

DENTAL HYGIENE

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With a reputation for clinical excellence that can be traced to the 1800s, the University of Louisville's School of Dentistry is a national leader in dental education, research and service. Through state-of-the-art classrooms and clinics, as well as hands-on community engagement opportunities, you are prepared for the future with the knowledge and skills to be excellent oral health care professionals. The school boasts an illustrious roster of alumni, providing care in every state, several foreign countries and right here in the Louisville community.

The School of Dentistry offers a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene with tiered admission into the lower division (pre-professional courses) and the upper division (professional courses). Upper division courses include classroom, laboratory, clinical and field experiences.

Students interested in going to dental school should refer to the natural sciences academic brochure.

DID YOU KNOW?

- More than **100,000 patient** visits occur each year at the dental school.
- UofL houses the **only undergraduate dental hygiene program** within a dental school in Kentucky.
- Each year, faculty, staff and students provide **millions of dollars** of dental services to the underserved.
- Dental Hygienist ranked as **#2 best health care support job** in 2019 by *U.S. News & World Report*.



Beyond the classroom

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

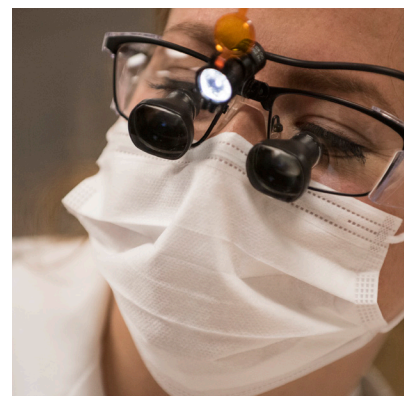
Clinical rotations begin in the spring of junior year, rotating students through different clinical experiences and specialties such as pediatrics or special needs dentistry.

COMMUNITY EXTERNSHIPS

- » Take place over four weeks in senior year, typically in a private practice, working as a hygienist.
- » An opportunity to learn what it is like to be in the field with future colleagues.
- » Placement decided by faculty using their connections in the community.
- » Provides preparation for boards and licensure, which the school helps to facilitate at the end of your college career.
- » Built into the curriculum for the April right before graduation, providing preparation for boards and licensure.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

UofL has more than 450 student organizations. The School of Dentistry offers the UofL Pre-Dental Society for lower division students and American Dental Hygienists Association for upper division students.



DEGREE PROGRAM

DENTAL HYGIENE (B.S.)

The School of Dentistry provides you with a comprehensive education and will expand your personal and professional growth as a future dental hygienist. The program curriculum serves as a broad-based foundation for the changing complexities of health care, equipping students to provide comprehensive dental hygiene care in a variety of settings.

» Lower Division

Explore general education courses and lay the foundation in natural sciences, social sciences and communications.

» Upper Division

Complete a focused and in-depth program, housed within the School of Dentistry. Admission to the upper division is selective and requires an interview.

Classes and experiences will teach you important skills in a context that emphasize your important place within a dental health team. Our program prepares you for opportunities in:

- » Administration and management
- » Corporate sales
- » Education
- » Patient care, including select populations such as senior citizens, children and special needs patients
- » Public health

With an accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, the School of Dentistry is a leader in computer-assisted education in state-of-the-art classrooms and clinics. Students practice clinical skills on computerized, lifelike patient mannequins in the newly renovated Simulation Clinic.

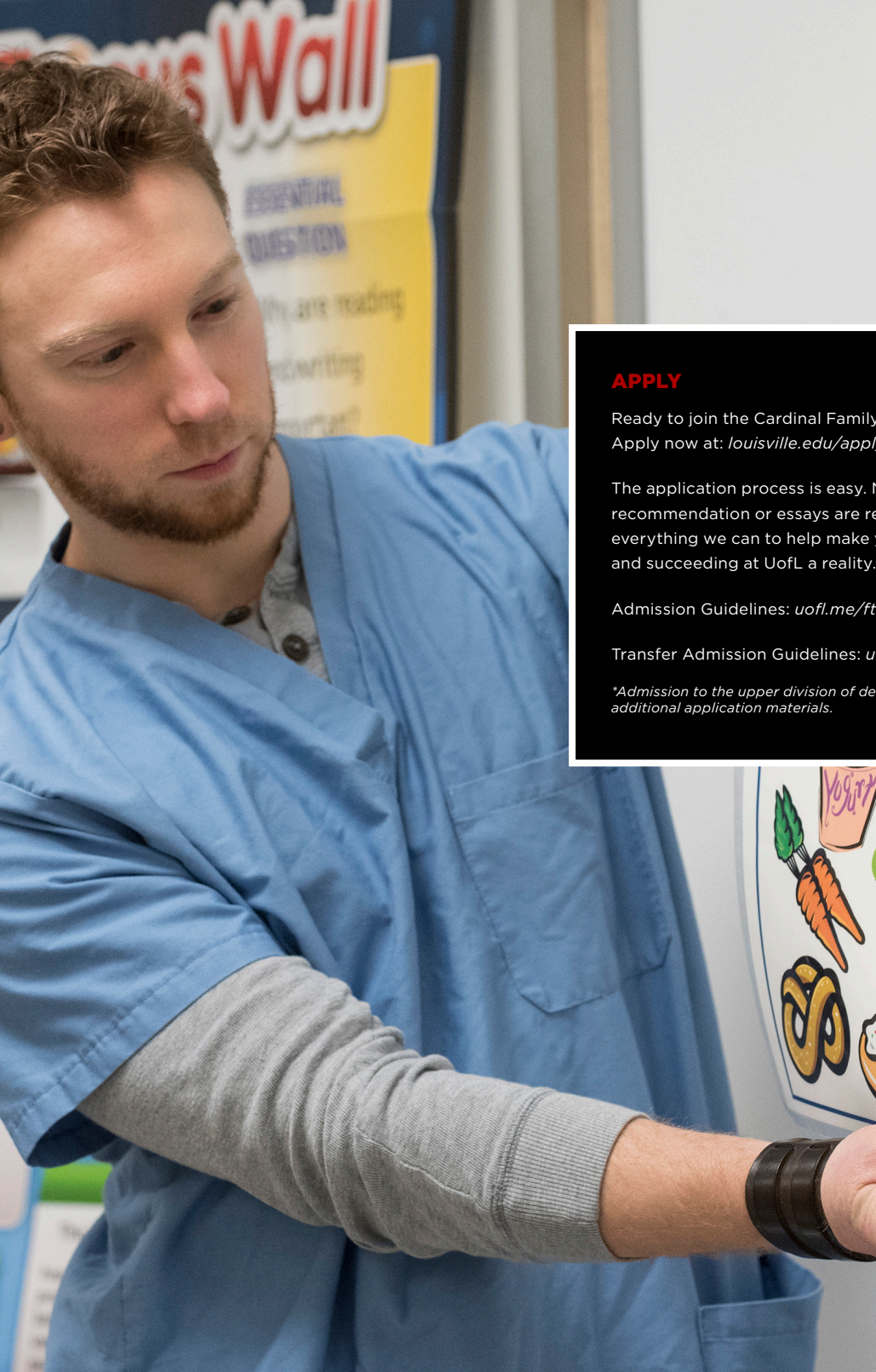
LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY

In partnership with the Health Sciences Center, the Health Sciences LLC brings together students wishing to pursue a career in Dental Hygiene, Nursing and Public Health. This community fosters exploration of these designated health science careers through courses, programming, services, and connections to campus and community resources.

Highlights

- » Opportunities to meet with faculty and upperclassmen outside of the classroom setting.
- » Academic programming outside of the classroom designed to assist you in becoming a more confident, well rounded, and successful student.
- » Social activities to assist you in networking with UofL community members, other students within your major, as well as health-science students in related majors, and faculty.
- » Pre-registered, shared course blocks to build academic community within the group.
- » Major specific programming provided to help expand your understanding of academic and career pathways.
- » Opportunity to build a small support group within your major and career interest area.

Visit uofl.me/llc to learn more.



APPLY

Ready to join the Cardinal Family?
Apply now at: louisville.edu/apply

The application process is easy. No letters of recommendation or essays are required. We'll do everything we can to help make your dream of attending and succeeding at UofL a reality.

Admission Guidelines: uofl.me/ftf-adm-guidelines

Transfer Admission Guidelines: uofl.me/trf-admissions

**Admission to the upper division of dental hygiene will require additional application materials.*



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