



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Master of Science in Dental Hygiene

Online Graduate Program

A program aimed at developing dental hygienists' ability to teach, develop dental health programs in a variety of settings, conduct research and provide care as collaborative dental hygiene practitioners.

Career opportunities in:

- Education
- Management
- Sales
- Research
- Health
- Public Health



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Admission Requirements

- Proof of a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene or a related field. In the later case, completion of an accredited certificate or associates degree program in dental hygiene. Program must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and a regional accrediting agency.
- A satisfactory undergraduate academic GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Application to the Office of Graduate Studies
- Application to the Division of Dental Hygiene
A copy of official transcripts of all prior college courses undertaken
- A \$105.00 application fee made payable to the Department of Dental Medicine
- A copy of national board scores
- A copy of current American Dental Hygienist license
- Interview with Admissions Committee
- Three letters of recommendation

Program information is available at dentalmedicine.unm.edu

UNM Admissions web site
unm.edu/apply

UNM Registration web
registrar.unm.edu

Curriculum

Degree curriculum requirements specific to the Master of Science in Dental Hygiene program are offered ONLINE. Please seek department advising for individual course plans.



Program Overview

Offered in continuation to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene, the Master of Science Degree Program in Dental Hygiene will enable the graduate level prepared dental hygienist to:

- Build on the knowledge gained in Baccalaureate dental hygiene program.
- Prepare and specialize in dental hygiene.
- Enhance decision-making skills by participating in graduate level dental hygiene courses.
- Develop problem-solving skills for independent dental hygiene practice.
- Contribute to the dental hygiene scientific body of knowledge.
- Conduct research and theory development in the dental hygiene sciences.
- Expand the scope of general knowledge by participating in University elective courses.
- Provide career opportunities in alternative practice settings.
- Build a foundation for future doctoral education in related disciplines.
- Develop collegiate relationships with practicing healthcare professionals.
- Participate in graduate dental hygiene internship experiences in educational settings, rural areas, industry and community outreach sites.

Satisfactory completion of the Master's Exam or thesis defense is mandatory for graduation. For course synopses, graduation requirements and additional information, please refer to the department's website:



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Online Graduate Program

100% Online course list

Plan 1: Thesis Option

Semester 1	CR
DEHY 510 DH Research Methods	3
DEHY 502 Instructional Strategies	3
DEHY 505 Clinical Teach/Admin	3
Semester 2	
DEHY 538 Statistics in DH research	3
DEHY 501 DH Administration	3
DEHY 503 Oral Medicine	3
Semester 3	
DEHY 599 Thesis	3
DEHY 500 Current Issues in DH	3
Semester 4	
DEHY 504 Internship	3
DEHY 599 Thesis	3
Total	30

Plan 2: Nonthesis Specialty

Semester 1	CR
DEHY 502 DH Instructional Strategies	3
DEHY 505 Clinical Teaching/Admin	3
DEHY 510 DH Research Methods	3
Semester 2	
DEHY 501 DH Administration	3
DEHY 503 Oral Medicine	3
DEHY 538 Statistics in DH Research	3
Semester 3	
DEHY 500 Current Issues in DH	3
DEHY 560 Nonthesis Project	3
DEHY 507 or Graduate Course from Specialty	3
Semester 4	
DEHY 504 Internship	3
DEHY 507 or Graduate Course from Specialty	3
Total	30

Graduate curriculum

The Master of Science in Dental Hygiene degree program follows a four semester graduate level curriculum, which begins each year during the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Students do have the option to enroll on a full or part time basis. In addition to tuition, only books and other usual school expenses should be expected.

Online classes offer:

- Flexibility for daily planning
- Student's choice of best time and place to learn
- Frequent interaction with instructors and other students through online chats, email, and other learning activities

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