

2025-2026 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (w/ VCCS Equivalencies)

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses based on placement into STAT 130M. Students may re-order as needed.

** Indicates not automatically waived with transferrable associates degree, C or better required for transfer. Courses in green can be met by the completion of an Articulated Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene (for a list of Articulation Agreements please visit www.odu.edu/transfer) and are met by completion of a transferrable AS degree (AS in Health Science or Science recommended for ease of transfer).*

YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (26-34 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (13 credits)

<u>General Education Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
*ENGL 110C: English Composition I	ENG 111
*CHEM 105N/106N: Intro to Chemistry or CHEM 121N/122N: General Chemistry I	CHM 101 or 121 or 111
*SOC 201S: Intro to Sociology Language and Culture I (May be waived, see catalog for details)	SOC 200, 201 or 202 Transfer Equivalency Guide

SPRING SEMESTER (13 credits)

<u>General Education Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
*ENGL 211C or 231C: English Composition II	Transfer Equivalency Guide
*BIOL 150/151: Introduction to Microbiology	BIO 150, 205 or NAS 185
Interpreting the Past Language and Culture II (May be waived, see catalog for details)	Transfer Equivalency Guide Transfer Equivalency Guide

SUMMER SEMESTER (OPTIONAL - 8 credits)

Consider taking BIOL 250-251 in summer before sophomore year

YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (26-32 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (13 credits)

<u>General Education Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
*BIOL 250: Human A&P I or BIOL 240: Fundamentals of A&P I	BIO 141, 231
*PSYC 201S: Intro to Psychology Literature Human Creativity	PSYC 200 or 201 Transfer Equivalency Guide Transfer Equivalency Guide

SPRING SEMESTER (13 credits)

Deadline is February 1st! www.aheadhcas.org

<u>General Education Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
*BIOL 251: Human A&P II or BIOL 241: Fundamentals of A&P II	BIO 142, 232
*STAT 130M: Statistics	MTH 146, 155, 157, 240, 241, 242 or 245
*Nutrition Impact of Technology	DIT 121, HLT 138, or HLT 230 Transfer Equivalency Guide

SUMMER SEMESTER (0-6 credits)

Option D: Any six (6) credit hours of 300/400 level courses EXCEPT CSD, CYTO, CHP, DNTH, EXSC, ENVH, MLS, NMED, RT, PUBH. May be completed in summer before starting dental hygiene program OR summer between junior and senior years.

No VCCS Equivalency

At least three sciences must be complete at time of application; recommend completion of all science requirements (Chemistry, Microbiology, A&P I and II) prior to submitting application

YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (38-44 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)

<u>Major Coursework:</u>	<u>No VCCS Equivalency:</u>
DNTH 300: DH Theory I	
DNTH 301: DH Services I	
DNTH 302: Oral Anatomy & Histology	
DNTH 303: Applied Dental Materials	
DNTH 304: Oral Radiology I	

SPRING SEMESTER (17 credits)

<u>Major Coursework:</u>	<u>No VCCS Equivalency:</u>
DNTH 305: DH Theory II	
DNTH 306: DH Services II	
DNTH 307: Pharmacology	
DNTH 308: Oral Pathology	
DNTH 309: Oral Radiology II	
DNTH 310: DH Therapies	

SUMMER SEMESTER (5-11 credits)

DNTH 316: DH Theory & Services III
DNTH 317: Anxiety & Pain Control
IF NOT ALREADY COMPLETED Option D: six (6) credit hours of 300/400 level courses EXCEPT CYTO, CHP, DNTH, ENVH, MLS, NMED, NURS, PUBH.

YEAR 4 - SENIOR (33 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (18 credits)

<u>Major Coursework:</u>	<u>No VCCS Equivalency:</u>
DNTH 410: DH Theory IV	
DNTH 411: DH Services IV	
DNTH 413: Community OH Planning	
DNTH 414: Educational Concepts	
DNTH 415: Research Methods	

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)

<u>Major Coursework:</u>	<u>No VCCS Equivalency:</u>
DNTH 416: Adm Leadership & Prof Dev	
DNTH 417W: DH Theory V	
DNTH 418: DH Services V	
DNTH 419: Community OH Practice	

***PROGRAM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:** Application deadline is February 1st for fall admission. Program prerequisites may be in progress at the time of application but students must complete the following courses prior to entering the Dental Hygiene program: ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C, BIOL 150/151, BIOL 250 & 251 or BIOL 240 & 241, CHEM 105N & 106N, STAT 130M, PSYC 201S, SOC 201S and CHP 318 All must be completed with a C or better; C- is not acceptable.

<https://www.odu.edu/dental/academics/bachelor-science-dental-hygiene>

NOTE: Oral Communication, Philosophy and Ethics, and Information Literacy and Research general education requirements are satisfied in the major. Option D satisfies the Upper Division General Education requirement by completing six (6) credits at the 300-400 level EXCEPT CYTO, CHP, DNTH, ENVH, HLTH, MLS, NMED, NURS, PUBH. Foreign language may be satisfied with 3 years of 1 or 2 years of 2 languages in high school; graduation from HS prior to 12/31/85, or with AA or AS Degree from VCCS.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major, including prerequisite courses, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours in upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or 231C, and a writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.