



## Do you like to make people smile?

A dental hygiene appointment can put a grin on anyone's face. Professional dental hygienists with good people skills can make patients feel more comfortable—and confident that they're getting the best care. If you like working closely with others and are interested in science, then a career in dental hygiene could make you smile, too.

Northern Arizona University's program includes two semesters of prerequisite coursework and three years of professional training. Practice in our 18-chair dental hygiene clinic and five-chair radiographic facility. Survey the latest developments in your profession through lectures by dental hygienists in specialized practice, oral surgeons, periodontists, orthodontists, and pediatric dentists. And study within view of the snow-crowned San Francisco Peaks!

The Department of Dental Hygiene embraces diversity and excellence. Our program is fully accredited by the American Dental Association. You will graduate fully prepared to take regional and national board examinations. Launch a career in smiles!

### Degree Programs

#### ■ Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene

Extended major

#### ■ Bachelor of Science Completion in Dental Hygiene online

Exclusively for licensed dental hygienists

#### ■ Bachelor of Science Completion in Dental Hygiene Phoenix

Exclusively for licensed dental hygienists

### Career Opportunities

Begin your career in a...

Community college  
Community health center  
Dental supply company  
Indian Health Service (IHS)  
Pharmaceutical company  
Private dental office

Study to become a ...

Commissioned officer with IHS  
Dental hygiene educator  
Dental hygiene researcher  
Pharmaceutical representative  
Clinical dental hygienist

**“As a student at Northern Arizona University’s dental hygiene program, I received a well-rounded education. The program provides a healthy learning environment; it also stresses excellent interpersonal communication skills.”**

Jennifer Klaus, Class of 1988

## Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

A foundation in chemistry, biology, general anatomy, and physiology will prepare you for the professional program, which includes head and neck anatomy, oral pathology, periodontology, theory and practice of dental hygiene, and much more ...

### X-rays and you

A routine part of the dental hygienist's job is the preparation of quality radiographs—X-rays. Few tools in the field are more valuable in diagnosing and treating oral health problems. In our lecture/lab course, **Oral Radiology**, learn the basics of radiation, radiation biology, radiographic techniques, the darkroom, and normal radiographic anatomy.

### Keeping the patient comfortable

Study the accepted uses of anesthetics in oral health care in our **Pain Control** course. You will learn to properly administer local anesthetics and nitrous oxide to keep patients comfortable during dental hygiene procedures. In our **Pharmacology** course, you'll survey the effects of common over-the-counter and prescription drugs, including potential side effects and oral complications.

## Experience the Work World

Develop your professional skills at the university's Dental Hygiene Clinic, which provides comprehensive services to students and the public. Learn to treat medically compromised, home-bound, and developmentally disabled patients using portable dental equipment.

Complete your three-week internship in a public-health dental facility serving Native American, military, or underserved populations; most sites are in Arizona, but opportunities are also available in other states and internationally.

COSTEP, a federal program that supports education in professional health fields, accepts senior-level student applications for paid summer employment in a public health facility.

### Make the most of what you know

You have a degree. You passed the licensure exams. How do you create a satisfying career? Our **Career Management** course will help you consider the many available career options and how they can serve you. Explore the use of new products and equipment to enhance patient care in different health-care settings.

## Participate!

Make friends in your future profession through the **Student Dental Hygienists' Association (SDHA)**. Each year SDHA conducts community service projects like Kiddie Clinic, which provides some 100 local children with dental hygiene services, education, and a day of fun and games.