

PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE

Pre-professional pathway | Health Professions Advising

PREPARE FOR A CAREER IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Dental hygiene combines science, patient care, communication, and preventive health. At Chadron State College, Pre-Dental Hygiene helps students build a strong academic foundation while preparing to continue into a professional dental hygiene program.

With employment for dental hygienists projected to grow 8 percent nationwide from 2025 to 2035, the field offers strong opportunities for students interested in preventative care and direct patient interaction. Dental hygiene may be a good fit for those who are compassionate, detail-oriented, patient, and enjoy working directly with people.

FAST FACTS

Program Type

Pre-professional pathway

Pathway

Begin at CSC, then continue to a professional dental hygiene program

Why CSC?

Personalized faculty advising and mentoring

Real-World Connections

Connect with health professionals and rural health care communities

Next Step

Apply to Chadron State College

WHERE THIS PATHWAY CAN LEAD

CAREERS

Dental Hygienist
Clinical Dental Hygienist
Public Health Dental Hygienist
Community Health Educator
Dental Hygiene Educator

WHERE YOU COULD WORK

Dental practices
Community health clinics
Public health agencies
Hospitals and health systems
Schools and educational settings
Government or nonprofit organizations

YOUR CSC EXPERIENCE

Personalized faculty advising
Health professions events
Health Professions Club
Mentoring and peer connections
Professional-school exploration
Rural health experiences

RURAL HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

For eligible rural Nebraska students, RHOP offers a Dental Hygiene pathway from Chadron State College to the UNMC College of Dentistry's West Division in Gering. Students complete two years at CSC followed by two years at UNMC. Benefits may include two years of full tuition at CSC, early admission to the applicable UNMC program upon successful completion of RHOP requirements, faculty advising, professional development, sponsored visits, and meet their admissions requirements.

PLAN YOUR PATH WITH A FACULTY ADVISOR

No single course plan fits every future dental hygiene student. Professional programs establish their own prerequisite courses, admission standards, application requirements, and timelines, and these requirements may change. Your faculty advisor will help you navigate these.

Your CSC faculty advisors can help you identify the dental hygiene programs you are considering, understand their prerequisites, explore RHOP and related pathways, and prepare for your next steps.

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