Master of Science
Dental Hygiene with a Concentration in Global Health (MS)

Master of Science - Dental Hygiene

Norfolk, VA 23529.
Office of Graduate Admissions, Old Dominion University, Rollins Hall,
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for master's level dental hygienists in these key areas of specialization
continues to be strong and students are able to develop competencies
essential in today's employment market.

Applications are encouraged to contact the graduate program director to
obtain additional information regarding requirements, experiential credit,
cognate offerings, travel abroad, practica and externship opportunities. The
program is available on campus, online, or as a hybrid of the two. Up to
12 approved graduate credit hours may be taken at another university and
applied toward degree requirements, making this program one of the most
flexible in the nation. The student-focused, nationally and internationally
recognized faculty are committed to the educational preparation of dental
hygienists leading to degrees at advanced levels; and the opportunity to
segue to doctoral education in health services research within the College of
Health Sciences. This program is available on-campus and online.

Admission Information

To qualify for admission, the applicant must possess a certificate or associate
degree from an accredited dental hygiene program and a baccalaureate
degree in dental hygiene or a related field. International students who have
graduated from a dental hygiene program, other than a CODA accredited
dental hygiene program, will be considered on an individual basis. The
applicant must have an overall grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00
(on a 4.00 scale) in undergraduate education and a minimum of 3.00 in
the undergraduate dental hygiene major. 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.

For consideration, the documents listed below must be submitted to the
Office of Graduate Admissions, Old Dominion University, Rollins Hall,
Norfolk, VA 23529.

International Students must submit their documents for consideration to the
Office of International Admissions, Old Dominion University, 2101 Dragas
Hall, Norfolk, VA 23529.

Students can apply online at the Office of Admissions (http://www.odu.edu/
admission/apply/) website.
Visit: International Admissions at http://www.odu.edu/admission/
international (http://www.odu.edu/admission/international/)
Visit: VISA & Immigration Services Advising at: https://www.odu.edu/visa
(https://www.odu.edu/visa/).

Applicants must provide the following documents:

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
   on a case-by-case basis. A current active dental hygiene license in at
   least one state may be submitted for national board scores; consult with
   the graduate program director.
3. Two letters of recommendation from academic sources.
4. A written statement including educational and professional goals, how
   the anticipated degree will assist in achieving those goals, and a detailed
   statement of research interests.
5. International applicants must present satisfactory evidence of
   competence in English by submitting score of at least 550 on the
   TOEFL, 79 on the TOEFL iBT or 6.5 or higher on IELTS.
6. If you are interested in competing for a University Fellowship, the GRE
   or Millers Analogy scores are required.
7. Evidence of a 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.
8. Evidence of an undergraduate overall quality point average of at least
   3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
9. Official transcripts of all college 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/index/tuition-
aid/academic-common-market. (http://www.schev.edu/index/tuition-aid/
academic-common-market/)

Curriculum Requirements

Students must complete all courses within a eight-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 comprehensive
writing examination.

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

Students must select one specialty area for elective courses. Additional
courses within the specialty area may be substituted with advisor’s
approval. Note- Global Health and Modeling and Simulation certificates
require admissions to the respective program. 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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**Concentration Courses:** 9

**Research Credits:** 3-6

**Non-Thesis Option**
- DNTH 698 - Research

**Thesis Option**
- DNTH 698 - Research
- DNTH 699 - Thesis

**Total Credit Hours:** 34-37

**Global Health Concentration**

**Global Health (Certificate Option) 15 hrs**
- HLSC 746 - Epidemiology 3
- HLSC 702 - Health Management 3
- HLSC 776 - Global Health 3

| Elective courses (4 credit hrs) As determined by Director of Global Health | 4 |

| Practicum (2 credit hours) As determined by Director of Global Health | 2 |

**Total Credit Hours:** 15

**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. Students should expect a minimum of two semesters enrolled to complete the course.

**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 literature or systematic review, or execute a modest project as approved by the faculty. An oral comprehensive examination and project defense will be conducted prior to graduation. Students should expect a minimum of two semesters enrolled to complete the course.

The graduate dental hygiene degree is a writing-intensive program. 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 12 graduate credits. Students who fail to participate in the diagnostic writing exercise or to complete recommended developmental work through the Writing 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.