

DENTAL HYGIENE, B.SC.D.HYG.

Overview/Entrance Requirements

Degree Completion Program

Accredited dental hygiene programs in Canada and the U.S. have been traditionally offered as either stand-alone two year programs with direct entry from high school, or as two-year programs requiring a pre-professional year of studies prior to admission into the professional program. In order to provide access to a broad range of potential degree completion students, two options have been developed.

Option A

This option is for those graduates of accredited 3 year dental hygiene programs, or equivalent, or those who have completed a proscribed pre-professional year prior to entry into their dental hygiene program.

Dental hygienists from the University of Manitoba who graduated between 1993 and 2007 must complete 21 credit hours

Dental hygienists from the University of Manitoba who graduated after 2007 must complete 19 credit hours

Graduates of other (non-University of Manitoba) dental hygiene programs who completed a pre-professional year prior to entry into their dental hygiene program, may be granted up to 15 credit hours from the pre-professional year and 75 credit hours from the 2-year dental hygiene program towards their degree. These graduates will be required to complete 30 hours of University of Manitoba credits in order to complete the degree and satisfy the residency requirement.

Option B

Dental hygienists who are graduates of accredited two year programs without the pre-professional year, must complete the 21 credit hours as described below plus 24 credit hours of free-choice electives. This requirement applies to graduates from the University of Manitoba (prior to 1993) as well as other accredited two-year dental hygiene programs in North America with no pre-professional year. As in Option A, the residency requirement of 30 credit hours for those non-University of Manitoba graduates will be upheld.

University of Manitoba Graduates

Students with diplomas in dental hygiene from the University of Manitoba will complete 19 credit hours if they graduated after 2007 and 21 credit hours if they graduated between 1993 and 2007. Dental hygienists who graduated from the University before 1993 will complete 24 credit hours of electives in addition to 21 dental hygiene baccalaureate credit hours (total 45).

Year of Graduation (U of M)	Pre-Professional Year	Total Dental Hygiene Program Credit Hours Granted	Option	Credit Hours for BScDH Completion	Total BScDH Credit Hours
After 2007	Yes	1 + 2 years or 3 years (30 + 71 = 101 Credit Hours)	Option A	1 year (19 Credit Hours)	120 credits hours
Between 1993 and 2007	Yes	1 + 2 Years (30 + 69 = 99 Credit Hours)	Option A	1 year (21 credit hours)	120 credits hours
Before 1993	No	2 Years 75 Credit Hours	Option B	2 years (45 credit hours)	120 credits hours

Graduates of Other Accredited North American Dental Hygiene Programs

Pre-Professional Year	Total Dental Hygiene Program Credit Hours Granted	Option	Credit Hours for BScDH Completion	Total BScDH Credit Hours
Yes	Pre-Prof. Year (accept 15 credit hours) + 2 years DH (75 Credit Hours) = 90 Cr. Hrs.	Option A	1 year (30 credit hours) ¹	120 credits hours
No	2 Years 75 Credit Hours	Option B	2 years (45 credit hours) ¹	120 credits hours

¹ Residency Requirement.

Degree Requirements

Degree Completion Curriculum

Dental Hygiene Core (Minimum 12)

Course	Title	Hours
Mandatory Course		
HYGN 2380	Pain Management	2
Elective Courses		
HYGN 4412	Dental Hygiene Practice Management and Leadership	3
HYGN 4460	Community Health Independent Study	3
HYGN 4470	Community Health Independent Study II	3
HYGN 4492	Current Issues in Dental Hygiene	3
HYGN 4520	Advanced Independent Study I	3
HYGN 4530	Teaching Practicum	3
HYGN 4540	Advanced Teaching Practicum	3
HYGN 4550	Advanced Independent Study II	3

Potential Electives - Not Part of the Core Program

(up to 21 Cr. Hrs)

Course	Title	Hours
HYGN 4500	Advanced Oral Pathology	3
HYGN 4510	Microbiology and Immunology	3
HYGN 4472		

Courses Approved as Potential Electives Outside of the School of Dental Hygiene

Course	Title	Hours
NURS 1260		
PHIL 1290	Critical Thinking	3
SOC 2490	Sociology of Health and Illness	3
HNSC 1210	Nutrition for Health and Changing Lifestyles	3
PHIL 2740	Ethics and Biomedicine	3