



## COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

# DENTAL HYGIENE

## Associate of Applied Science Degree

*Live. Learn. Lead.*

Preparing graduates for the challenges of the health care industry today



The field is projected to grow 11% from 2020 to 2030



2020 National avg. hourly wage \$37.06. National annual salary \$77,090



Ferris Dental Hygiene program is fully accredited by CODA

Dental Hygienists are professionals licensed by the state in which they practice. They evaluate and monitor medical and dental histories, examine, assess and document oral conditions of the head and neck and provide a dental hygiene diagnosis. Dental Hygienists expose, process and interpret x-rays, remove calculus, stain and soft deposits from the teeth, apply preventive sealants, apply therapeutic fluoride and even provide nutritional counseling as well as tobacco cessation counseling.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Dental hygiene will continue to grow based on dental care needs of the public.
- Job opportunities in the field continue to be good.
- Part-time work and flexible schedules are common.
- Graduates are eligible for state licensure upon completion of national and regional written and/or clinical exams.
- Student clinical experiences occur within the college as the students work with patients from the University, greater community, and local schools in the College's 30-seat Dental Hygiene Clinic.
- Ongoing research linking oral health to general health will continue to spur demand for preventive dental health services, which are provided by dental hygienists.
- Upon certification, dental hygienists can administer local anesthesia and nitrous oxide to patients over the age of 18.

### FACT:

Ferris Dental Hygiene is the **LARGEST** program in the State of Michigan



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## OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES

- Public demand for dental services has created excellent opportunities for those interested in a career in dental hygiene. The dental hygienist is a member of the oral health team and is responsible for a wide range of services related to the provision of oral healthcare and patient education.
- The entry-level Associates of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene (AAS) degree program provides the education and training needed to become a dental hygienist. It allows you to explore not only the professional responsibilities of a clinician but also roles in research, education, public health, administration, and advocacy.
- Accelerated growth is expected for the dental hygiene profession as unmet needs for oral health care increase and the population is living longer.
- Earnings for dental hygienists are affected by geographic location, employment setting, education and experience.
- Dental hygienists who work for the government, public health agencies, school systems, and state agencies, usually have substantial benefits.



## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Dental hygiene students become active in SADHA (Students of the American Dental Hygienists Association), a recognized FSU RSO on campus. Students engage in a peer-to-peer mentoring system, and community service activities.

## STRENGTHS OF FSU DENTAL HYGIENE

- Small faculty to student ratios in clinic and lab
- Option for externship your last semester
- Well-known for graduating excellent clinicians
- High pass rates on licensure exams
- Dental hygiene students are taught by both dentists and dental hygiene faculty who are committed to preparing students to be the next “leaders and best” in the profession.

## ACCREDITATION STATUS

Fully accredited by:

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

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Website: [www.ADA.org/en/CODA](http://www.ADA.org/en/CODA)

## For Additional Information

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