

# ***Bachelor of Science in DENTAL HYGIENE***

***(in partnership with Sheridan  
College)***

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## **KEY INFORMATION**

**Provided by UW's College of  
Health Sciences Advising Office.**

# **UW's College of Health Sciences in partnership with Sheridan College (NWCC-D)**

Key things to know about earning a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) through the University of Wyoming:

1. Prerequisite and other required coursework
2. Application process to Sheridan College's Dental Hygiene program
3. Location of dental hygiene courses
4. Completing your BSDH
5. Who to contact and when

NOTE: "Dental Hygiene – Pre-Admit" is the placeholder major to declare for those taking prerequisite courses at UW in hopes of being admitted to Sheridan College and completing the BSDH degree.

# Coursework required for UW degrees

## University Studies Courses

To complete any bachelor's degree at UW, all students must complete a series of general education requirements, which we call the University Studies Program (USP).

See the checklist at: <https://www.uwyo.edu/usp/files/docs/usp-2015-checklist.pdf>

\*the USP list is expected to change Fall of 2025

## College of Health Sciences & UW Degree Requirements

A statistics course (either STAT 2050 or STAT 2070)

Additional upper-division elective(s) to bring you to a total of 42 (UW requires a total of 42 UD credits)

# Prerequisite coursework & experience

## Prerequisite courses for Sheridan College's Dental Hygiene Program

Prospective applicants to Sheridan College's Dental Hygiene program must complete the prerequisite courses listed below with a grade of C or better and must have a 3.0 minimum GPA.

ENGL 1010 (USP-COM1)

ENGL 2005 (USP-COM2)

COJO 2010 (USP-COM2)

MATH 1400 (USP-Q)

PSYC 1000 (USP-H)

ANTH 1200 (USP-H)

FCSC 1141

LIFE 1010 (USP-PN)

CHEM 1000 with a B

(or CHEM 1020 with a C) (USP-PN)

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\*Upcoming changes to the USP will not affect these prerequisites in any way.

**Also required:** A minimum of **20 hours of observation** of specific procedures with **two** different hygienists and a dentist. See the "Dental Hygiene Information Packet" at Sheridan College's website:

<https://www.sheridan.edu/academics/programs-a-z/dental-hygiene/>

# Application Process

To earn a BSDH through UW, students must complete the dental hygiene program at Sheridan College. The application process to get into that program is competitive, so you need to do well in the prerequisite coursework.

- Apply to Sheridan College (NWCCD)
  - You must apply to Sheridan College for admission in addition to applying to the Dental Hygiene Program. Fall of your Sophomore year is a good time to apply for admission to Sheridan College.
- Apply to Sheridan College's Dental Hygiene program
  - Applications open in the fall and must be submitted by **February 15** of the year you hope to enter the program, usually the spring of sophomore year for "Dental Hygiene – Pre-Admit" students at UW.

For more information, see:

<https://www.sheridan.edu/academics/programs-a-z/dental-hygiene/>

# Location of DENTAL HYGIENE coursework: Sheridan, WY!

Once admitted, students complete a two-year program in dental hygiene and earn an ***Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene at Sheridan College***, which is the degree necessary to be eligible for licensure.

Students also have the option of completing an ***Associate of Science in Health Sciences degree at Sheridan College***.

\*\*Sheridan advisors will guide you on earning this additional degree.

# DENTAL HYGIENE coursework (1<sup>st</sup> year in Sheridan, WY)

## Junior Fall Semester (Sheridan College courses at Sheridan College)

▲	DHYG 2300	Preclinical Dental Hygiene	3
▲	DHYG 2305	Clinical Dental Technology	1
▲	DHYG 2100	Dental Health Education	3
▲	DHYG 2405	Dental Anatomy	2
▲	DHYG 2450	Oral Radiology	3
▲	DHYG 2451	Oral Radiology Lab	1
▲	DHYG 2470	Orientation to Dental Hygiene	3
<b>Credit hours subtotal:</b>			<b><u>16</u></b>

## Junior Spring Semester (Sheridan College courses at Sheridan College)

▲	DHYG 2400	Head, Neck, and Oral Anatomy & Physiology	2
▲	DHYG 2200	Pharmacology	2
▲	DHYG 2210	Dental Embryology & Histology	2
▲	DHYG 2350	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	3
▲	DHYG 2420	Clinical Seminar I	2
▲	DHYG 2455	Dental Materials	2
▲	DHYG 2456	Dental Materials Lab	1
<b>Credit hours subtotal:</b>			<b><u>14</u></b>

# DENTAL HYGIENE coursework (2<sup>nd</sup> year in Sheridan, WY)

## Senior Fall Semester (University of Wyoming courses at Sheridan College)

▲	DHYG 3230	Clinical Seminar II	2
▲	DHYG 3300	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	5
▲	DHYG 3400	General and Oral Pathology	3
▲	DHYG 3600	Ethics and Law in Dental Hygiene	2
▲	DHYG 3750	Periodontology	3
▲	DHYG 3770	Pain Management	2
▲	DHYG 3775	Pain Management Lab	1
Credit hours subtotal:			<u>18</u>

## Senior Spring Semester (DHYG courses = UW courses at Sheridan College)

	ENGL 4010	Technical Writing in the Professions	3	C	C3; online course; may substitute any other course that fulfills the USP15-C3 requirement.
▲	DHYG 3250	Clinical Seminar III	2		
▲	DHYG 3350	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	5		
▲	DHYG 3550	Community Dental Health	3		
▲	DHYG 3720	Office Practice	2		
▲	DHYG 3800	Board Review	1		
Credit hours subtotal:			<u>16</u>		

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# Completing your BSDH

Sheridan College Dental Hygiene students can opt to complete additional requirements (completion of upper-division credits and USP-COM3 course if you already started at UW) and earn a *BSDH from the University of Wyoming*. Once you are admitted to the Sheridan College Dental Hygiene program, you can contact UW's Health Sciences Advising Office ([hsadvise@uwyo.edu](mailto:hsadvise@uwyo.edu)) about opting into the BSDH. This usually takes place as you are transitioning from your first year in Sheridan to your second year in Sheridan.



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# Who to Contact When

Questions about completing prerequisites and advising while at UW?

Send an e-mail to the College of Health Sciences Advising Office at [hsadvise@uwyo.edu](mailto:hsadvise@uwyo.edu)!

Questions about applying to Sheridan College's Dental Hygiene program?

Send an e-mail to :  
[dentalhygiene@sheridan.edu](mailto:dentalhygiene@sheridan.edu)

Questions about completing your BSDH once at Sheridan College?

Send an e-mail to the College of Health Sciences Advising Office at [hsadvise@uwyo.edu](mailto:hsadvise@uwyo.edu)!

UW Info on DHYG: <https://www.uwyo.edu/hs/divisions-and-programs/dental-hygiene-program.html>

Sheridan College Dental Hygiene: <https://www.sheridan.edu/academics/programs-a-z/dental-hygiene/>

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