Dental Hygiene, BS

Program Description
Dental hygienists are preventive oral health professionals who have graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program in an institution of higher education, licensed in dental hygiene to provide educational, clinical, research, administrative and therapeutic services supporting total health through the promotion of optimum oral health. In performing the dental hygiene process of care, the dental hygienist assesses the patient’s oral tissues and overall health determining the presence or absence of disease, other abnormalities and disease risks; develops a dental hygiene diagnosis based on clinical findings; formulates evidence-based, patient-centered treatment care plans; performs the clinical procedures outlined in the treatment care plan; educates patients regarding oral hygiene and preventive oral care; and evaluates the outcomes of educational strategies and clinical procedures provided.

Licensure
To register for the National Board Dental Hygiene Exam log onto:

To register for the WREB or CDCA clinical exams, for dental hygiene licensure, log onto:
WREB Exam (http://www.wreb.org/)
CDCA Exam (https://www.cdcaexams.org/)

To apply for licensure in the State of Utah log onto:
State of Utah Licensure (http://www.dopl.utah.gov/)

Professional Licensure/Certification (PLC) Requirements
The curriculum for programs at Dixie State University customarily leading to licensure have been designed to meet the educational licensure/certification requirements in Utah as well as to prepare students to apply for licensure exams in the State of Utah. The licensure boards in each state are responsible for establishing the requirements for licensure/certification for their state. Requirement may vary state to state and may change at any time. Students who intend to use their DSU degree to secure licensure in any state other than Utah will need to review the professional licensure disclosures in that state pertaining to their program and consult with the state professional licensing board. For more information, visit the State Authorization and Professional Licensure (https://academics.dixie.edu/state-authorization/) web page and select your program, or speak to the director of your program.

Program Curriculum
124 credits

DSU General Education Requirements
All DSU General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to DSU’s minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

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**Graduation Requirements**

1. Complete a minimum of 124 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits (3000 and above).
3. Complete at least 30 upper-division credits at DSU for institutional residency.
4. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
5. Grade C or higher in all Discipline Core and Emphasis Requirements.

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Dental Hygiene Program Learning Outcomes
At the successful conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Execute all steps in the dental hygiene process of care.
2. Apply a professional code of ethics as stated in the ADHA Code of Ethics.
3. Promote oral health through education and service in public health and alternative settings.
4. Analyze and apply research to facilitate evidence-based decisions.
5. Develop effective communication and collaboration skills for interacting with diverse population groups, healthcare professionals, and health care teams to contribute to increased health and health behaviors.