

# PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE

Dental hygienists work in a dentist office to assist in patient dental care. Their job is focused on preventative care and overall dental health, cleaning teeth, evaluating gums, and providing fluoride. They don't need quite as much training as a dentist does, since a dentist performs more intricate dental work. The pre-dental hygiene program at Wayne State is set up so you take two years here and two years at a professional school. At the end of the four years, you'll have a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene.

## fast facts

### Hours:

63 hours at WSC to meet pre-transfer requirements

**Degrees offered:** This program is set up so you will receive your B.S. from UNMC. You'll spend two years at WSC and two years at a professional school.

**Department:** Life Sciences

**School:** Science, Health, and Criminal Justice

## focus on results

### Skills Learned

- Human anatomy and physiology
- Biological systems and structures
- Chemical processes and materials
- Chemical experiment and design
- Modern lab techniques
- Critical thinking and problem-solving

### Possible Careers

- Dental hygienist
- Dental supply sales rep
- Health educator
- Dental hygiene instructor
- Dental equipment sales

### Types of Employers

- Private dental practices
- Orthodontic clinics
- Community clinics
- University clinics
- Health departments
- Government agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Dental supply companies

## outside the classroom



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### Activities / Opportunities

- Conduct research projects
- Conferences and presentations
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

### Clubs / Organizations

- Biology Club
- Health Science Club
- Pre-Dental Club



# Sample program of study

2022-23 Academic Year

Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. There is no substitute for developing a careful course registration plan in consultation with your advisor. The class sequence listed is suggested only. The final decision rests with the student and academic advisor.

1. A four-year Bachelor of Dental Hygiene degree program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Dentistry, in Lincoln, Neb., consists of two parts, i.e. two years of academic coursework at Wayne State College and, if selected, two years at the College of Dentistry.
2. A minimum of 63 hours of pre-professional coursework and all courses listed below are required for admission to UNMC. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for consideration for admission.
3. Completion of academic/pre-professional curriculum at Wayne State College is not a guarantee for admission to the Dental Hygiene program.

For additional information, contact the Dental Hygiene Program, UNMC College of Dentistry at 402-375-1433.

## Freshman - 1st semester

BIO 110 Biology Concepts.....	4
CHE 106 General Chemistry I.....	4
ENG 102 Composition Skills.....	3
**12-hour series/electives.....	3

## Freshman - 2nd semester

CHE 107 General Chemistry II.....	4
CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication.....	3
ENG 200 Expository Writing.....	3
SOC 101 Intro to Sociology.....	3
**12-hour series/electives.....	3

## Sophomore - 3rd semester

BIO 220 Human Anatomy.....	4
FCS 207 Nutrition.....	3
PSY 101 General Psychology.....	3
**12-hour series/electives.....	3
+Electives (humanities/art).....	3

## Sophomore - 4th semester

BIO 340 Human Physiology.....	4
BIO 385 Microbiology.....	4
**12-hour series/electives.....	3
+Elective (humanities/art).....	3
*Elective (social sciences).....	3

\*Examples of social science electives: sociology, economics, political science, geography.

+Examples of Arts and Humanities electives: English literature, philosophy, art history, or drawing.

\*\*Students must elect one 12-hour series in one specific area of study, i.e. humanities, social sciences, or English. All courses in the 12-hour series must have the same prefix.

Example of a 12-hour series:

1. PSY 101, PSY 230, 316, 345, (PSY 101 may be included in the minor).
2. ART 110, 210, 310, 330.
3. 24 total hours in biology will also satisfy the minor requirement.

Mathematics: UNMC does not require a college math course if you have had two years of high school algebra and one year of high school geometry. Math by advisement if ACT score is below 20.

## pre-dental hygiene faculty



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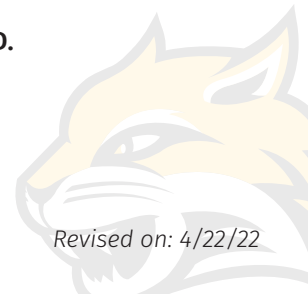
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