

Dear Accepted Dental Hygiene Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the Vermont State University's Department of Dental Hygiene! We know that you probably have many questions regarding the program and we would like to answer them for you.

We will be holding a virtual information session for newly accepted students on **April 17, 2023 at 4:30 pm** to provide you with important information about the program, the schedule and answer any of your questions. Representatives from Financial Aid and Admissions will also be available.

The first six semesters of our program will lead to an Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene. The final two semesters, in an online format, lead to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. Students may opt-out after six semesters with their Associate Degree or seamlessly continue on with their education in the Bachelor of Science program.

Lastly, you will need to attend a required on-site visit to be measured for your magnification lenses (loupes) and be fit tested for your N95 mask in **July or August (TBD)**. If you wear prescription glasses, please bring your prescription with you to this session. Additional information regarding these sessions and the exact times you need to be in attendance will be sent to you at a later date.

Again, congratulations and we look forward to providing you with an outstanding educational experience.

Sincerely,

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DENTAL HYGIENE (AS/BS)

FIRST YEAR

FALL		SPRING	
BIO 2011: Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIO 2012: Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIO 1030: Intro to Nutrition	3	OHS 1012: Clinical Oral Health Practice I	5
OHS 1011: Pre-Clinical Oral Health Practice	5	OHS 1022: Head & Neck Anatomy & Medical Emergencies	3
OHS 1021: Oral Anatomy and Histology	3	ENG 1061: English Composition	3
Connections Seminar I	1		
	16		15

SECOND YEAR

FALL		SPRING	
BIO 2120 - Elements of Microbiology	4	OHS 2010: Dental Materials	3
OHS 1030 : Principles of Oral Radiology	3	OHS 2020: Pharmacology and General Pathology	3
OHS 2030: Periodontics	3	OHS 2722: Clinical Oral Health Practice III with Nitrous Oxide	4
OHS 2721: Clinical Oral Health Practice II with Local Anesthesia	4	ENG 2080: Technical Communications (Connections Seminar II)	3
PSY 1010: Introduction to Psychology	3	SOC 1010: Intro to Sociology	3
	17		16

THIRD YEAR

At the completion of the 6th semester, students receive the AS DHY degree and are eligible for dental hygiene licensure

FALL		SPRING	
OHS 2210: Community Oral Health I	2	OHS 2211: Community Oral Health II	1
OHS 3821: Advanced Clinical Oral Health Practice I	6	OHS 2220: Oral Pathology	3
HUM 2020: Bioethics	3	OHS 3822: Advanced Clinical Oral Health Practice II	6
MAT 1440: Mathematics for Health Professions	3	CHE 1020: Intro to Chemistry	4
CIS XXXX: Elective	3		
	17		14

95 credits - AS DHY degree awarded

FOURTH YEAR - online

FALL		SPRING	
OHS 3010: Evidence- Based Decision Making	3	OHS 3020: Advanced Periodontics	3
OHS 3015: Contemporary Issues in Oral Health Science	3	OHS 3030: Methodology and Leadership	3
OHS 4010: Advanced Community Oral Health	3	OHS 4013: Practice Management	3
MAT 2021: Statistics	3	OHS 4237: Research Methods	3
Connections Seminar III	1	Arts and Esthetics Elective XXXX	3
	13		15



Dental Hygiene

Observation Experience in the Dental Office

Requirement for VTSU's Dental Hygiene Program

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Dear Dental Professionals,

Thank you for taking the time to allow an incoming VTSU Dental Hygiene student to observe you in your daily work. This student is required to observe a minimum of 4 hours in a dental office and highly encouraged to shadow at the VTSU Dental Hygiene Clinic as well. Procedures to observe, if able, include:

- Prophylaxis provided by a dental hygienist
- Ultrasonic scaling provided by a dental hygienist
- Radiographic exposure and review of images
- Administration of local anesthetics
- Infection control and sterilization procedures

DENTAL OFFICE INFORMATION: To be completed by Dental Professional

Office Name: _____

Office Phone: _____

Office Address: _____

Name of Supervising Dental Professional: _____

Signature of Supervising Dental Professional: _____

Hours of Observation: _____ Date: _____

Please contact the Vermont State University Dental Hygiene Program with comments/concerns:

Phone: (802) 238-7921; Heather Blair at hblair@vtc.edu

STUDENT INFORMATION:

As an incoming Dental Hygiene student at VTSU, proper attire is required during observation in all dental settings. During observation please adhere to the following dress code:

- Hair should be away from face and shoulder and prevented from falling forward if leaning over
- Scrubs, dress slacks, or khakis. No jeans. No inappropriate exposure of body
- Lab coat, if possible
- No visible piercings or body art
- Closed toe shoes



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