

## Program Roadmap: Is this program right for you?

### About You

- You're mature, considerate and respectful, and able to conduct yourself in a professional manner.
- You have strong oral and written English communication skills to work with clients, co-workers and other health-care professionals.
- You'll need to possess fine motor skills and visual acuity to use various manual and power-driven dental hygiene instruments in the mouth.
- You have a high-level ability to critically apply knowledge.



### Are you ready?

- To participate in a full-time course load, with classes/clinics and labs Monday to Friday, and to complete additional coursework during evenings/weekends. For those with part-time employment, we recommend working no more than 8-10 hours per week in order to meet the program requirements.
- To meet the physical and emotional demands of a clinical environment, function effectively under stress and multitask well.
- To create rapport and develop therapeutic relationships with clients.

### Did you know?

- A dental hygienist is a regulated health-care professional who must annually participate in quality assurance activities to maintain their professional status.
- A dental hygienist can work within a dental team or as an independent practitioner.

### Chart Your Path Success

|                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Year (Semester 1+2+3)  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (Semester 4+5+6)  |
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| Academic Experience  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22 required courses</li> <li>• 1 elective</li> <li>• Plus any additional courses required based on placement test results*</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 required courses</li> <li>• 1 elective</li> <li>• Includes: Community Field Practicum</li> </ul> |
| Industry Connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our strong connections to industry partners allow us to maintain currency in the Dental Hygiene program.</li> <li>• Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to write the National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination. (Note: Additional fees apply.) Successful completion is one of the requirements for registration by the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario to practice in the province. See <a href="http://cdho.org">cdho.org</a> (A Guide to the Process of Being Registered as a Dental Hygienist in Ontario) for further information.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Preparation Tips     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete your police check and mandatory health requirements by the deadlines stated for your program.</li> <li>• Register on <a href="#">STU-VIEW</a> for a mandatory in-person English placement test and for your courses.</li> <li>• Set up your <a href="http://georgebrown.ca">georgebrown.ca</a> email. This is how the college will keep in touch with you and will send you orientation information.</li> <li>• Get your student ID card. It gives you access to many college services and activities, including the Library Learning Commons.</li> <li>• Apply for financial aid and scholarships.</li> </ul> |  |

\*Extra fees may apply

## Other Services

The [Current Student](#)<sup>2</sup> page has information about available services and activities including: [Athletics](#)<sup>3</sup> (including clubs & recreation), [Student Life](#)<sup>4</sup> activities (including the [Student Leadership Academy](#)<sup>5</sup>), [Counselling](#)<sup>6</sup>, [Accessible Learning Services](#)<sup>7</sup>, [Library Learning Commons](#)<sup>8</sup>, [tutoring](#)<sup>9</sup>, [peer coaching](#)<sup>10</sup>, [technical support](#)<sup>11</sup> and more.



## Program Highlights

- Participate in community field experiences with [Toronto Public Health](#)<sup>12</sup> and [West End Oral Health Clinic](#)<sup>13</sup> and possibly hospital settings.
- Learn with and from students in five other health-care programs.

## About Us

- We're highly regarded in the industry, and employers actively recruit our graduates.
- We offer an in-depth training program that combines the theoretical foundation necessary for building your career with clinical experience including a comprehensive range of field experiences in public health settings, public schools, teaching hospitals and long-term care facilities.
- Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, George Brown's Waterfront Campus offers student experiences in our state-of-the-art WAVE (Wellness Applied Research & Visionary Education) Dental Clinic.
- Our faculty, many of whom are graduates of this program, are dedicated to preparing the next generation for the rigours of our changing dental care environment.

## What's Next

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to write the **National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination**. (Note: Additional fees apply.) Successful completion is one of the requirements for registration by the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario to practice in the province. See [cdho.org](#)<sup>14</sup> (A Guide to the Process of Being Registered as a Dental Hygienist in Ontario) for further information.

**Dental hygienists are members of a self-regulated health profession.**

**Dental hygiene practice settings include:**

- clinical practice
- community health services
- hospitals
- teaching institutions
- collective living centres
- research
- the dental industry

## Want more training?

Graduates who are an active registrant with the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario and have current clinical dental hygiene experience for at least one full year are eligible to apply to George Brown's [Restorative Dental Hygiene program \(S400\)](#)<sup>15</sup>. Students in this postgraduate program learn to perform restorative procedures to the restorative dental hygienist's full scope of practice.

For information on future study options, see [georgebrown.ca/transferguide](#).

## Need career support?

Jump-start your job search with [Career Services](#)<sup>16</sup> and [Career Coach](#)<sup>17</sup>.

The Career Services centre offers support to students before, during and after their studies.

- Identify your strengths and develop your career skills.
- Use our online tools and interactive workshops to build your resume, cover letter and interview skills.
- Work one-on-one with a Career Advisor to start your career development.

## Still unsure?

We can help you find the program that's right for you.

Contact an Entry Advisor at 416-415-5000, ext. 2949 or [collegeadvisor@georgebrown.ca](mailto:collegeadvisor@georgebrown.ca).

Book an appointment using the [Entry Advising Client Intake Form](#)<sup>18</sup>



## Links Reference

- <sup>1</sup><http://stuvivw.georgebrown.ca>
- <sup>2</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/current-students/>
- <sup>3</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/athletics/>
- <sup>4</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/studentlife/>
- <sup>5</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/studentleadershipacademy/>
- <sup>6</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/current-students/counselling/>
- <sup>7</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/accessible-learning-services/>
- <sup>8</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/lhc/>
- <sup>9</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/tlc/>
- <sup>10</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/peerconnect/>
- <sup>11</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/lhc/technology/techhelp/>
- <sup>12</sup><https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/accountability-operations-customer-service/city-administration/staff-directory-divisions-and-customer-service/toronto-public-health/>
- <sup>13</sup><https://pqwchc.org/programs-services/dental-services/west-end-oral-health-clinic/>
- <sup>14</sup><http://www.cdho.org/>
- <sup>15</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/programs/restorative-dental-hygiene-postgraduate-program-s400/>
- <sup>16</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/careerservices/>
- <sup>17</sup><https://georgebrown.emsicc.com/?radius=@ion=Toronto>
- <sup>18</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/advising/contactform/>
- <sup>19</sup><https://www.facebook.com/georgebrowncollege>
- <sup>20</sup><http://www.twitter.com/GBCollege>
- <sup>21</sup><http://www.instagram.com/gbcollege/>
- <sup>22</sup><http://www.youtube.com/user/georgebrowncollege>
- <sup>23</sup><https://www.georgebrown.ca/mobileapps/>

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