

Pre-Dental Hygiene St. Cloud State University

Some important notes:

1. Pre-Dental Hygiene is not a major. You will select courses appropriate to the program or programs in dental hygiene offered at other institutions. Options include associate degree programs and baccalaureate degree programs. It is very important that you review the requirements for the program of interest to you.
2. General education requirements - You may wish to complete general education requirements at SCSU. Options include the SCSU general education program and the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. Since you will need to transfer to complete a dental hygiene program, the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum is probably your best option. You may wish to visit the Advising Center for more details and evaluation of your general education requirements.

There are several institutions that are part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) that offer dental hygiene programs. Information from the MnSCU website is provided below. Argosy University - Twin Cities also offers an associate degree (<http://www.argosyu.edu/lcontent/?location=7>).

Note the following list of schools from the MnSCU website (<http://www.mnscu.edu>).

Dental Hygienist

An instructional program that prepares individuals to practice the cleaning of teeth and related oral health therapies, either independently or in collaboration with dentists. Includes instruction in basic preventive oral health care, oral health education, dental hygiene therapy, initial periodontal therapy, patient examination and counseling, dental radiography, local anesthesia, prosthetic casts, equipment operation and maintenance, and record-keeping.

Century College, A Community and Technical College, White Bear Lake Campus

Dental Hygiene - AAS

Lake Superior College, Duluth Campus

Dental Hygiene - AAS

Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Moorhead-

Dental Hygiene - AAS

Minnesota State University, Mankato, Mankato Campus

Dental Hygiene - BS

Normandale Community College, Bloomington Campus

Dental Hygiene - AS

Rochester Community and Technical College, University Center Rochester - RCTC Campus

Dental Hygiene - AAS

St. Cloud Technical College, St. Cloud-TC Campus

Dental Hygiene - AAS

Please note: you may want to contact the college or university that offers these programs to find out more about special options and program emphasis that might also be available within these programs.”

Course Requirements

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-Twin Cities

(Courses must be completed by the summer before entering the program.)

Degree: BS Dental Hygiene

REQUIRED COURSES:

English
Speech
General Biology
Biology (Anatomy & Physiology)
General Chemistry

Nutrition
Psychology
Sociology
Statistics

St. Cloud Equivalents

English 191
Communication Studies 192
Biology 151
Biology 202, 204
Chemistry 140, 141 **OR**
Chemistry 210 (Assessment test required), 211
Health 210
Psychology 115
Sociology 160
Statistics 193

(The "match" between the described U of M courses and SCSU courses in chemistry is not exact. The U of M requires 4 credits of chemistry, but

to complete the described material you would need to complete Chem. 140 and 141 or Chem. 210 and 211. Note that the chemistry must have a lab. Also, the U of M specifies separate anatomy and physiology courses but the combined anatomy and physiology courses (Biol. 202 & 204) are likely the best match. You are best advised to consult with the U of M regarding their requirements.)

Placement tests: Both chemistry and mathematics have placement tests. Information for a given term may be obtained directly from the departmental office (Math - ECC-139; Chemistry - MS-358) or from websites. **Math Placement:**

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/mathplacement/>

Chemistry Placement:

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/chemistry/> - Follow the appropriate link for placement tests.

APPLICATION PERIOD: For additional information, visit their web site: <http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/>. Follow the link to B.S. Dental Hygiene.

Course Requirements

Minnesota State University - Mankato

Degree: BS Dental Hygiene

Prerequisite Courses:

English	English 191
Speech	Communication Studies 192
Psychology	Psychology 115
Sociology	Sociology 160
Math	Math 112
Biology and Chemistry	Chemistry 140, 141

Mankato specifies separate introductory anatomy and physiology courses. The closest match would be to complete both Biology 202 and 204.

Note that there are many other required general education courses, nutrition, ethics, sensitivity to disabilities and other courses that are required for the major. You are strongly urged to consult the Minnesota State University - Mankato catalog and visit their program for a best match. Visit their website at <http://www.mnsu.edu/>.

Course Requirements

St. Cloud Technical College

Degree: AAS Dental Hygiene

Prerequisite Courses (Some courses are offered at both campuses; the ethics course is only offered at St. Cloud Technical College.):

Anatomy and Physiology I, II	Biol. 202, 204
Microbiology	Biol. 206
Chemistry	Chem. 140, 141
Nutrition	Health 210
English	English 191
Speech	Communication Studies 192
Psychology	Psychology 115
Sociology	Sociology 160
Ethics for Health Careers	HLTH 1484 (Offered at the St. Cloud Technical College) or Philosophy 212 at SCSU

Visit the SCTC website at: <http://www.sctc.edu/>

Other Programs: There are many other programs throughout the state. You are best served by visiting with advisors at a particular program. Another source of information is the transfer listing for the AAS degree. Visit the website for the Minnesota dental hygienist's association. <http://www.mndha.com/>.

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