

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		6
Objective 2		3
Objective 3		3
Objective 4		6
Objective 5		7
Objective 6		6
Students must fulfill Objective 7 or Objective 8		3
Objective 7		
Objective 8		
Objective 9		3
Total Credits		37

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 3307	Professional and Technical Writing	3
DENT 4401	Research Methods	2
DENT 4408	Ethical and Legal Principles	2
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
Upper Division Electives		16
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)	
Total Credits		36

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
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Total Credits		120

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.