

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE (BSDH) - CURRICULUM
2025-2026 SUGGESTED 4-YEAR PLAN WITH SUMMER ENROLLMENT**

FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER			
Course	Description	SH	GR
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3	
CHEM 1510/L	Chemistry for the Allied Health Sciences (NS)	4	
BIOL 1551	Anatomy and Physiology 1 (NS)	3	
BIOL 1551L	Anatomy and Physiology 1 Laboratory	1	
YSU 1500	Success Seminar (YSU 1500, YSU 1500S or HONR 1500)	1-2	
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS		12-13	

SPRING SEMESTER			
Course	Description	SH	GR
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3	
BIOL 1552/L	Anatomy and Physiology 2	4	
BIOL 1560	Microbiology for the Health Professions	2	
BIOL 1560L	Microbiology Laboratory for Health Professions	1	
PSYC 1560	General Psychology (SS)	3	
MATH 2623 or STAT 2625	Quantitative Reasoning (MA) or Statistical Literacy and Critical Reasoning (MA)	3 4	
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS		16-17	

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER			
Course	Description	SH	GR
PHIL 2625	Introduction to Professional Ethics (AH)	3	
SOC 1500	Introduction to Sociology (SS)	3	
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3	
	Arts and Humanities Elective	3	
	General Education Elective	3	
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS		15	

SPRING SEMESTER			
Course	Description	SH	GR
DHYG 2601	Dental Hygiene 1	3	
DHYG 2601L	Clinical Dental Hygiene 1	2	
DHYG 2620	Head and Neck Anatomy	2	
DHYG 2620L	Head and Neck Anatomy Lab	1	
DHYG 2630	Management of Medical/Dental Emergencies	2	
	General Education Elective	3	
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS		13	

SUMMER SEMESTER			
Course	Description	SH	GR
DHYG 2602	Dental Hygiene 2	2	
DHYG 2602L	Clinical Dental Hygiene 2	2	
DHYG 2640	Oral Histology	2	
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS		6	

THIRD YEAR

FALL SEMESTER			
Course	Description	SH	GR
DHYG 3703	Dental Hygiene 3	3	
DHYG 3703L	Clinical Dental Hygiene 3	3	
DHYG 3750	Oral Pathology	2	
DHYG 3760	Dental Radiology	3	
DHYG 3760L	Dental Radiology Lab	1	
DHYG 3770	Periodontology	3	
AHLT 4805	Health Education for Allied Health	3	
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS		18	

SPRING SEMESTER			
Course	Description	SH	GR
DHYG 3704	Dental Hygiene 4	3	
DHYG 3704L	Clinical Dental Hygiene 4	3	
DHYG 3780	Pharmacology	3	
DHYG 3790	Local Anesthesia and Pain Control for Dental Hygienists	2	
DHYG 3790L	Local Anesthesia and Pain Control Clinic	1	
AHLT 4806	Research Methods	3	
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS		15	

Required: A Graduation Evaluation with your Faculty Advisor after Completing your Junior year in the Program.

[Ysu.edu/SeniorEvalRequest](https://ysu.edu/SeniorEvalRequest)

FOURTH YEAR

FALL SEMESTER			
Course	Description	SH	GR
DHYG 4805	Dental Hygiene 5	3	
DHYG 4805L	Clinical Dental Hygiene 5	4	
DHYG 4830	Dental Materials	1	
DHYG 4830L	Dental Materials Lab	1	
DHYG 4840	Directed Dental Hygiene Research	3	
DHYG 4845	Expanded Functions for the Dental Hygienist	3	
DHYG 4845L	Expanded Functions for the Dental Hygienist Lab	1	
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS		16	

SPRING SEMESTER			
COURSE	Description	SH	GR
DHYG 4806	Dental Hygiene 6	2	
DHYG 4806L	Clinical Dental Hygiene 6	4	
DHYG 4850	Dental Public Health	2	
DHYG 4850L	Community Clinicals	1	
DHYG 4860	Ethics and Practice Concepts	2	
DHYG 4855L	Expanded Functions Clinical	2	
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS		13	
TOTAL HOURS TO COMPLETE BSDH DEGREE			124-126

Total Hours Required to Graduate: 124- 126

*NOTE: This plan is intended to illustrate that it is possible to complete the BSDH degree in 4 years. The plan is subject to change based on students' Math and Writing placement, successful completion of pre-requisite courses, hours earned and career goals. The curriculum requirements on this sheet are for students entering under the 2025-2026 academic catalog. Students will be held accountable for all course pre-requisites and should refer to the YSU Course Catalog for this information. Students with less than 60 credit hours are required to meet with an Academic Advisor each semester prior to registration.

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ACADEMIC POLICIES

I. ADMISSION POLICY

Potential students need to refer to the Admission Policy for the Dental Hygiene Program prior to applying to the program. Courses must be completed by the end of the semester that they are listed. All DHYG, CHEM, BIOL, MLT, and AHLT must be taken for a grade.

II. GRADE REQUIREMENT

- A. Students are responsible for adhering to the prescribed dental hygiene curriculum sequence, including but not limited to, course prerequisites and mandated sequencing of dental hygiene classes. Deficiencies in prerequisite courses must be removed prior to taking sequential courses. Students must follow the BSDH Curriculum effective for the year of the student's admission/readmission to the dental hygiene program.
- B. All pre-dental hygiene and dental hygiene courses **must** be taken for a letter grade. Electives, including general education elective hours, may be taken CR/NC. Refer to the *YSU Bulletin* CR/NC Policy and consult your dental hygiene advisor before taking a course CR/NC.
- C. Students will be dismissed from the Dental Hygiene Program if they:
 - ❖ Earn an "F" in any DHYG or AHLT courses; or
 - ❖ Earn a total of 8 hours of "D" grades in DHYG, CHEM, BIOL, MLT or AHLT courses; or
 - ❖ Earn a total of 6 hours of "D" grades in DHYG courses; or
 - ❖ Fail to maintain an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

Students who are dismissed for academic reasons may re-apply one additional time for consideration of re-admittance into the dental hygiene program.

- D. Once admitted into the dental hygiene program, students must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
 - E. A grade of "C" or better is required in all dental hygiene courses and non-dental hygiene support courses.
 - F. When "D" grades are earned in dental hygiene didactic courses, they must be repeated in the following academic year. If a student plans to graduate on schedule, deficiencies in clinical courses must be completed within the clinical sequence. When courses are repeated and passed with a "C" grade or better, and a Repetition of Grade Change form has been processed and recorded, the accumulative hours of "D"/"F" grades will be reduced according to the credit hours of the course(s). Students who earn "D" grades in the Fall semester of the fourth year of the dental hygiene curriculum will be required to remediate.
 - G. Students who receive an incomplete ("I") grade in a dental hygiene or non-dental hygiene support course, must remove the "I" with a grade of "C" or better prior to the beginning of the course for which it is a prerequisite. All "I" prerequisite course grades of incomplete must be removed for admission to the program.
- III. The University reserves the right to dismiss the student who is unable or unwilling to achieve the scholastic, ethical, and/or professional standards of the University and the Dental Hygiene Program.
- IV. All developmental courses such as ENGL 1539 and 1540; RSS 1510A and 1510B; and MATH 1500, 1501 and 1504 do not count toward degree requirements.

V. WITHDRAWAL POLICY

- A. Students withdrawing from the dental hygiene program or any required course **must**:
 - ❖ Inform the course faculty member (if withdrawing from an individual course).
 - ❖ Inform the dental hygiene director. The Director is available for a conference during regular office hours or by appointment.
 - ❖ Complete an exit interview. This exit interview will be placed in the student's academic file.
- B. Students who withdraw from the program for academic or personal reasons may be considered for readmission one additional time. Students wishing to re-enter the program, must re-apply for the position by the application date deadline. Re-admission into the dental hygiene program is not guaranteed and will be granted only as availability of clinical space allows.
- C. Withdrawals are to be executed in accordance with University Policy.