International Students must submit their documents for consideration to the Admissions, Old Dominion University, 220 Rollins Hall, Norfolk, VA. For consideration, the following documents must be submitted to Graduate hygiene major.

1. Graduate Application.
2. Scores from the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination Note: International dental hygiene students who have not graduated from an CODA accredited dental hygiene program and who do not have National Board Dental Hygiene scores, will be considered for admission.
3. Recommendation forms from previous clinical supervisor and dental hygiene program director (form provided).
4. Two letters of recommendation from academic sources (form provided).
5. Formal written statement of personal goals and objectives.
8. International applicants must present satisfactory evidence of competence in English by submitting score of at least 550 on the TOEFL or 79 on the TOEFL iBT.
9. GRE or Millers Analogy scores (only if you are interested in competing for a University Fellowship).
10. Bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene or a related field and, in the latter case, have completed an accredited certificate or associate degree program in dental hygiene.
11. Evidence of an undergraduate overall quality point average of at least 2.8 and an average in the dental hygiene major of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
12. Official transcripts of all college work.


Applicants whose qualifications are slightly below the required level will be considered for admission to provisional status and may be required to take additional course work. The master’s degree program is available under the Southern Regional Education Board’s (SREB) Academic Common Market. Applicants who are legal residents of Delaware, Kentucky, Mississippi, or South Carolina may enroll, if accepted, as Academic Common Market students at in-state tuition rates. Students also may be required to take undergraduate courses or non-credit courses to make-up deficiencies in other areas.

For additional information, visit http://www.schev.edu/students/Acmvainstable.asp.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete all courses within a six-year time period with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Students must also successfully present and defend a thesis research or non-thesis project and pass an oral comprehensive examination. Students not graduating from the BSDH program at Old Dominion University must also pass a writing examination.

Competencies for the Master of Science in dental hygiene program are found at http://www.hs.odu.edu/dental/academics/ms/msdhcompetencies.pdf .

Thesis degree requirements include a minimum of 34 semester hours
Non-Thesis degree requirements require 37 semester hours

Curriculum Core Requirements. All core requirements may be taken on campus, online or hybrid. Candidates are required to fulfill a 22 credit hour core requirement to include:

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DNTH 660  Educational Concepts for the Health Professional II
DNTH 668  Internship
MPHO 612  Statistical Reasoning for Public Health
or FOUN 722  Introduction to Applied Statistics and Data Analysis
or HLSC 746  Epidemiology
**Specialty Areas (Sample Courses; others may apply)** "Courses Subject to Change"

**Education**
- COUN 601  Principles of Professional Counseling and Ethics
- COUN 633  Counseling and Psychotherapy Techniques
- TLED 616  Design for Effective Instruction
- TLED 640  The Management of Learning and Instruction
- IDT 617  Foundations of Instructional Technology
- IDT 746  Foundations of Distance Education
- IDT 756  Instructional Gaming: Theories and Practice
- IDT 763  Instructional Design Theory

**Administration/Management**
- MGMT 602  Organizational Management
- MGMT 618  Issues in Human Resource Management
- PADM 733  Legal and Ethical Foundations of Public Administration
- PADM 724  Administration of Human Services

**Research**
- HLSC 712  Qualitative Research Methods
- HLSC 713  Measurement of Health Phenomena
- CHP 601  Research Design and Evaluation in the Health Professions
- CHP 715  Decision Analysis in Health Care
- CHP 773  Developing Grants and Contracts in Health Professions

**Marketing**
- MKTG 603  Marketing Management
- MKTG 640  Global Marketing Management
- CHP 630  Health Care Marketing
- MPH0 630  Social Marketing for Health Populations

**Community/Public Health**
- HLSC 864  Health Economics
- HLSC 872  Policy and Politics of Health
- HLSC 701  Introduction to Health Services
- ELS 610  School Community Relations and Politics
- HPRO 670  Cultural Issues in Health Promotion and Education
- MPH0 615  Health Services Administration in Public Health
- MPH0 613  Environmental Sciences for Public Health Practice
- MPH0 610  Introduction to Public Health Practice
- MPH0 611  Social and Behavioral Sciences for Public Health
- MPH0 614  Epidemiology for Public Health Practice
- MPH0 672  Policy and Politics in Public Health
- MPH0 691  Grant Writing for Public Health Practice
- HLSC 772  Policy and Politics of Health
- CHP 646  Epidemiology

**Modeling and Simulation (Certificate Option)** 12 hrs (2 core courses)
- MSIM 601  Introduction to Modeling and Simulation
- HLSC 815  Decision Analysis in Health Care

**Global Health (Certificate Option)** 15 hrs
- HLSC 746  Epidemiology
- HLSC 702  Health Management
- HLSC 776  Global Health
- Elective courses (4 credit hrs) As determined by Director of Global Health
- Practicum (2 credit hours) As determined by Director of Global Health

**Non-Thesis and Thesis Option**
- DNTH 698  Research 3
- DNTH 699  Thesis 3
- Total Hours 34-37

**Thesis Option. (34 credit hours)**. This option requires original thesis research and writing for a total minimum program requirement of 34 credit hours and is considered essential for students interested in developing investigative and data management skills. The student is encouraged to become familiar with possible research areas soon after admission and contact the graduate program director to discuss the research proposal, funding options and the selection of the thesis committee. The student will be provided with a committee consisting of the thesis advisor and two other faculty members selected by the graduate program director and the student. Prior to beginning the research, the student will present a written proposal to the thesis committee for approval. Candidates choosing the thesis option must satisfactorily complete the thesis at least four weeks prior to graduation with copies delivered to the thesis committee. An oral comprehensive examination and thesis defense will be conducted by the student’s thesis committee during the last four weeks of the semester prior to graduation. The cost of the thesis is a student expense. The thesis option is not available to distance learning (on-line) students.

**Non-Thesis Option. (37 credit hours)**. Candidates are required to complete: DNTH 698 (3 credits) and a minimum of three (3) additional credits of approved elective course work. This option is designed for students pursuing a less research-oriented program of study. A student in this program is required to complete an in-depth term paper or execute a modest project as approved by the faculty. An oral comprehensive examination and project defense will be conducted prior to graduation.

**Writing Proficiency.** Students who do not hold an undergraduate degree from Old Dominion University are required to participate in diagnostic writing exercises for evaluation by the staff of the Testing Center. Each student is responsible for making an appointment with the Testing Center to complete this requirement early in the first semester of graduate studies. Students deemed deficient in writing skills will be required to remedy their deficiency through the services of the Writing Center prior to the completion of 15 graduate credits. Students who fail to participate in the diagnostic writing exercise or to complete recommended developmental work through the Testing Center will not be allowed to register for subsequent semesters.

All faculty members in the school require written assignments, which will be evaluated on the basis of form and content. If needed, resources are available through the Writing Center. Graduate students and faculty employ the current edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association as the standard reference text for written assignments within the School of Dental Hygiene.

**Dental Hygiene Research Center**

The ODU Dental Hygiene Research Center (DHRC) is dedicated to conducting quality, multidisciplinary, clinical, and population-based research to explore diagnosis, pathogenesis, and treatment of conditions that are related to overall health and dental hygiene. The DHRC, officially sanctioned by the University in 2000, is the first facility in the world dedicated solely to dental hygiene research. The DHRC strives to advance oral and general health through interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research in collaboration with other academic institutions, medical facilities,
private industry, and the community. The DHRC represents a research paradigm unique for graduate education in that no other dental hygiene program has such a facility. Research is an integral and essential component of the School of Dental Hygiene’s mission. Students experience the link between theory and practice, and collaborate with faculty to create new knowledge via discovery, apply evidence-based findings, and disseminate information through professional publications and presentations.

**Accelerated Bachelor’s to Master’s Program**

Dental hygiene students who have a 3.25 grade point average from each institution attended and who have senior standing may apply to the bachelor’s to master’s accelerated program. This program allows gifted undergraduate students the opportunity to take up to 12 semester hours of graduate coursework and apply them to both degrees. Consult with the graduate program director for more information.

**International Dental Hygiene**

The School of Dental Hygiene, committed to solving global oral health problems, offers a variety of service learning programs in partnership with non-governmental agencies, academic institutions, and private organizations worldwide. Faculty-led experiences offer unique opportunities for students to travel abroad, develop cross-cultural competence, experience global health challenges, and engage in projects that advance oral health worldwide. International locations are determined by the School of Dental Hygiene in conjunction with the Office of Study Abroad. Program participation requires approval from the School of Dental Hygiene and the Office of Study Abroad. A certificate in Global Health is available, administered through the Center for Global Health and the School of Dental Hygiene.