

Dental Hygienist



The Job

Dental hygienists work with dentists to inspect and clean patients' teeth. As advocates for oral health, hygienists educate patients about the importance of preventive care.

Daily Duties



Patient Screenings



- Assess oral health
- Review health history
- Oral cancer screening

Patient Cleanings



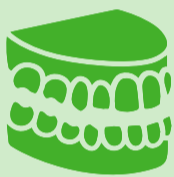
- Remove tartar
- Remove plaque
- Floss

Apply Treatments



- Sealants
- Fluorides

Take Impressions



Educate Patients



- Brushing and flossing
- Nutrition

Perform X-Rays



Plan Your Career Path

Start



Obtain a Degree

Dental hygienists must hold an associate's degree. Many community colleges and dental schools offer two-year dental hygiene programs.



Get Licensed

Eligibility requirements vary by state, but hygienists must hold post-secondary credentials from accredited programs. Other requirements include CPR certification, transcripts and continuing education.



Research & Apply

Apply for RDH positions that interest you! Look for leads through your entry-level program, local jobs fairs or online research.

Hygienist



Stats

200,000+ jobs in 2014



95% are female



Requires a 2 year degree



85% report overall job satisfaction



Average Salary



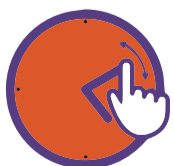
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Job Perks



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Flexible HOURS



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