



Start Your Career Path as a Dental Hygienist

As a dental hygienist, you will play an essential role in helping patients maintain good oral health. Performing regular cleanings and offering helpful tips for effective home care are among the key duties in your job description. *Remember, no career path is the same. For the most up-to-date information, contact the school or business.*



Virginia Partnership
for Health Science Careers



= Certification Required



= Education Required



= Fee Payment Required

Reach out to a counselor at your high school, local community college, or four-year college or university. For more information, visit: virginiahealthcareers.org

Starting your dental hygienist career journey in high school?

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Registered Dental Hygienist
Salary Range: \$66k - \$120
License
Associate degree
Germanna Community College
Bachelor's degree
Old Dominion University
VCU School of Dentistry
Master's degree
Old Dominion University



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Degrees & Certificates Guide

AS - An Associate of Science degree is a two-year degree that combines general coursework with major-specific classes.

AAS - An Associate of Applied Science degree is a two-year college degree that focuses on a specific technical skill of applied science.

Certificate - A certificate of study is a postsecondary credential that shows completed practical training and gained skills in a specific field and carries credit.

Career Studies Certificate - A careers studies program is a short-term program that improves job skills (12-18 academic credits, 15-18 months to complete).

FastForward - FastForward is a short-term workforce training program that offers industry credentials and certifications in a shorter time period (non-credit).