

# Admission Requirements

- Completion of a certificate or associate degree program in dental hygiene which has been accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and a regional accreditation agency or a letter of approval from the director of a NM community college program
- A satisfactory academic GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Application to the University of New Mexico
- Application to the UNM Dental Hygiene Program through ADEA DHCAS and A copy of all official college transcripts
- 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
- Passport photograph attached to application

## Program information is available at dentalhygieneonline.unm.edu

UNM Admissions web site  
unm.edu/apply

UNM Registration web  
registrar.unm.edu

# Curriculum

An individual curriculum for each student will be developed. The curriculum will be designed to meet the needs of the practicing hygienist who wishes to enroll as a part-time student, as well as the full-time continuing student.



**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**  
DEPARTMENT OF DENTAL MEDICINE

# Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

## Online Degree Completion Program

A post-licensure RDH to BSDH program designed for dental hygienists to expand skills and improve career opportunities. Curriculum designed to allow continuing students to complete the B.S. program on a full or part-time basis.

## For more information or application materials, contact:

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## Career opportunities in:

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



## Curriculum

The University of New Mexico offers a Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Program in Dental Hygiene in continuation to the Certificate or Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene.

The RDH to BSDH Program offers an opportunity to expand basic dental hygiene knowledge and skills in areas of concentration including education, management, research, public health, or advanced clinical training.

The curriculum is designed to allow the student to complete the program on a full or a part-time basis. The curriculum is planned to meet the individual needs of the continuing student.

Students must complete all 3 components of the UNM curriculum requirements. (1) Core (2) Residency and (3) Dental Hygiene in order to receive the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree. The dental hygiene courses are focused on developing dental hygienists to advance their careers and enhance the profession of dental hygiene

UNM degree completion students are involved in a wide range of activities that can be beneficial to future career endeavors including graduate study.

For course synopses, core curriculum requirements, and additional information, please refer to:

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**dentalhygieneonline.unm.edu**

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## Online B.S. Degree Completion Program

### 100% Online course list

#### First Semester

		CR
DEHY 400	Current Issues	3
DEHY 440	Extramural Experience	3
	General Education Requirements	

*Areas of concentration may include DEHY 407 (which include elective Problems courses in Dental Hygiene) and DEHY 422 (an elective course in Public Health)*

#### Second Semester

		CR
DEHY 410	Research Methods	3
DEHY 440	Extramural Experience	3
	General Education Requirements	

*Areas of concentration may include DEHY 407 or DEHY 422*

**Degree curriculum requirements specific to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene completion program are offered online, eight weeks in duration, according to the course list above.**

**Please seek department advisement for individual course plans.**

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## Affordable Tuition

Tuition rates are flat regardless of a student's residency. **For a student accepted into the Dental Hygiene Degree Completion program, the tuition rate is the same whether residing locally, out-of-state, or internationally.** The UNM Dental Hygiene Degree Completion program offers specifically designed courses at a standard per credit hour fee, regardless of the student's residency status. Regular UNM fees, including the online fee, are not assessed for this program.

## 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

Learn more about online courses:  
[statewide.unm.edu/online/](http://statewide.unm.edu/online/)

