

Program**Contact**

Program Title: Dental Hygiene

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State	Meets Educational Requirements	Does not meet Educational Requirements	Undetermined
Alabama	X		
Alaska	X		
Arizona	X		
Arkansas	X		
California			X
Colorado	X		
Connecticut	X		
Delaware	X		
Florida	X		
Georgia	X		
Hawaii	X		
Idaho	X		
Illinois	X		
Indiana	X		
Iowa	X		
Kansas	X		
Kentucky	X		
Louisiana	X		
Maine	X		
Maryland	X		
Massachusetts	X		
Michigan	X		
Minnesota	X		
Mississippi	X		
Missouri	X		

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Montana	X		
Nebraska	X		
Nevada	X		
New Hampshire	X		
New Jersey	X		
New Mexico	X		
New York	X		
North Carolina	X		
North Dakota	X		
Ohio	X		
Oklahoma	X		
Oregon			X
Pennsylvania	X		
Rhode Island	X		
South Carolina	X		
South Dakota	X		
Tennessee	X		
Texas	X		
Utah	X		
Vermont	X		
Virginia	X		
Washington			X
West Virginia			X
Wisconsin	X		
Wyoming	X		

Comments:

State licensure in Dental Hygiene is required in all states. To obtain licensure upon graduation, a student must graduate from a Dental Hygiene Program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), and pass both the National Board Dental Hygiene Exam and a Clinical Board Exam. Most states now require a course in local anesthesia and nitrous oxide sedation, however not all states have this requirement. California, Washington, and Oregon have requirements above the minimum that are “expanded function” so they may require students to take additional course work prior to licensure.

Program graduates should consult with individual state licensing agencies for specific licensure application requirements. A list of all state dental boards can be found at <https://www.dentalboards.org/state-dental-board-list>.

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