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**

» 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 the college career
» An important part of your senior year, this co-op is 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
   Upper Division dental hygiene students 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
» Public health
» Corporate sales
» Education
» Patient care, including select populations such as senior citizens, children and special needs patients

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.

DENTAL HYGIENE LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY

Live and study with fellow dental hygiene majors in Community Park. This residential community fosters exploration of your career path. Community members are required to complete common courses and have special access to programming, campus services and community resources.

Required Courses:

» DHED 101 - Dental Hygiene Academic Orientation
» BIOL 102 - Introduction to Biological Systems
» BIOL 104 - Laboratory for Introduction to Biological Systems
» CHEM 101 - Introduction to Chemistry
» BIOL 257 - Introduction to Microbiology

For more information:
uofl.me/dental-llc
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Ready to join the Cardinal Family? Apply now at:
 louisville.edu/apply

The application process is easy, and no essays or letters of recommendation* are required.

We’ll do everything we can to help make your dream of attending and succeeding at UofL a reality.

For transfer admission guidelines:
 uofl.me/trf-admissions

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