



99%
—
of UB
students received
financial aid.
(Fall 2023)

\$91,530
—
is the average annual
salary for dental hygienists
in the NY tri-state area.
(U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)


Explore dental hygiene
in our state-of-the-art
clinic on campus.

Pre-Dental Hygiene Program

Work toward a career in dental hygiene by joining the first-year Pre-Dental Hygiene program

The demand for high-quality dental hygienists continues to grow. The Pre-Dental Hygiene program at University of Bridgeport is designed to introduce first-year students to the field of dental hygiene and what it means to care for patients in their communities. In this program, you'll complete the prerequisites needed to continue into the second-year clinical program and work towards earning an associate or bachelor's degree in dental hygiene. Now, more than ever, we need caring and dedicated dental professionals entering this in-demand field.

Dental hygienists provide direct care and education on the prevention and treatment of oral disease in healthcare settings across the globe. Dental hygienists work in hospitals, private dental clinics, school-based clinics, nursing homes, and community healthcare settings providing much-needed patient care.

Preparing you to become a dental hygienist

The Pre-Dental Hygiene program prepares you to enter our associate or bachelor's degree programs during your second year at UB. The Pre-Dental Hygiene program does not guarantee placement into our associate or bachelor's degree programs. You must apply and become accepted into the program.

In your first year, you'll grow academically while taking courses in humanities, mathematics, and the natural and social sciences.

University of Bridgeport graduates go on to have rewarding careers in the field of dental hygiene. Under the guidance of expert faculty and clinical professionals, we'll prepare you to continue your education at the Fones School of Dental Hygiene.

Once in the Dental Hygiene program, you'll advance your care skills in our state-of-the-art dental hygiene facilities. When you demonstrate competence in clinical services, you'll have the opportunity to provide care to patients in the dental clinic — gaining the experience you need for success in the field.



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Admission requirements

To be considered for admission to University of Bridgeport's Pre-Dental Hygiene program, students must complete the following steps:

- Complete the application for enrollment at **bridgeport.edu/apply**.
- Submit transcripts.
 - Submit proof of high school completion or its equivalent.
 - Submit transcripts from all colleges/universities attended (*transfer applicants*).
- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- First-year students must submit a personal essay (optional if you choose to submit SAT/ACT scores).

Possible workplaces

- Community healthcare clinics
- Dental offices
- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- School-based clinics



Scan the QR code for additional information on our Dental Hygiene programs.

The University of Bridgeport is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. The University also is accredited by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education.



We are invested in your success

While you're earning your degree, you can take advantage of:

- 80+ career-focused academic programs
- A 16:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- Expert faculty with decades of experience in their fields
- Academic Advising
- Center for Career Development
- Tutoring

Make the most of your college experience

When you live at UB, you'll have a chance to explore:

- Beautiful residence halls located right on Long Island Sound
- Over 50 clubs and organizations, including Greek life to help you get involved on campus
- 14 NCAA DII varsity teams
- A diverse student body from over 25 countries
- Convenient location — 2 hours from Boston and 1.5 hours from New York City
- The #1 safest college campus in Connecticut¹

¹ ADT, 2021