



# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Northern Arizona University Dental Hygiene Program is the only program in Arizona that offers a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene upon completion of the program. The NAU Dental Hygiene Program is a 2-year program only offered through the Flagstaff Mountain Campus. The Dental Hygiene Program starts every year in the Fall..

## ADMISSION

You must complete a minimum of 55 credit hours of prerequisite course work for this program. You may apply without having completed all of your prerequisites, however, all prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade C or better by May 31 of the year you apply for. Since there are more applicants than available space, admission is competitive. Meeting the minimum criteria merely allows you to submit an application and is not a guarantee of acceptance into the dental hygiene program. Science prerequisites must not be older than 5 years, all other prerequisites must not be older than 10 years at time of application.

## APPLICATION

You must apply to the NAU Dental Hygiene program, this application is separate from the NAU application. The application to the Dental Hygiene Program is available on our website and accepted January 1st through January 31st every year. Students who are not admitted must reapply each year, we do not have a wait list. We Accept 32 students every application cycle.



Department of Dental Hygiene

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Science GPA & Cumulative GPA
- Written Essay Question Submission
- Quality of Application

**2.5**

Minimum Science  
GPA to Apply  
**Applicant Average 3.7**

**3.0**

Minimum Cumulative  
GPA to Apply  
**Applicant Average 3.6**

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

We are a Public Health focused program with clinical rotations at the following sites:

- Hopi Indian Health Center
- North Country Health Care
- Flagstaff Medical Center
- Yavapai Indian Health Center

We offer several different summer externship locations to choose from:

- Peru
- Ghana
- Camp Pendleton
- Phoenix
- Yuma
- North Country & more!

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## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Students are required to learn and practice clinical skills on each other throughout the program. This means that all students must participate as both a student clinician and as a patient. The procedures students will be performing and being subjected to include: reviewing medical and dental histories, taking vital signs, practicing instrumentation, giving oral local anesthetic injections, placing sealants when indicated, taking radiographs. An AZ Department of Public Safety fingerprint clearance card is required for admittance to the program. Certain vaccinations are required and will be discussed with applicants at pre-orientation. As part of the dental hygiene curriculum, students are required to complete several rotations throughout the program. Some of these rotations will require the student to be gone for several days or longer. The NAU Dental Hygiene Department does provide faculty-supervised housing for the Hopi rotation located in Pollaca, AZ approximately 2.5 hours away from the Flagstaff area. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to external rotation sites.

**The NAU Dental Hygiene Program is fully accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Accreditation**

**CODA\***  
Commission on Dental Accreditation

**For more information on the Dental Hygienists scope of practice, WREB Exams, NDHBE Exams, professional licensure by state, and additional program information, please visit our website [nau.edu/dental-hygiene](http://nau.edu/dental-hygiene)**

## PREREQUISITES

The four-year degree progression plan is to be used in conjunction with the academic catalog. Students should see an academic advisory regularly to confirm their academic progress. Many courses have pre-requisites, please check the academic catalog for prerequisite and placement information. Some courses are only offered once a year or only online, some of these courses may be prerequisites for future courses. Please check with your advisor for current course rotations. It is your responsibility to ensure you are enrolled in the correct courses and complete the university requirements upon completion of the program.

AZ Transfer is a great website that will tell you if the prerequisites you have taken at any Arizona College transfer into NAU as a course equivalent. <http://aztransmac2.asu.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/CEG>. JacksPath is a website offered by NAU that will tell you if the prerequisites you have taken outside of Arizona transfer into NAU as a course equivalent. <https://jackspath.nau.edu/>

Still having trouble figuring out if you are taking the right prerequisites? The registrar's office completes transfer evaluations after you apply to the university. Call 928-523-2109 or email [registrar@nau.edu](mailto:registrar@nau.edu)

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM COORDINATOR, SR.

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## UNDERGRADUATE TUITION AND EXPENSES

2021-2022 Tuition Rates are established by ABOR & are subject to change. Dental Hygiene Fees are in addition to university tuition and fees. The following tuition rates and fees were approved by ARBOR.

### Estimated Cost for AZ Residents

	Flagstaff Campus (Four Year Pledge Rate)		Statewide Campuses	Flagstaff Campus (non-pledge continuing)
	Living On Campus	Living Off Campus	Living w/Parent	
Tuition	\$10,650	\$10,650	\$10,650	\$7,950
Fees	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$415
<b>TOTAL Tuition and Fees</b>	<b>\$11,896</b>	<b>\$11,896</b>	<b>\$11,896</b>	<b>\$8,365</b>
				<b>\$9,644</b>

\*NAU's Pledge is a promise students attending on our Flagstaff campus will pay the same, fixed tuition rate for up to four years. Students attending beyond the fourth year should refer to the Pledge FAQ.\*\*Non-Pledge Continuing Rate is charged only to students who have exhausted all years of the NAU Pledge rate.

### Estimated Cost for Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Students

	Flagstaff Campus (Four Year Pledge Rate)		Yuma	Flagstaff Campus (non-pledge continuing)
	Living On Campus	Living Off Campus		
Tuition	\$15,975	\$15,975	\$7,950	\$12,597
Fees	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$415	\$1,246
<b>TOTAL Tuition and Fees</b>	<b>\$17,221</b>	<b>\$17,221</b>	<b>\$8,365</b>	<b>\$13,843</b>

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### Estimated Costs for Non-Residents

	Flagstaff Campus (Four Year Pledge Rate)		Statewide Campuses	Flagstaff Campus (non-pledge continuing)
	Living On Campus	Living Off Campus		
Tuition	\$25,396	\$25,396	\$7,950	\$22,624
Fees	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$415	\$1,246
<b>TOTAL Tuition and Fees</b>	<b>\$26,642</b>	<b>\$26,642</b>	<b>\$8,365</b>	<b>\$23,870</b>

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## ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM EXPENSES 2021-2022

Acceptance Deposit \$500.00 Due in March

### Junior Year FALL:

Books & Materials \$650.00  
 Loupes & Light \$1,200.00  
 Incidental Fee \$250.00 (Money Order Only)  
 Clinic Instruments/Supplies/Uniform \$2,000  
 Program Fee \$1,000.00\*  
 First Aid/CPR Cert/Vaccinations \$100.00  
 Fingerprint Clearance Card \$65.00  
**SUBTOTAL: \$5,265.00**

### Junior Year SPRING:

Books \$250.00  
 Program Fee \$1,000\*  
 Incidental Fee \$250.00 (Money Order Only)  
**SUBTOTAL: \$1,500.00**

### Junior Year SUMMER:

Program Fee \$800.00\*  
 Incidental Fee \$250.00 (Money Order Only)  
 Externship (fees vary) ++  
 • International PH Humanitarian Service  
 • Military/Government Facilities  
 • Tribal Public Health Service  
**SUBTOTAL: \$1,050.00 ++**

### Senior Year FALL:

Books & Materials \$300.00  
 Clinic Instruments/Supplies \$865.00  
 Incidental Fee \$250.00 (Money Order Only)  
 Program Fee \$1,000.00\*  
 WREB Clinical Anesthesia Boards \$400.00  
**SUBTOTAL: \$2,815.00**

### Senior Year SPRING:

Books \$100.00  
 Program Fee \$1,000.00\*  
 Jurisprudence Examination \$100.00  
 NBDE Written Board \$500.00  
 WREB Clinical Board \$1,400.00.00  
 Incidental Fee \$250.00 (Money Order Only)  
**SUBTOTAL: \$3,350.00**

\*Program fees payable through LOUIE  
**These fees are *only* estimates.  
 Cost and needs will vary by student.**

1 <sup>st</sup> Term - Freshman Fall Prerequisites			2 <sup>nd</sup> Term – Freshman Spring Prerequisites		
MAT 108/110/114	Algebra for Precalculus / College Algebra/ Quantitative Reasoning	3	BIO201	Human Anatomy/Physiology I	3
BIO181	Unity of Life I (SCI:SAS)	3	BIO201L	Human Anatomy/Phys I Lab	1
ENG105	Critical Reading & Writing (FNRQ)	4	CHM130/ CHM151	Fundamental Chemistry)General Chemistry I	4
PSY101	Intro to Psychology (SPW)	3	CHM130L/ CHM151L	Fundamental Chemistry Lab or General Chemistry I Lab	1
DH102	DH Orientation	1	SOC101	Introduction to Sociology (SPW)	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

3 <sup>rd</sup> Term – Sophomore Fall Prerequisites			Students that follow this or a similar progression plan must apply to the program between their Fall Sophomore & Spring Sophomore Semester. Applications accepted 01/01-01/31	4 <sup>th</sup> Term – Sophomore Spring Prerequisites		
BIO202	Human Anatomy/Physiology II	3		BIO320	General Pathology	3
BIO202L	Human Anatomy/Physiology II Lab	1		LS	Liberal Studies AHI	3
BIO205	Microbiology	3		LS	Liberal Studies CU/Diversity	3
BIO205L	Microbiology Lab	1		STA270	Applied Statistics (FNRQ)	3
DH380	Cultural Diversity in Healthcare	3		LS	Liberal Studies AHI	3
NTS135	Intro to Nutrition & Foods	3		<b>Total</b> <b>15</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>				

**Dental Hygiene Program Starts (2-year program, acceptance required beyond this point)**

5 <sup>th</sup> Term – Junior Year Fall			6 <sup>th</sup> Term – Junior Year Spring		
DH302	Head & Neck, Oral & Dental Anatomy	3	DH300	Oral Medicine & Pharmacology I	3
DH306	Oral Histology & Embryology	2	DH312	Clinic I	6
DH311	Pre-Clinic	5	DH316	Periodontics I	3
DH338	Oral Radiology	3	DH450	Oral Health Research	3
DH370	Ethics & Law in Healthcare	1	DH373W	Assessment & Program Planning	3
DH372	Oral Health & Disease Prevention	3	<b>Total</b> <b>18</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>			

7 <sup>th</sup> Term - Junior Year Summer		
DH313	Clinic II: Patients	2
DH369	Oral Pain Management	3
DH408	Public Health Externship	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>

8 <sup>th</sup> Term - Senior Year Fall			9 <sup>th</sup> Term – Senior Year Spring		
DH340	Oral Pathology & Cariology	3	DH412C	Clinic IV: Oral Health Outcomes	6
DH410	Oral Medicine & Pharmacology II	3	DH416	Professional Development for DH	3
DH411	Clinic III Advanced Procedures	6	DH409	Restorative & Dental Materials	3
DH419	Periodontics II	3	<b>Total</b> <b>12</b>		
DH474C	Program Implementation & Evaluation	3			
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>			

Liberal Studies Distribution Blocks	AHI	CU	SPW	SCI	Other
	Counted above	Counted above	PSY 101	BIO 181	
	Counted above	Counted above	SOC 101	CHM 130, 130L or 151L	BIO 201