ONLINE PROGRAM INFORMATION MEETING (PIM) FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE MAJORS METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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What will I learn from this online PIM?

- Dental Hygiene Department (DHD) Mission and Goal
- Importance of using your University email account
- BSDH Program overview
- Current Dental Hygiene major courses
- Program admission requirements
- Degree Planning with Academic Advisor
- Overall degree requirements (general education and more)
- Registration tips
- Dental Hygiene Department location and contact information
- Next Steps
The Dental Hygiene Department’s mission is to prepare licensed dental hygienists for advanced practice and enhance the oral health of underserved and diverse populations. Programs are built on academic excellence and support the value that advanced education is essential to the delivery of quality, safe, accessible, cost-effective oral healthcare. The Dental Hygiene Department is committed to collaborative community involvement, emphasizing ethics and social responsibility.
Dental Hygiene Department

Goal

Graduate students to become community-minded oral health care providers with the intention of enhancing the oral health of the underserved and diverse populations.
University Email Account

Email is the official means of communication

• Official University correspondence is sent via email

• Activate your email account immediately

• Email faculty & staff from University account only

• Check your email frequently

• Email vs. phone MAY be the best communication mode during advising peak times (begin/end of semester, during priority registration, etc.)
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) Program

This program is for registered Dental Hygienists with an Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene who wish to seek the BSDH degree.

• There are a minimum of 6 Dental Hygiene (DH) courses to complete for the major requirement (there are seven total courses available for majors).

• In addition to the DH major courses, Statistics, Medical Ethics and Writing in your Major are also required for the major.

• Structure and pace: approximately 2 years on a part-time basis

• The Dental Hygiene major courses are completely online with the exception of the optional DENH 420 Restorative Functions.
Current BSDH Dental Hygiene Major Courses (2014-2015 academic year)

- DENH 300 Designing and Managing Teams
- DENH 310 Current and Relevant Topics for the Dental Hygienists
- DENH 320 Management of Oral Health Care Delivery
- DENH 330 Dental Hygiene Care for Culturally Diverse and Special Needs Populations
- DENH 340 Educational Concepts in Dental Hygiene*
- DENH 410 Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene Practice
- DENH 420 Restorative Functions Theory and Lab*
- Optional: DENH 440 Restorative Functions Clinic (optional unless pursuing certification by MN Board of Dentistry)
- DENH 430P Dental Hygiene Capstone

* Choice between these two courses or, to take both
Professional Dental Hygiene Education Includes:

- Roles of the Professional Dental Hygienist
- Administrator/Manager
- Change Agent
- Clinician
- Client Advocate
- Educator/Oral Health Promoter
- Researcher
Acceptance to the Program

To be eligible for acceptance to the BSDH program, students must meet the following requirements:

• Approved admission to Metropolitan State University
• Evidence of current unencumbered registered MN DH license.
• An official transcript indicating completion of an associate degree in Dental Hygiene
• Students can be conditionally admitted if within 12 credits of graduating from their DH associates program.
• A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5. The GPA used for admission assessment is the cumulative GPA calculated from all coursework and evaluation of all transcripts.
Degree Planning

Once you are admitted to the university and to the program, you will set up an appointment with your academic advisor to complete your official degree plan. You can find your advisor’s name in your student portal, and on your BSDH Program admission letter.

Your degree planning appointment should be completed prior to the semester you plan to begin taking courses.

Any Math or English placement tests that are needed must be taken before starting the program. If placement testing is required, a registration hold will be placed until they are completed.
Understanding Your Degree Requirements

Admitted students have access to a degree audit report, also known as the DARS, showing how transfer and Metropolitan State credits apply to the degree requirements. You can access an interactive DARS report in your student portal.

Be sure to check your DARS report regularly to keep track of your progress toward meeting your degree requirements. Contact your advisor if you have any questions about your DARS report.
Degree Requirements

Course Requirements

- General Education/Liberal Studies (GELS) courses: must complete a total of 48 credits (8 credits must be upper division liberal studies) and 10 goal areas
- Required major courses
- Electives if needed to meet credit requirements

Credit Requirements

- 120 credits minimum for degree
- 40 of the 120 credits must be upper division (300-level or above)
- 30 credits taken at Metropolitan State (residency requirement)
- 2.0 Metropolitan State GPA to graduate
Degree Components

General Education/ Liberal Studies (GELS)
10 Goal Areas: Writing, Math, Sciences, Humanities, etc.; Liberal Studies (300-500 level courses)

Major and Pre-major Requirements determined by college

Free Electives (may be needed to reach 120 credits min.)

Minor Optional; requirements determined by department
Registration Tips and tools

• General Education courses may fill early, since they are in high demand. Be proactive about registering when your window opens for these high-demand classes, if you need them.

• Be sure to refer to the notes section of a course description prior to attempting to register. This is where information about prerequisites, course meeting dates, as well as other important details are listed.

• You can access information about the academic calendar, deadlines for registration changes and tuition payment, and much more, on the Gateway Student Services web page: http://www.metrostate.edu/msweb/pathway/
Dental Hygiene Department Location

St. Paul Campus
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http://www.metrostate.edu/msweb/explore/chcps/departments/dental/dental_hygiene/
Dental Hygiene Department
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“Next Steps” Checklist

☑ Check each step as you progress toward the dental hygiene major and degree!

☐ Take Assessments if needed (and not already completed)

☐ Set up Student Portal access and email address

☐ Obtain Student ID Card

☐ Register for classes and purchase books

☐ Register for and attend a degree planning appointment with your advisor (see your admission letter)

☐ Complete coursework and apply for graduation!

Welcome - we look forward to working with you to attain your bachelor’s degree!