

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

College of Dentistry

The Dental Hygiene program at Ohio State leads to a Bachelor of Science and is the only baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene in the state of Ohio. A dental hygienist is a preventive oral health professional that is licensed in dental hygiene. Dental hygienists provide educational, clinical, and therapeutic services supporting total health through the promotion of oral health. The dental hygienist works with the dental team in the prevention and control of dental disease. Various practice settings provide diverse opportunities for a licensed dental hygienist. While most people are familiar with dental hygienists as clinicians in a private dental office, dental hygienists work in a variety of roles.ⁱ

Career Areas/Job Titles:

Management and Industry

Consulting
Corporate administrator
Corporate educator
Dental Office Manager
Product researcher
Sales Representative

Health Professions

Dental Hygienist
Public Health Administrator
Public Health Clinician
Sealant Program Administrator

Education

Clinical Instructor

Professor

Program Director

Non-Profit/Advocacy

Community Consultant
Patient Advocate

Graduate School

See *Graduate School Sheet*

**Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

Transferable Skills:

Biology
Healthcare Fundamentals
Chemistry
Human Anatomy
Law and Policy Awareness
Expressing Ideas
Listening Skills
Persuasion
Provide/Respond to Feedback
Use Technology Effectively

Written Communication
Counseling Skills
Service Orientation
Social Perceptiveness
Teaching/Instructing Others
Teamwork
Conceptualizing
Defining Needs
Gathering Information
Adaptability/Flexibility

Attention to Detail
Judgment & Decision Making
Implementing Decisions
Managing Time/Stress
Delegating Tasks
Prioritizing Tasks
Multi-tasking
Analytical/Critical Thinking
Problem Solving

**This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:*

<http://www.ccss.osu.edu>

Professional Links:

American Dental Hygienist Association: <http://www.adha.org/>

American Dental Association: <http://www.ada.org/>

Ohio State Dental Board: <http://www.dental.ohio.gov/>

The Columbus Dental Hygienists' Association: <http://www.thecdha.com/>