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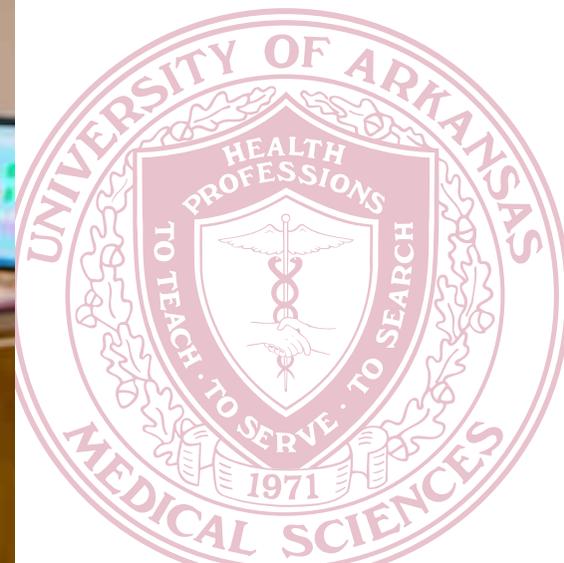
**JOIN A REWARDING PROFESSION WITH EXCELLENT  
LONG-TERM PROSPECTS**

“ The course work and particularly the clinical hours of the dental hygiene program at UAMS more than prepared me for my career as a dental hygienist. ”

Hannah McLelland, Bachelor of Science, Class of 2014

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## A COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM THAT LEADS TO REWARDING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

At the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), dental hygiene students are well prepared to be effective, competent health care professionals through a four-pronged mission, which includes education, service, research and patient care.

This accredited\* dental hygiene program offers students two degree options: an Associate of Science or Bachelor of Science. The high quality education that dental hygiene students receive at UAMS gives them a competitive edge in the job market.



\*American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation

### Dental Hygienists Focus on Preventing and Treating Oral Diseases

Dental hygienist students learn to:

- Perform oral health care assessments: review patients' health history, dental charting, oral cancer screening and recording blood pressure.
- Counsel about plaque control, the importance of good nutrition, maintenance of optimal oral health and develop individualized at-home oral hygiene programs.
- Provide contemporary and quality dental hygiene care to a diverse patient population with a variety of needs.

### Experienced Faculty + Vigorous Program = Successful Students

- Through didactic and clinical education, the program prepares graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed; in fact, recent first-time pass rates for the national board were 100 percent.
- Favorable student-to-faculty ratios — 5:1 clinic, 10:1 laboratory and 34:1 classroom — promotes more opportunities for learning and guidance.
- A positive, stimulating environment fosters maximized learning as well as professional and ethical development.
- Graduates are prepared to assume and maintain the role of ethical, competent and progressive professional practitioners.
- Variation of rotation sites — such as Arkansas Children's Hospital, the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System and Wakefield Elementary School — gives students valuable experience in the field.
- The UAMS dental hygiene program provides ample opportunities for interprofessional education at its 12th Street Health & Wellness Center in Little Rock.

### An Evolving Profession Means More Employment Opportunities for Graduates

- Dental hygiene employment opportunities are expected to grow 33 percent by 2022, much faster than other occupations.
- Diverse workplace opportunities include education, research, collaborative care, public health, nursing home and schools.
- Federal health legislation is expected to expand the number of patients with access to health insurance. People with new or expanded dental insurance will be more likely to visit a dentist, which will increase demand for hygienists.
- More research linking oral health and general health will spur the demand for preventative dental services, often provided by dental hygienists.
- Hygienists with a collaborative care permit practice independently in partnership with the dentist.
- An aging population's need to maintain dental health will drive the demand for dental care.

### Earn a Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree or an Associate of Science (AS) Degree

Students can choose to pursue either the BS or AS in dental hygiene. Both programs require that prerequisite courses be completed prior to application. Graduation from either option qualifies the student to apply for state, regional and national examinations required for licensure. For details on the course curriculum and requirements, visit [healthprofessions.UAMS.edu](http://healthprofessions.UAMS.edu).