

Dental Hygienist

PRESENTATION



What is a Dental Hygienist? ✨

A dental hygienist is a licensed healthcare professional who collaborates with dentists to promote oral health and hygiene, aiming to prevent and treat dental and gum-related diseases.



Job Duties

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- Using the appropriate dental instruments to perform routine cleanings
- Removing plaque, tartar, and stains from a patient's teeth
- Cleaning, sterilizing, and organizing dental instruments

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- Reviewing and maintaining a patient's medical history
- Taking dental X-rays
- Inspecting the mouth for signs of oral cancer
- Checking the gums for signs of gum disease

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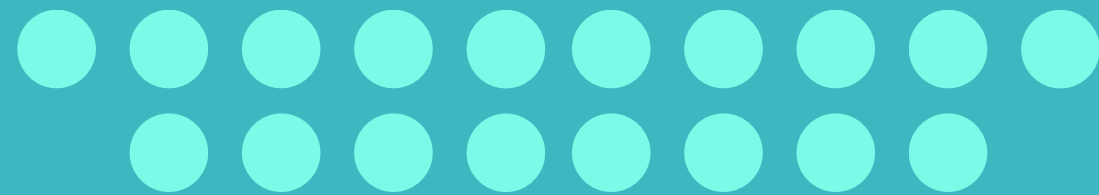
- Providing any findings of symptoms of various diseases to the dentists so they can make a diagnosis
- Educating patients on preventative care and good dental hygiene practices
- Assisting the dentists with more complicated procedures, like administering anesthesia or removing stitches

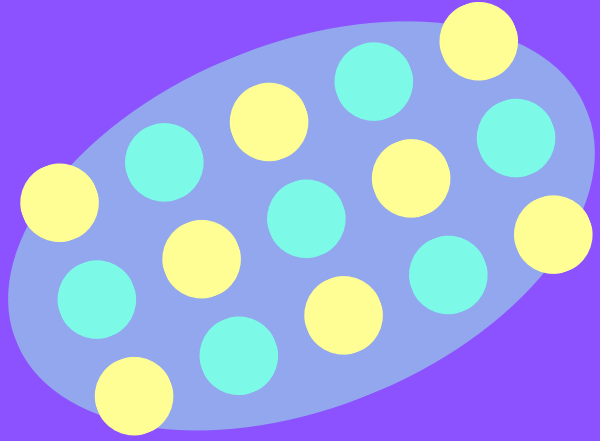


Salary

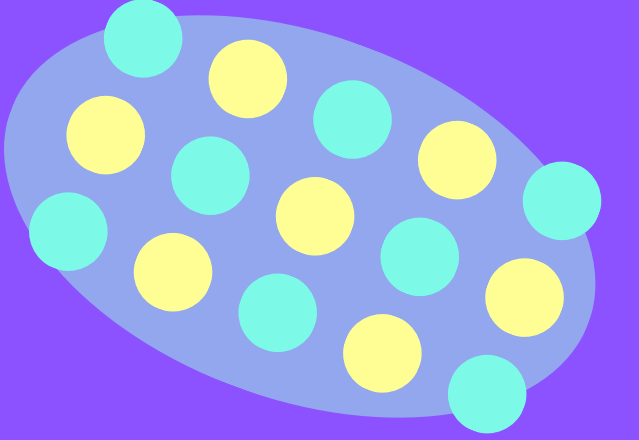
Starting- \$60,380

Median- \$81,400





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Post High School Training

Associates Programs

Years to Complete

At the minimum 24 months (2 years) maximum 5 years

Certificate, Associate, or Bachelor's program?

Minimum of an Associates degree to become licensed. Some schools do offer master degree programs.

SAT, GPA, and high school course requirements to be accepted

2.5 GPA or higher

Internships or Residency Training

Associates programs require you to complete core courses and an internship in a dental office

Person to Contact

admission officer

Colleges That Provide Dental Hygienist Program



Name- Community College of
Philadelphia

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Location- Philadelphia



Name- New York University
Location- New York

Info about Dental Hygiene Programs



- You need to have a gpa of 2.5 or higher
- Associate degree- \$3,810- \$42,290/ 20-30 months
- Bachelor's degree- \$17,640- \$77,350/ 4 years
- Master's degree- \$23,000- \$71,020/ between 1-2 years



Resource Page

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