

The Dental Hygiene program provides a background in basic studies as well as directed dental hygiene experience, acquired in an on-campus dental facility as well as in community facilities. The student will develop judgment and skills needed for providing oral health care to the public under the supervision of a dentist and within the limits of the Code of Ethics of the American Dental Hygienists Association and the laws of the state in which he/she practices. Graduates are prepared to take the National Dental Hygiene board examination and the state or regional clinical examination.

Accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

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How much can I earn?

Tennessee Annual Salary

\$37,310–\$64,580*

*Wages and salary data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Tennessee Department of Labor

What will I do on the job?

A dental hygienist is an oral health professional who is trained to provide comprehensive preventive dental health services to the public. Included in these services are examination of oral and facial structures, removing stains and deposits from the teeth, root planing, exposing and processing dental radiographs, applying decay-preventive agents and preparing clinical and laboratory diagnostic tests used by the dentist to provide quality patient care.

What skills will I use on the job?

It helps to be detail oriented, good with your hands and able to put people at ease using good communication skills. The ability to provide personal dental services while maintaining good customer service is required.

Possible job titles:

Dental Hygienist

Who will hire me?

Private practice—general, group, specialty; health departments or associated institutions; teaching—dental hygiene or dental assisting schools; pediatric, geriatric or special needs centers; health maintenance organizations, hospitals, nursing homes; dental claims departments of insurance companies; sales representative of preventive dental products.

Graduates work for such organizations as:

Various dental offices in Tennessee and other states