

Dental Hygiene

The Dental Hygiene program is a four semester and one summer session program within a cohort* that prepares individuals to work in general and specialty dental offices, hospitals, schools, and public health agencies. Students are trained in educational methods and preventive clinical services that qualify them as dental health educators and competent clinicians. Emphasis is placed on the correlations among prevention, education, and the clinical phases of dental hygiene practice as well as basic and social sciences. The program is the second step in the Dental Assisting > Dental Hygiene career ladder.

The curriculum is organized in accordance with requirements of the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation for a Dental Hygiene program and with consultation from the Maui County Dental Association and the Maui County Dental Alliance. The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of “initial accreditation.” The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education and can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. Graduates are eligible to take the National Board of Dental Hygiene Exam, Central Regional Dental Testing Service Exam, and the Hawai'i Dental Hygiene Board Exam for licensure. The following minimum courses are required of students entering the Dental Hygiene program: ENG 100, MATH 100 or 115, MICR 130 and 140, ZOOL 141 and 142, and DENT 154**, 164, 165, 176**, 177**, all with grade C or better. General Education AS credits (shown below in prentthesis) may be completed early to reduce courseload and to be more competitive in the selection process.

The application deadline for Fall Cohort is May 1. Visit the UH Maui College dental website at: maui.hawaii.edu/dental

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Requirements for Associate in Science (AS) Degree: 64 credits

- Dental Hygiene 150(2), 153(2), 155(1), 156(3), 173(1), 254(3), 255(2), 256(1), 257(2), 258(2), 260(4), 261(2), 262(5), 263(5), 264(2), 265(1), 266(2), 267(1), 268(1), 269(1)
- Biochemisty 241(3)
- Food Science and Human Nutrition 285(3)
- Pharmacology 203(3)
- Psychology 100(3)
- Sociology 100 or Anthropology 200(3)
- Speech 151(3)
- Humanities elective (3)

Additional requirements: *Grade C or better in all General Education and didactic Dental Hygiene courses, and Grade B or better in all clinical DH courses.*

Cohort takes courses in this sequence: * *Parenthesis show General Education courses recommended to be taken beforehand.*

First Semester (Fall)	Credits	Third Semester (Fall)	Credits
DH 150 Oral Histology and Embryology	2	DH 258 Periodontics 2 and Advanced Clinical Techniques	2
DH 153 Assessment Procedures in Dental Hygiene	2	DH 262 Clinical Dental Hygiene 3	5
DH 155 Dental Emergencies	1	DH 264 Community Dental Health	2
DH 156 Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene	3	DH 268 Advanced Dental Radiography & Interpretation	1
DH 173 Dental Health Education	1	SP 151 Personal and Public Speech	(3)
BIOC 241 Fundamentals of Biochemistry	(3)		(3) 10
PHRM 203 General Pharmacology	(3)		
PSY 100 Survey of Psychology	(3)		
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Second Semester (Spring)	Credits	Fourth Semester (Spring)	Credits
DH 254 Pathology for DH and Special Patient Populations	3	DH 263 Clinical Dental Hygiene 4	5
DH 255 Oral Pathology in Dental Hygiene	2	DH 265 Law and Ethics in Dental Hygiene	1
DH 256 Applied Pharmacology in Dentistry	1	DH 269 Advanced Dental Radiography and Interpretation	1
DH 257 Periodontics 1 and Advanced Clinical Techniques	2	SOC 100 Survey of General Sociology, or	
DH 260 Clinical Dental Hygiene 1	4	ANTH 200 Cultural Anthropology	(3)
DH 267 Dental Radiography and Interpretation	1		(3) 7
FSHN 285 The Science of Human Nutrition	(3)		
Humanities elective	(3)		
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Summer Session (5 weeks)	Credits		
DH 261 Clinical Dental Hygiene 2	2		
DH 266 Local Anesthesia and Pain Control	2		
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*Note: *Scheduling is designed for a cohort of students to complete the program in 4 semesters and a summer session.*

**Note: *DENT 154, 176, and 177 are eligible for Credit by Exam to students who hold an active Certified Dental Assitant (Dental Assisting National Board-DANNB) license. See website <http://www.maui.hawaii.edu/dental>*