Dental Hygiene, BS

Program Description
Dental Hygiene is an undergraduate program focused on preventive oral health services and continuing care. The purpose of the program is to develop professionals prepared for the current practice of dental hygiene and future changes in oral health. All applications are reviewed to select a class of 42 to begin in September.

We invite you to view the information on the American Dental Education Association's Go Dental Page for more information about a career in dental hygiene.

Program Length
113 units, 2 years

Possible Careers
Dental Hygienist in various settings; private practice offices, industrial organizations, schools, hospitals, local, state or federal public health services, and the armed forces

Application Deadlines
There are currently no published application deadlines.

Admissions Requirements
- 96 quarter or 64 semester units of accredited college class work
- GPA of 3.0 or higher in science courses
- Courses must be a C or higher to meet LLUSD requirements
- Science courses must be completed within 5 years of beginning the program

Dental hygiene applicants are expected to complete all general education listed under prerequisites before matriculating in the School of Dentistry.

Prerequisites
The dental hygiene applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:
- Chemistry - Introductory inorganic, organic and biochemistry (1 year)
- Anatomy and Physiology I and II (2 classes)
- Microbiology (1 class)
- Introduction to Sociology (1 class)
- Introduction to Psychology (1 class)
- Freshman English (fluency in English is required) (1 year)
- College level math (1 class)
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- Speech (1 class)
- Cultural Anthropology (1 class)
- Personal Health or Nutrition (1 class)
- Physical Education (2 activity courses required)
- Humanities - 20 Quarter or 14 Semester Units (3 areas required from the list below):
  - History/Civilization
  - Fine Arts Theory
  - Performing Arts (4 units max)
  - Literature
  - Foreign Language
  - Philosophy/Ethics
  - Religion (If attending an SDA school 4 quarter or 3 semester units are required for each year attended)

Expected Cost of Attendance

Academic Year

Year of Program: Year 1 Year 2
Tuition $34,650 $46,200
Fees $4,484 $5,828
Books & Supplies $1,500 $1,500
Instruments $6,105 —
Misc (e.g., Boards, Licensing exam, Uniforms) $1,500 —
Total $48,239 $53,528

Notes

Expected costs for the academic year are based on full time attendance. From year to year, increases are anticipated consistent with inflation in the professional education sector.

Estimated Living Expenses

Academic Year, off campus, with a roommate

Year of Program: Year 1 Year 2
## Notes

- Amounts are what a student can apply to borrow for the number of months shown in each academic year based on living off campus with a roommate and not with a relative.
- International students need to calculate 12 months of living expenses based on the numbers listed here.
- In general, to qualify for financial aid a student must be enrolled at least half time taking degree requirements. Half time is 6 units in a quarter for undergraduate programs and 4 units in a quarter for graduate programs.