

DENTAL HYGIENE (RDH TO BSDH PROGRAM)

RDH to BSDH applicants will be considered for admission upon satisfactory completion of the following requirements:

- The application for this program opens online **Nov. 1** and closes on **June 1** for August entry of the same year. All prerequisites must be completed by **May 31** before the start of the fall semester.
- An associate's degree or certificate in dental hygiene from a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). A grade of "C" or higher must be earned in all dental hygiene courses. Dental hygiene students currently enrolled in a program may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- An active RDH license or ability to secure a license in the first semester of enrollment.
- GPA of **2.75** or higher in the prerequisite courses listed below. These courses must be completed at a **regionally accredited** institution before enrollment.
- Completion of the Texas General Education Core Curriculum. More information can be found at Texas General Education Core Curriculum (<http://board.theccb.state.tx.us/apps/TCC/>).
- One letter of recommendation from a professor using the institutional form can be found here (https://www.uth.edu/registrar/docs/dhyg_ref.pdf).
- Print and fill out your portion of the form and give it to the person writing the recommendation. The person completing the recommendation should send the completed recommendation form to the UTHealth Office of the Registrar. The official university form must be submitted.
- Applicants outside of Texas **MUST** reside in a participating National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) state to be accepted into our program. To see if your state participates, or to get more information, please visit NC-SARA (<https://www.nc-sara.org/>).

Curriculum

RDH to BSDH - Online

| Course | Title | Hours |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
| First Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| DHDC 4501 | Introduction to Health Care Teaching | 3 |
| DHDC 4502 | Ethics and Leadership | 3 |
| Hours | | 6 |
| Second Semester | | |
| DHDC 4503 | Professional Communications | 3 |
| DHDC 4505 | Seminar in Education I | 3 |
| Hours | | 6 |
| Third Semester | | |
| DBPG 5352 | Biostatistics for Dental Professionals | 3 |
| Hours | | 3 |
| Second Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| DHDC 4506 | Clinical Laboratory Teaching | 3 |
| DHDC 4507 | Clinical Laboratory Teaching Practicum | 3 |
| Hours | | 6 |
| Second Semester | | |
| DHDC 4508 | Seminar in Education II | 3 |

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| DHDC 4509 | Education Practicum | 4 |
| Hours | | 7 |
| Third Semester | | |
| DHDC 4510 | Capstone | 3 |
| Hours | | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 31 |

Graduation Requirements

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To be eligible for graduation, a student must complete the following requirements:

- The candidate must, in the opinion of the faculty, have satisfactorily completed the prescribed curriculum of the respective UTSD Dental Hygiene Program.
- The candidate must have a C (2.0) grade point average.
- The candidate must have 128 SCH to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene.
- The candidate must have completed a minimum of two semesters at UTSD.
- The candidate must have discharged all of the financial obligations to UTSD and/or UTHealth Houston and
- The candidate must have a sustained record of satisfactory professional and ethical behavior.
- The candidate can enroll full or part-time but must complete the program within five years.