



Master's in Dental Hygiene

Expand your career and leadership options

Now, more than ever, our communities need dental and public health professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the needs of diverse communities. At University of Bridgeport's Fones School of Dental Hygiene, the world's first dental hygiene school, you'll open doors to advanced professional opportunities. In our fully online master's program, you'll gain comprehensive theory and practical experience from esteemed faculty experts. Through engaging coursework and a concentrated practicum with hands-on experience, you'll develop the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the dental field, bridging theory with real-world application so you can help shape the future of public health.

Provide your community with exceptional healthcare

UB's Dental Hygiene MS program equips you with a solid foundation in education and public health, preparing you for diverse career opportunities.

Through a comprehensive curriculum, you'll learn both theoretical and practical teaching methods — preparing you to pursue opportunities in dental hygiene. Additionally, the program emphasizes public health aspects, focusing on improving oral health access and leading dental public health initiatives through program development, grant writing, and research methodologies.

With this degree, you can go on to become a force in the dental and public health sectors.

Lay the foundation for advanced career opportunities

UB graduates with advanced degrees in dental hygiene have transitioned into various roles in the dental industry, along with pursuing further education in related fields, including:

- Doctoral work
- Research
- Education
- Dental school
- And more!



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Curriculum

Program requirements		
DHYG 500	Leadership in Dental Hygiene	3
DHYG 501	Grant and Contract Writing	3
DHYG 502	Research	3
DHYG 503	Clinical and Didactic Educational Concepts	3
DHYG 504	Dental Hygiene Student Teaching	3
DHYG 506	Global Health Care	3
DHYG 508	Curriculum Development and Management	3
DHYG 512	Public Health	3
DHYG 513	Contemporary Issues in Public Health	3
DHYG 515	Statistical Reasoning	3
DHYG 516	Concentrated Practicum	3
DHYG 520	Dental Hygiene Capstone	4

Total credits: 34

View all courses offered and read full course descriptions in our course catalog (www.bridgeport.edu/academics/course-catalog).

The University of Bridgeport is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. The University also is accredited by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education.

Possible career outcomes

- Dental Health Educator
- Dental Hygiene Program Director
- Public Health Advocate
- Corporate Researcher
- Product Developer
- And more!

Admission requirements

Prerequisites

- Active dental hygiene license
- Bachelor's degree in dental hygiene or a related field from an accredited institution
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher

All accepted students are subject to a background check through an external agency. Further information will be distributed by your advisor.

Required materials

- Application
- Official transcript for bachelor's degree and/or dental hygiene degree from the US or Canada (from all institutions of higher education)
- Two recommendation letters
 - Letters must be signed and come from employers, professors, or professional associates (i.e. clinical supervisor or dental hygiene director)
- Personal statement
 - In 500 words, detail why you are seeking this degree, how you expect to apply your degree to your professional career after graduation and why you seek to pursue your degree through University of Bridgeport
- Photocopy of US or Canadian dental hygiene license in good standing