UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

With a proud history of more than 50 years, the UW School of Dentistry looks to the future with strength, stability, and an on-going commitment to excellence. We continue to move forward in our mission of education, research, patient care and community service. We seek to educate a progressive oral health workforce, develop community collaborations, and bring advances in science to address the pressing oral health needs of our state, the nation and the world. We do this by preparing our students to be the most competent oral health care professionals possible.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

The University of Washington is the largest and perhaps the most scenic campus on the West Coast. Currently there are in excess of 27,000 students on campus. Nearly 12,000 of these are graduate students, drawn from all over the United States and many foreign countries. The Health Sciences complex is a contiguous part of the main campus. Most parts of the university can be reached in a ten-minute walk. The Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Public Health are located in the Magnuson Health Sciences Center.

THE SEATTLE COMMUNITY

The region abounds with possibilities for outdoor recreation of almost all kinds. Many sites for skiing can be found within a one to two hour drive. Opportunities for hiking, sailing, mountaineering, etc., are excellent. In addition, the city of Seattle provides a wide spectrum of cultural offerings, including drama, symphony, opera, folk music, poetry readings, as well as the professional sports of baseball, football, soccer, and hockey.

OUR COMMITMENT

We are strongly committed to preparing the dental hygienist for a promising career in higher education, research and health care. Our Program is flexible allowing each student to arrange their curriculum to meet their educational goals. Our goal is to prepare dental hygienists to teach, mentor, provide patient care, conduct research, manage and become leaders in dental hygiene education, research, and practice.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

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The University of Washington reaffirms its policy of equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, or status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran in accordance with University policy and applicable federal and state statutes and regulations.
REQUIRED COURSEWORK
Required Coursework involves study of topics including:

- Dental Hygiene Seminars
- Microbiology
- Immunology
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Oral Pathology
- Histology
- Biostatistics
- Clinical Epidemiology
- Independent Study (Capstone Project)

Electives are available in many other topics including:

- Clinical Conferences
- Clinical Literature Reviews
- Clinical Research Seminars
- Acute & Chronic Pain
- Advanced Treatment Planning
- Pharmacology
- Sedation & Pain Control
- Local Anesthesia
- Craniofacial Anatomy
- Clinical Stomatology
- Introduction to Periodontics
- Research Techniques
- Genetics & Molecular Biology
- Strategies of Health Promotion
- Health Services & Public Health
- Clinical Care of Persons with Disabilities
- Clinical Care of Medically Compromised Patients

Available Teaching Courses
- Teaching Methods in Health Education
- Evaluation of Learning in Health Education
- Supervised Teaching in the School of Dentistry
- Teaching Externships

PROGRAM GOALS
- Educate dental hygienists in the basic and clinical dental sciences
- Provide hands-on experience in teaching dental hygiene and/or dentistry at the community college or university levels
- Provide opportunities to participate and learn about the care of special needs and medically compromised patients in an academic setting
- Provide opportunities to participate in one or more research projects involving a basic or applied science/clinical question

PROGRAM OF STUDY
The overall goal of this program is to train dental hygienists to be educators and teachers. Students receive comprehensive training in many of the basic and applied (clinical) sciences, participate in clinical care of special needs and medically compromised patients in an academic setting. They will be required to complete a capstone research project. There are also opportunities to present at regional or national dental hygiene or dental research meetings. The Oral Biology graduate program also includes a M.S. or Ph.D. in Oral Biology.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Admission into our M.S. Program requires a Bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene from an accredited program or an associate degree from an accredited program plus a bachelor’s degree. A 3.0 or 8 grade-point average in the most recent 2 years of study is required. Acceptance into our Program requires the approval of the Department of Oral Biology and the Graduate School. You must complete the on-line application to Graduate Admissions which can be found at:
https://www.grad.washington.edu/appForAdmis/ along with the following departmental requirements:

- Three letters of recommendation
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Purpose
- Official Transcripts
- GRE (General Test)
- TOEFL (International applicants)

The application deadline is January 15 and the program starts in Summer or Autumn Quarter.

TUITION AND FEES
For tuition and fee information, visit:
www.washington.edu/admin/pb/home/opb-tuition.htm

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS
University of Washington, Office of Financial Aid
www.washington.edu/students/osfa/

Dental Hygiene Scholarships for Graduate Studies
The American Dental Hygienists’ Association
www.adha.org
The American Dental Education Association
www.adea.org

OUR ALUMNI
Our past graduates are now serving as tenured faculty in dental hygiene programs at colleges and universities in the U.S. as well as abroad. Others are serving as industry and dental hygiene education consultants, scientific writers and researchers. Other graduates have gone on to pursue Ph.D. or D.D.S. degrees.

COMMENTS FROM OUR GRADUATES
“I feel that my M.S. in Oral Biology in Dental Hygiene at the UW has been integral to the success of my career. From my textbook writing to my seminars. I would not have been able to have the strong basis in my discipline without the degree.”
Margaret J. Fehrenbach, RDH, MS
Dental Hygiene Educational Consultant and Dental Science Technical Writer

“The personnel of the Oral Biology Program supported my endeavors and maintained inexhaustible support for my successful completion of the program. As I serve as a faculty member at Hagerstown Community College, I appreciate the strong education and the lifelong connections the University of Washington provided me.”
Theresa Marks, MS, RDH, CDA
Dental Program Instructor, Hagerstown Community College

“The Program challenged me intellectually and offered opportunities to meet with experts in many areas of dental research. It is a huge bonus to have a dental hygiene master’s program that is part of one of the nation’s top dental research institutes.”
Diane M. Dambert, RDH, MS
Department of Periodontics, University of Washington

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