

## B.S. in Dental Hygiene (2+2) Description

The B.S. in dental hygiene (a 2+2 program with the University of Mississippi Medical Center) prepares an individual for employment as a clinical practitioner, educator, researcher, administrator, or consultant in dental hygiene. The program prepares graduates to seek licensure as a registered dental hygienist.

### Minimum Total Credit Hours: 124 Course Requirements

The B.S. in dental hygiene is a two-phase program, which prepares graduates for a professional credentialing examination. The first phase consists of 60 semester hours with a 2.5 minimum GPA. The second phase is in a professional program such as the dental hygiene program offered at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. At least 8 hours of observation of two licensed or registered dental hygienists, in two separate clinical environments is required. Students must meet minimum criteria and apply to UMMC by February 15 of the year the candidate desires entry, and admission is competitive. For further UMMC admissions information, [visit the UMMC catalog](#).

Courses to be completed that are specific prerequisites for the program at UMMC only are as follows:

Course	Hours
Writ 101, 102 (or Liba 102)	6
Math 121	3
Bisc 160, 161	4
Chem 105, 115, 106, 116	8
Bisc 206, 207	8
Bisc 210	4
Psy 201	3
Psy 301 or 311, or NHM 323 or 328	3
Soc 101	3
Fine arts	3
Spch 102 or 105	3
NHM 311 Nutrition	3
Humanities	6
Clc 201 or ES 396	3

