ANTH F100X/SOC F100X.....	(3)	_____
ABUS F154 .....	(3)	_____
ANL F287.....	(3)	_____
ECE F245 .....	(3)	_____
ED/PSY F245.....	(3)	_____
HLTH F106 .....	(3)	_____
HUMS F120.....	(3)	_____
RHS F110 .....	(1)	_____
AND RHS F115 .....	(2)	_____

*Other program-approved discipline-based human relations course or discipline-based courses with embedded human relations content. (2 – 3)*

**MAJOR SPECIALTY CREDITS (minimum)..... 21**

**Minimum credits for required certificate..... 30**

## Associate of Applied Science Requirements

### COMMUNICATION (9)

ENGL F111X.....	(3)	_____
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Complete one of the following:

ABUS F271 .....	(3)	_____
ENGL F211X.....	(3)	_____
ENGL F212 .....	(3)	_____
ENGL F213X.....	(3)	_____

\* ENGL F212 does not fulfill the second half of the written communication requirement for the bachelor's degree.

Complete one of the following:

COMM F131X.....	(3)	_____
COMM F141X.....	(3)	_____

### COMPUTATION (3)

Complete one of the following:

Any course at the F100-level or above in mathematical sciences (computer science, math or statistics).....	(3)	_____
ABUS F155 .....	(3)	_____
DEVM F105.....	(3)	_____
ECE F117 .....	(3)	_____
HLTH F116 .....	(3)	_____
HUMS F117.....	(3)	_____
PRT F155.....	(3)	_____
TTCH F131 .....	(3)	_____

*Other program-approved discipline-based computation course or discipline-based courses with embedded computation content. (3)*

### HUMAN RELATIONS (2-3)

Complete one of the following:

ANTH F100X/SOC F100X.....	(3)	_____
ABUS F154 .....	(3)	_____
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ECE F245 .....	(3)	_____
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RHS F110 .....	(1)	_____
AND RHS F115 .....	(2)	_____

*Other program-approved discipline-based human relations course or discipline-based courses with embedded human relations content. (3)*

**MAJOR SPECIALTY CREDITS (minimum)..... 30**

**Minimum credits required for degree ..... 60**



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