

# DENTAL HYGIENIST

## Career Pathway

### JOB DESCRIPTION:

Dental hygienists clean teeth, examine patients for signs of oral diseases such as gingivitis, and provide other preventive dental care. They also educate patients on ways to improve and maintain good oral health.

### SALARY RANGE:

\$60,000 - \$100,000 Annually

### EMPLOYMENT

Work as a dental hygienist in a private office. Some dental hygienists may also work in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, or dental schools

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Complete Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in Dental Hygiene

- Includes both classroom instruction and clinical practice

### PREREQUISITE

Must be 18 years old

- College preferred, not required
- Some schools require prerequisite science courses

### CERTIFICATIONS/EXAMS

- Must pass National Board Dental Hygiene Examination
- Pass state-authorized licensure examination

### For more information:

*Ask your school's college/career counselor*

<https://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/careers-in-dentistry/dental-team-careers/dental-hygienist/education-training-requirements-dental-hygienist>

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/dental-dental-hygiene-schools-in-massachusetts>



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