

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 15, 2024 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. In person program orientation will be held on **June 21, 2024**.

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 (date 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 Observation Experience in the Dental Office

Requirement for Vermont State University's Dental Hygiene Program

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Dear Dental Professionals,

Thank you for taking the time to allow an incoming Vermont State University (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) 879-5643 or (802) 316-2242; Heather Blair at Heather.Blair@VermontState.edu*

STUDENT INFORMATION:

As an incoming Dental Hygiene student at Vermont State University, 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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