DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MEMPHIS

Dental Hygiene is a preventative oral health profession whose practitioners are responsible for promoting optimal oral health. Specific professional activities of the dental hygienist include initial screening, examination and charting of each patient's teeth, soft tissue and other oral structures; removal of calculus and plaque, application of fluoride and dental sealants, etc.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES

Requirements and Prerequisites		Total Hours
English Composition I & II and Literature	ENG101, 102, and any literature	9
General Biology II	BIO112	4
Microbiology	BIO215	4
General Chemistry I & II & Labs	CHE121/121L & 122/122L	8
Human A&P I & II	BIO211, 212	8
Sociology	SOC241 (at least 3 hours)	6*
Psychology	PSY210 (at least 3 hours)	6*
Speech	COM140	3
Electives		10
Total Semester Hour Credits		**58**

OTHER RECOMMENDED ELECTIVE COURSES

Within the hours of electives above CIS180, Introduction to System Administration, and Spanish are recommended. Credit hours for non-theory courses in Physical Education, Music, and Art are not acceptable as electives.

Before clinical activities begin during the first semester at UT Memphis, proof of current CPR certification will be required. Students are advised to obtain CPR certification prior to enrollment in the program.

*A total of 12 hours must be taken from Sociology and Psychology. At least 3 hours must come from sociology, and at least 3 hours must come from Psychology.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? ____ YES X NO

The Dental Hygiene program is a 2/2 program-2 years at an accredited college or university, followed by 2 years at UT Memphis.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

At a minimum, observation of a dental hygienist is recommended. There is no set number of hours required. Work experience in a dental practice is also considered positive and recommended by the admissions committee.

AVERAGE GPA OF LAST ENTERING CLASS: 3.4

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15