

M.S. & Accelerated B.S. to M.S. & Accelerated A.A.S/A.S

Students accepted into an accelerated undergraduate program may take departmentally approved graduate coursework as part of their undergraduate curriculum. These credits will count towards both their bachelor's and master's degrees and can fulfill major requirements, upper-division requirements, and/ or free electives. For details on accelerated programs at Idaho State University, please see Degree Requirements (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/degreerequirements/>).

Once accepted into an accelerated degree program, it is strongly recommended for students to stay in close communication with their advisor regarding the pursuit of acceptance into the Graduate School and the master's degree program at Idaho State University. Acceptance into an accelerated program during the bachelor's degree program is the first step in the admissions process. A separate application to the Graduate School is necessary for all accelerated programs. For more information regarding application and admission to the Graduate School at Idaho State University, please see the Graduate Admissions (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/graduateadmissions/>) section of the graduate catalog.

Accelerated Dental Hygiene B.S. to M.S.

This accelerated program provides an opportunity for outstanding bachelor's degree dental hygiene students to complete a fast-track program during the summer and last two semesters of the bachelor's degree program. Students who have a cumulative 3.0-grade point average in their dental hygiene courses and senior standing may complete up to 12 online graduate credits. These credits may be applied to both the undergraduate and graduate programs. Students must be in good academic standing with the Department of Dental Hygiene and Idaho State University and have demonstrated successful completion of upper-division courses in the bachelor's degree dental hygiene program. Please contact the Graduate Program Director regarding acceptance into the Graduate School and the Master of Science Dental Hygiene program.

Graduates of the MSDH program at ISU are prepared to work as educators, leaders, and administrators in academia, public health, corporate settings, alternative work settings, and research development.

Program Admissions Requirements

Formal application for admission to the dental hygiene program must be submitted before January 15 of the year the student wishes to enter. Applicants must complete prerequisite courses and complete specific requirements for consideration. Applicants must have a minimum Cumulative Core and Natural Science

Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.8. Dental hygiene program information regarding current admission criteria and procedures can be obtained from the Dental Hygiene website (<https://isu.edu/dentalhygiene/>), or directly from the department. Application materials are submitted through the American Dental Education Association Centralized Dental Hygiene Application Service (<http://www.adea.org/dhcas.aspx>).

Admission to Idaho State University is a separate procedure and must be completed prior to application to the dental hygiene program. Students must provide verification of current CPR certification and vaccinations prior to beginning the program within the specified application year.

Academic Standards

To enroll in upper division courses with a dental hygiene prefix (DENT), students must be accepted for admission to the dental hygiene program. Each student is responsible for completing the required coursework in proper sequential order. To be eligible for graduation and progression in the dental hygiene program, the student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.25. Coursework for which the student receives a grade below "C-" (C minus) will not be accepted as fulfilling requirements for the Department of Dental Hygiene. The department chairperson must approve any deviation from these standards.

Prerequisite Courses

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 2233	Principles of Microbiology	3
BIOL 2233L	Principles of Microbiology Lab	1
Choose one of the following course sequences:		8
BIOL 2227	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	
BIOL 2227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 Lab	
and		
BIOL 2228	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	
BIOL 2228L	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Lab	
or		
BIOL 3301	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	
BIOL 3301L	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 Lab	
and		
BIOL 3302	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	
BIOL 3302L	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Lab	
CHEM 1101	Introduction to Chemistry	3
CHEM 1102	Essentials of Organic and Biochemistry	3
CHEM 1103	Essentials of Organic and Biochemistry Laboratory	1
COMM 1101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
DENT 2201	Principles of Dental Hygiene	2
ENGL 1101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
ENGL 1102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3
NTD 2239	Nutrition	3
or NTD 3340	Nutrition for Health Professionals	
MATH 1153	Statistical Reasoning	3
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 1101	Introduction to Sociology	3
All coursework must be completed with a grade of C- or above		
Total Credits:		42

*Elective course DENT 2220 is highly recommended for pre-dental hygiene students without dental office experience.

General Education

The listing below includes program requirements that also fulfill General Education requirements.

- Objective 1 - ENGL 1101; ENGL 1102 (**6 credits**)
- Objective 2 - COMM 1101 (**3 credits**)
- Objective 3 - MATH 1153 (**3 credits**)
- Objective 4 - Any course meeting Objective 4; must take two Objective 4 courses (**6 credits**)
- Objective 5 - CHEM 1101 (**7 credits**)
- Objective 6 - PSYC 1101, SOC 1101 (**6 credits**)
- *Students must fulfill Objective 7 or Objective 8 (3 credits)*
 - Objective 7 -
 - Objective 8 - INFO 1101 (Recommended)
- Objective 9 - Any course meeting Objective (**3 credits**)

Total Credits 37

*Elective course INFO 1101 is highly recommended as an elective for those individuals without computer skills and it may be chosen to satisfy General Education Objective 8.

Accelerated Dental Hygiene A.A.S./A.S. to M.S.

This accelerated bridge program from an entry-level dental hygiene program to a Master of Science with an emphasis in Dental Hygiene (MSDH) is for registered dental hygienists who have already graduated from an accredited entry-level dental hygiene program and are licensed as Registered Dental Hygienists. This program is offered 100% online. Twelve credits in this program are dual credits meaning they count for both undergraduate and graduate course work creating an accelerated path to the MSDH. Students must be in good academic standing with the Department of Dental Hygiene and Idaho State University and have demonstrated successful completion of upper-division courses in the bachelor's degree dental hygiene program. Please contact the Graduate Program Director regarding acceptance into the Graduate School and the Master of Science Dental Hygiene program. Students who are accepted into the BS Degree Completion program can choose to continue their degree progression to the accelerated M.S. program and follow the GPA requirements of 3.0 once they enter the M.S. accelerated pathway.

Major Requirements (Core)

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 3307	Professional and Technical Writing	3
DENT 4401	Research Methods	2
DENT 4408	Ethical and Legal Principles	2
DENT 6623	Leadership & Health Policy	3
DENT 6605	Program Development and Evaluation	3
DENT 4424	Principles of Interprofessional Practice Management	3
Total:		15
Electives:		
DENT 4400	Experiential Learning Equivalency for BS Degree Completion and Accelerated MSDH Program	1-16
DHS 4401	Mindfulness in Health Science	2
DHS 4402	Survey of Aging Issues	3
DHS 4403	Interprofessional Systems in Geriatric Management	3

DHS 4405	Effects of Mindfulness Practice	1
DHS 4427	Evidence Based Complementary and Integrative Health	3
DENT 4481	Independent Studies in Dental Hygiene	1-3
Total:		14 - 37

Accelerated Dental Hygiene Graduate Dual Credit

Code	Title	Credits
DENT 5596	Graduate Seminar I	1
DENT 6605	Program Development and Evaluation	3
DENT 6610	Special Care Populations	3
DENT 6623	Leadership & Health Policy	3
Elective Course at the 5000/6000 level (Online)		2
Total:		12

Degree Totals

- Program Admission Requirements (Required General Education credits removed): **80-90 credits (varies)**
- General Education: **0-37 credits**
- Major Requirements: **27 credits**
- Upper Division Electives: **9 credits**
- Electives: **0-37 credits**

Total Credits 120-213

- Program admission totals vary depending on the associate degree earned.
- Students who earn a qualifying associate degree will qualify for a general education waiver upon matriculation to ISU.