MASTER OF SCIENCE: DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION

This program is no longer accepting students.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

- Our graduates will demonstrate the ability to produce original and scholarly research projects and communicate their findings in manuscript form.
- Our graduates will utilize computer technology to advance teaching and education
- Our graduates will be able to explain the relationship between higher education and oral health care policy (issues) in dental hygiene
- Our graduates will have the knowledge to demonstrate through behavior, high standards of ethics, integrity, and responsibilities in professional situations
- Our graduates will have the ability to teach and organize courses and curriculums in dental hygiene educational programs
- Our graduates will demonstrate the ability to be leaders in their communities, organizations, institutions and work environments

Student Learning Outcomes

The Graduate Dental Hygiene Program at the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Dentistry builds upon the foundation of the baccalaureate degree dental hygienist. Upon completion of the 36 credit hours necessary for graduation, the student will be able to do the following:

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2. Our graduates will utilize computer technology to advance teaching and education.
3. Our graduates will be able to explain the relationship between higher education and oral health care policy (issues) in dental hygiene.
4. Our graduates will have the knowledge to demonstrate through behavior, high standards of ethics, integrity, and responsibilities in professional situations.
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Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
DENT-HYG 4130	Introduction to Instructional Technologies and Online Learning	1
DENT-HYG 5502	Foundations of Teaching	2
DENT-HYG 5500	Introduction to Educational Methodology	3
DENT-HYG 5510	Student Teaching and Conference I	2-4
DENT-HYG 5516	Special Issues in Higher Education for Health Professional	3
DENT-HYG 5530	Clinical Instruction and Conference I	2-4
DENT-HYG 5553	Evidence Based Decision Making in the Clinical Practice of Dental Hygiene	2
DENT-HYG 5595	Writing in Science	2
DENT-HYG 5599	Research And Thesis	1-6
RES-ME 5700	Introduction to Research Methodology	3
RES-ME 5704	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
DENT-HYG 5585	Portfolio Capstone Course	1
Total Credit Hours		27-36

It is highly recommended that the student take the following:

Code	Title	Credits
DENT-HYG 5512	Student Teaching and Conference II	2-4
DENT-HYG 5532	Clinical Instruction and Conference II	2-4

For students who do not reside in the Kansas City area (online students) some courses (DENT-HYG 5510 Student Teaching and Conference I and DENT-HYG 5530 Clinical Instruction and Conference I) require teaching (didactic or clinically) at a college/university setting other than UMKC. In those cases, an affiliation agreement is required. It is the student's responsibility to get permission from the sponsoring institution to teach in their facility. Once the student has initiated contact, the UMKC program director will contact the program director of the sponsoring institution.

The total number of credit hours required for completion of the Master of Science Degree Program in Dental Hygiene Education is 36 credit hours.

Graduation Requirements

1. A minimum of a 3.0 GPA.
2. Successful completion of 36 credit hours and the completion of an original research project, manuscript ready for publication.
3. All other requirements for graduation as stated in the General Graduate Academic Regulations and Information section of the UMKC General Catalog. For more information - please visit www.umkc.edu/sgs (http://www.umkc.edu/sgs/)
4. Design and disseminate to other professionals appropriate to your area of research a scholarly presentation at a regional, state, or national conference with other health professionals.
5. Successful completion of a portfolio as presented in DENT-HYG 5585. The final portfolio must be turned into the program director 6 weeks prior to the student's anticipated graduation date.

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