

# BS DENTAL HYGIENE COMPLETION PROGRAM

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## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the BSDH Completion Program will be open to advance their career opportunities. Graduates may consider the roles of advanced dental therapist, educator, public health, corporate, researcher, administrator or entrepreneur. Dental Hygienists are entering alternative practice settings in school districts, Head Start settings, nursing home facilities, free clinics, community centers, and correctional settings. As more evidence-based research emerges on the oral systemic link, more interprofessional collaborations are taking place in the health science field. Dental Hygienists are becoming part of the “team” approach for overall patient health.

## Program Description

The BSDH Degree Completion program is offered 100% on-line to better enable working professionals a more flexible opportunity to continue their educational goal of a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene. Students can choose a specialization in either Public Health or Education. Both tracks include core coursework in research, leadership, teaching methodology, and public health principles. In addition to dental hygiene core courses, students complete upper-division general education course work in Educational Psychology, Philosophy, Communication, and English.

Being a student in the College of Southern Nevada Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Completion Program indicates a dedication to the dental hygiene profession and the desire to acquire additional knowledge and responsibilities. Students are expected to represent the profession and institution with the utmost ethical behavior. Inherent in upper-division coursework, students are expected to utilize exceptional critical thinking skills, exhibit problem-based learning, and evidence-based decision-making. In exhibiting these attributes, the student will further their professional capabilities and advance the profession. The BSDH program makes heavy demands upon students in regard to self-determination and time management. Due to the online nature of the program, students must comply with a very stringent academic integrity policy.

## Program Philosophy

The BS Dental Hygiene Program is designed to educate and prepare graduates to accept additional responsibilities and career pathways within the dental profession and affiliated professions. Faculty enhance the curriculum with current evidence-based research, which supports the future of the dental hygiene profession. Specialty tracks are developed based on a demand to better address the needs of the public.

## Program Goals

The Dental Hygiene Program positively impacts the delivery of dental hygiene services by fulfilling the following goals:

- Provide a comprehensive evidence-based curriculum that addresses the future of the dental hygiene profession.
- Foster learners with critical thinking skills and research methodology to promote life-long learning.
- Prepare learners with additional skill sets beyond the entry-level dental hygiene degree

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:

- Assess information in a critical, scientific, and effective manner
- Practice educational services and strategies that promote and advance the health of the public with other health professionals.
- Justify, defend advanced dental hygiene roles, and assume responsibility for health promotion and disease prevention activities for diverse populations by involvement in education and public health programs.
- Cultivate advocacy for the advancement of the dental hygiene body of knowledge and/or conduct research.

## Approximate Costs

(Costs are subject to change)

### Tuition:

31 credits x \$198.00 per credit hr (Upper Division) .....	\$6,138.00
Student Union/Technology fee per credit hr .....	\$8.00/\$8.50
Athletics & Recreation fee per credit hr .....	\$2.00
E Learning fee per course online course .....	\$10.00
Books .....	\$1,000.00
CPR Certification .....	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Immunizations .....	\$0 - \$700.00
College Application fee .....	\$20.00
New Student fee .....	\$20.00

One-time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only.

Limited Entry Application Fee .....	\$20.00
SADHA Professional Association Fee .....	\$140.00
Non-resident Fee .....	\$3,843.00 per semester

This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to nonresident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.

**\*Note: Specialized dental stools have a maximum weight capacity of 300 lbs. Candidates who exceed this capacity will be responsible for providing their own dental stool that meets the standards for clinical performance.**

## Admission Requirements

The BS in Dental Hygiene Completion degree is a Limited-Entry Program. Therefore, all prerequisite requirements must be completed by the completion deadline in order to be eligible for consideration. See reverse side for specific requirements.

## Application Deadline

Students applying for the Summer 2023 program must submit an application to the Limited-Entry Office by **February 1, 2023**. Final grades or transcript evaluation must be in the Limited-Entry Office by **February 1, 2023**. A “Limited-Entry Application for Admission to a Health Science Program” may be obtained online at: <https://www.csn.edu/limited-entry-admission2>. Each Limited Entry Application will incur a \$20.00 fee.

## Accepted Students

Students accepted into the program will be required to provide proof of CPR certification, health insurance, immunization against COVID 19 (no exemptions accepted), Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Tetanus, Diphtheria, and proof of a negative TB skin test prior to the first scheduled practicum/clinical experience. Student must contact the practice site and comply with the school’s requirements for immunization. A physical examination must also be completed. Students may also be required to submit to an official background check. Medical insurance may be purchased through CSN Student Government.

## Accreditation

Accredited by the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) and approved by the Nevada Board of Regents to offer Bachelor degrees.



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