



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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Pre-Dental Hygiene

Dental hygienists are licensed oral health professionals whose main focus is on health promotion and disease prevention, with a scope of practice which includes preventive, educational, and therapeutic services. They work in dental offices, hospitals, clinics, government health departments, schools, and in industry.

You have the precision, vision, and passion to become a dental hygienist, and you're looking for a university with a strong reputation, personal attention, and excellent student services to help you gain admission to dental hygiene. Come to The University of Winnipeg for your pre-professional studies and put our small class sizes, community atmosphere, central location, and reputation for excellence to work for you.

Our campus is **located in the heart of downtown Winnipeg**—central to Winnipeg's medical library, dental clinics, major hospitals, research centres, and labs such as the National Microbiology Laboratory and the National Research Council's Institute for Biodiagnostics; it's a great location for studying, volunteering, research, and entertainment.

As a University of Winnipeg student, you will get to know your professors and other students because of our **small classes and community atmosphere**. Our excellent professors—including five Canada Research Chairs—are supportive and accessible, contributing to the many successes of our students.

YOUR EDUCATION

Year 1: Pre-Dental Hygiene at The University of Winnipeg

- The University of Winnipeg is an excellent place to fulfill the entrance requirements for Dental Hygiene at the University of Manitoba or other dental hygiene programs.
- Each dental hygiene program has its own entrance requirements. To meet the entrance requirements for the Dental Hygiene diploma program at the University of Manitoba, you will complete **30 credit hours** or **one year** of study, including the "Pre-Professional Requirements" listed on page 2.

Years 2-3: Professional Studies: Dental Hygiene

- During your pre-professional studies at The University of Winnipeg, you will apply for admission to dental hygiene at another university or college.
- Enrolment in dental hygiene programs is limited, and only qualified applicants are chosen.
- At least two more years of study are usually required to complete a diploma program in dental hygiene. Degree programs may take longer.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Most students who study Pre-Dental Hygiene at The University of Winnipeg will apply to the School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Manitoba, but you may choose to apply elsewhere. Listed below are University of Winnipeg courses that satisfy the University of Manitoba's (minimum of 30 credit hours) entrance requirements for a diploma in Dental Hygiene:

BIOL-1112(6) Human Anatomy and Physiology
CHEM-1111(3) Introduction to the Chemical Properties of Matter
CHEM-1112(3) Basic Principles of Chemical Reactivity
ENGL-1003(3) English
PSYC-1000(6) Introductory Psychology
SOC-1101(6) Introduction to Sociology (recommended)
STAT-1501(3) Elementary Biological Statistics I
6 credit hours Electives *

*SOC-1101(6) Introduction to Sociology (recommended) OR a free choice of 6 credit hours of electives

NOTE: You must consult with the dental school where you plan to complete your studies to make sure that you choose an appropriate set of courses and that you will meet the entrance requirements for your dental hygiene program of choice.

YOUR FIRST YEAR

We are committed to helping you have a smooth transition from high school to university. You will attend a First Year Survival Session and other orientation sessions to prepare you for university life and introduce you to the facilities and services you will need on campus. We recommend that you choose one of the various sections of Academic Writing to learn the essential strategies for university writing and research. Our Tutoring Centre (3rd floor of Graham Hall) offers peer tutoring to help you develop your writing skills, and in case you need it, our Learning Centre offers free tutoring in chemistry, math, and physics.

YOUR SUCCESS

The University of Winnipeg has a rich history of academic excellence, and a reputation for providing thorough preparation for professional and graduate programs at other universities. We offer the courses, supports, and challenges you will need to get in to dental hygiene and build a rewarding, successful career as a dental hygienist.

WHERE CAN I STUDY DENTAL HYGIENE?

There are two Canadian universities offering accredited degree programs in dental hygiene, and 28 universities and colleges offering accredited diploma programs. Explore your options at The University of Winnipeg's Career Resource Centre, rooms 1A01 and 1A02 in the first floor of Ashdown Hall, or find career information and information on degree and diploma programs online at the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association website at www.cdha.ca

IN CASE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND...

Courses taken as part of pre-professional studies are applicable to University of Winnipeg degree programs. If you change your mind about your studies, you may wish to consult with an Academic Advisor or an instructor from your area of interest to formulate a new study plan.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

In addition to meeting The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements, you must have **Chemistry 40S** and either **Pre-Calculus Mathematics 40S** or **Applied Mathematics 40S** in order to take the required courses for admission to dental hygiene (Biology 40S is recommended). Minimum of 50% in each high school course is required.

HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by **March 1st**. International application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

Note: Admission to The University of Winnipeg does not guarantee admission to a dental hygiene program. As a pre-professional student, you will be responsible to research and apply for admission to your professional school of choice.

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