



Hodges University has been granted initial accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) for their Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) program.

## **Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) Program**

Thank you for your interest in the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) Program. The mission of the dental hygiene program is to “develop technically skilled, caring, socially aware, ethical dental hygienists committed to providing the highest levels of patient-centered care.” We would like to take this opportunity to further explain the application process and provide some information about the Program. Please do not hesitate to contact us at [dhy@hodges.edu](mailto:dhy@hodges.edu) if you have any further questions. Additional information may be found on the dental hygiene’s web page at <https://www.hodges.edu/prog-dental-hygiene.html>.

The BSDH Program consists of 60 credits of prerequisites and 60 credits of dental hygiene courses. The Dental Hygiene Core is offered as a full-time, four continuous 16-week semester program with one week off in-between semesters. At the end of the program, students will be awarded a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) degree. This education provides an opportunity for graduates to take the licensure examinations – the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE), the ADEX Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination, and the Florida Laws and Rules Examination. The Baccalaureate in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) Degree Program at Hodges University has been awarded initial accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Hodges University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

The Dental Hygiene Core is academically challenging; students must receive a 75 or higher in ALL Clinical Dental Hygiene and Theory courses and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. The dental hygiene program is also time consuming. Students must be on campus five days a week for class every semester. Clinicals take place during weekdays from 8:30a-12:30p or 1:30p-5:30p depending on the semester. Capstone sites will be arranged throughout the Naples, Fort Myers and surrounding areas. Additionally, it is essential that students be computer proficient as all of the dental hygiene courses contain an online or computer program component.

## Application Process

Below you will find information concerning the application process for the Dental Hygiene Core. Students are able to apply to the Dental Hygiene Core after they have met certain criteria and have successfully completed the prerequisite courses. These criteria include:

- Submission of an application to Hodges University
- A minimum GPA of 2.5 for all of the prerequisite courses listed within the Pre-Dental Hygiene Core

Students who have met all of these entry requirements may submit a secondary application for the Dental Hygiene Program. Once the secondary application has been received, the student will be contacted and the secondary admissions process will be initiated. This includes:

- An interview with Dental Hygiene and other Health Science faculty and a manual dexterity test
- The applicant will be asked to write an essay on a selected topic and will not be told in advance of the topic. One hour will be allowed to complete the one-page essay.

Applicants will be told of their status approximately three weeks after the interview, dexterity testing, and essay have been completed. If accepted, prospective students will be conditionally admitted pending their Level II Criminal Background Check with finger printing, a physical examination, immunization record documentation, drug screening, and final grades.

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## Pre-Dental Hygiene Core

All of the following prerequisites must be completed prior to the start of the BSDH program.

Area I	Area of Focus Component	Credit Hour
<b>A. Biomedical Science Core</b>		
BSC1010C	Biology I with Lab	4
BSC1085C	Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4
BSC1086C	Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4
CHM2025C	Fundamentals of Chemistry with Lab	4
Or		
CHM2045C	General Chemistry I with Lab	4
DEP2004	Human Growth and Development	3
HSC3555	Pathophysiology	3
HUN1201	Nutrition	3
MCB3020C	Microbiology with Lab	4
Or		
Transfer credit	Microbiology with Lab	4
<b>Total Biomedical Science</b>		<b>29</b>
 <b>Area II: General Education Component</b>		
ENC1101	English Composition I	3
ENC1102	English Composition II	3
MAC1105	College Algebra	3
Or		
MAT1033	Intermediate Algebra	3
PHI2600	Ethics	3
PSY2012	General Psychology	3
SPC2608	Introduction to Speech Communications	3
STA2023	Basic Statistics	3
SYG2000	Principles of Sociology	3
Humanities: HUM1210, HUM2230, REL2300, PHI2010 PHI2103, LIT2020 (Choose one)		3
<b>Area III: General Education Electives</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Total General Education</b>		<b>31</b>

**TOTAL PREREQUISITE CREDITS: 60**

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## Pre-Dental Hygiene Core

All of the following prerequisites must be completed prior to the start of the BSDH program unless prior authorization is obtained by the Director.

1 <sup>st</sup> Year – Session One		Credits	1 <sup>st</sup> Year – Session Two		Credits	1 <sup>st</sup> Year – Session Three		Credits
DEP2004	Human Growth and Development (4 weeks)	3	ENC1102	English Composition II (4 weeks)	3	BSC1010C	Biology I with Lab (16 weeks)	4
ENC1101	English Composition I (4 weeks)	3	HUN1201	Nutrition (4 weeks)	3	BSC1085C	Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab (8 weeks A)	4
MAC1105 Or MAT1033	College Algebra (4 weeks) Or Intermediate Algebra (4 weeks)	3	STA2023	Basic Statistics (4 weeks)	3	BSC1086C	Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab (8 weeks B)	4
MAT1033	General Psychology (4 weeks)	3	SPC2608	Introduction to Speech Communication (4 weeks)	3			
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

2 <sup>nd</sup> Year – Session Four		Credits	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year – Session Five		Credits
CHM2025C	Fundamentals of Chemistry with Lab (16 weeks)	4	HSC3555	Pathophysiology (4 weeks)	3
Or CHM2045C	Or General Chemistry with Lab (16 weeks)		Humanities	HUM1210, HUM2230, REL2300, PHI2010, PHI2103, LIT2020, etc. (4 weeks) (Choose 1)	3
	General Education Elective (4 weeks)	4	PHI2600	Ethics (4 weeks)	3
MCB3020C Or Transfer credit	Microbiology with Lab (16 weeks)	4	SYG2000	Principles of Sociology (4 weeks)	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

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A secondary application is required prior to acceptance into the Hodges University Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene Program. The courses listed above are prerequisites which must be completed or in progress prior to the start of the Dental Hygiene Core courses on the next page. Applicants with GPA above 2.5 are most competitive for acceptance into this limited enrollment program.

# Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) Program

## Dental Hygiene Core

Students must apply for entry and be accepted into the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree program before starting these courses. All Dental Hygiene Theory courses must be completed maintaining an overall GPA of 2.5; all Clinical Dental Hygiene courses must be completed with a 75 or better for successful completion of the course. The Dental Hygiene Core courses are not eligible for transfer from another institution and must be completed at Hodges University.

3rd Year – Session One (BSDH Dental Hygiene Core)		Credits	3rd Year –Session Two (BSDH Dental Hygiene Core)		Credits
DEH3800	Dental Hygiene Theory I	3	DEH3802	Dental Hygiene Theory II	3
DEH3800C	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	4	DEH3802C	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	5
DES3030	Dental Anatomy, Histology, & Physiology	2	DES3100C	Dental Materials with Lab	3
DES3010	Head and Neck Anatomy	2	DEH3300	Pharmacology	2
DES3200C	Dental Radiology	4			
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>

4 <sup>th</sup> Year – Session Three (BSDH Dental Hygiene Core)		Credits	4th Year - Session Four (BSDH Dental Hygiene Core)		Credits
DEH4804	Dental Hygiene Theory III	3	DEH4806	Dental Hygiene Theory IV	3
DEH4804C	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	6	DEH4806C	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	6
DEH4400	Oral Pathology	2	DEH4940	Dental Specialty Practicum	3
DEH4600	Periodontology	2	DEH4947	Dental Hygiene Capstone	4
DEH4700	Community Dental Health and Research	3			
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>

**TOTAL DENTAL HYGIENE CORE CREDITS: 60**

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT 120**