

# B.S. Dental Hygiene Completion Program

The Baccalaureate degree completion program is intended for licensed dental hygienists who have graduated from an entry-level dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The 100% online Baccalaureate degree completion program will provide entry-level dental hygienists with a Bachelor's of Science degree, preparing them to pursue further education and career growth including research, public health, and education.

## Program Admissions Requirements

Students must be accepted to Idaho state University, have a dental hygiene license, and a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher to be accepted into the BS degree completion program. Admissions for the program is "open enrollment", which means a student can apply at any time. Dental hygiene program information regarding current admission criteria and procedures can be obtained from the Dental Hygiene website at <https://www.isu.edu/dentalhygiene/>

## Academic Standards

To enroll in upper division courses with a dental hygiene prefix (DENT), students must be accepted for admission to the dental hygiene BS degree completion program. Each student is responsible for completing the required course work in proper sequential order. To be eligible for graduation the student must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.25 in course work completed in the BS degree completion program. Course work for which the student receives a grade below "C-" (C minus) will not be accepted as fulfilling requirements for the Department of Dental Hygiene. The department chairperson must approve any deviation from these standards. No pre-requisite courses are required for entry into the BS degree completion program.

## General Education

The listing below includes program requirements that also fulfill General Education requirements.

| Code   | Title | Credits   |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Objective 1 - ENGL 1101 and ENGL 1102  |       | 6         |
| Objective 2 - COMM 1101  |       | 3         |
| Objective 3 - MATH 1153 <sup>1</sup>   |       | 3         |
| Objective 4  |       | 6         |
| Objective 5 - BIOL 2233/BIOL 2233L, BIOL 2227/BIOL 2227L, or BIOL 2228/BIOL 2228L, CHEM 1101, CHEM 1102, or NTD 2239 |       | 7         |
| Objective 6 - PSYC 1101 and SOC 1101   |       | 6         |
| <b>Students must fulfill Objective 7 or Objective 8</b>  |       | <b>3</b>  |
| Objective 7  |       |           |
| Objective 8  |       |           |
| Objective 9  |       | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>   |       | <b>37</b> |

<sup>1</sup> "P" courses are equivalent to the original course.

## Major Requirements

| Code      | Title                              | Credits |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|
| ENGL 3307 | Professional and Technical Writing | 3       |
| DENT 4401 | Research Methods                   | 2       |
| DENT 4408 | Ethical and Legal Principles       | 2       |

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|---------------------------------|---|-----------|
| DENT 4421                       | Leadership and Health Policy  | 2         |
| DENT 4422                       | Educational Strategies  | 2         |
| DENT 4424                       | Principles of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice                                  | 3         |
| DENT 4450                       | Capstone (can be repeated for credit)   | 6         |
| <b>Upper Division Electives</b> |   | <b>16</b> |
| DENT 4400                       | Experiential Learning Equivalency for BS Degree Completion and Accelerated MSDH Program |           |
| DHS 4401                        | Mindfulness in Health Science   |           |
| DHS 4402                        | Survey of Aging Issues  |           |
| DHS 4403                        | Interprofessional Systems in Geriatric Management                                       |           |
| DHS 4405                        | Effects of Mindfulness Practice   |           |
| PPRA 4427                       | Evidence Based Complementary and Integrative Health                                     |           |
| DENT 4481                       | Independent Studies in Dental Hygiene (can be repeated for credit)                      |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>            |   | <b>36</b> |

## Degree Totals

| Code                                       | Title | Credits        |
|--|-------|----------------|
| Program Admission Requirements             |       | 80-90 (varies) |
| General Education                          |       | 37             |
| Major Requirements (w/o General Education) |       | 36             |
| Upper Division Free Electives              |       | 0              |
| Free Electives                             |       | 0              |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                       |       | <b>120</b>     |

1. Program admission totals vary depending on the associate degree earned.
2. Students who earn a qualifying associate degree will qualify for a general education waiver upon matriculation to ISU.