The Dental Hygiene program at Ohio State leads to a Bachelor of Science and is the only baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene in the state of Ohio. A dental hygienist is a preventive oral health professional that is licensed in dental hygiene. Dental hygienists provide educational, clinical, and therapeutic services supporting total health through the promotion of oral health. The dental hygienist works with the dental team in the prevention and control of dental disease. Various practice settings provide diverse opportunities for a licensed dental hygienist. While most people are familiar with dental hygienists as clinicians in a private dental office, dental hygienists work in a variety of roles.¹

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
- Consulting
- Corporate administrator
- Corporate educator
- Dental Office Manager
- Product researcher
- Sales Representative

**Health Professions**
- Dental Hygienist
- Public Health Administrator
- Public Health Clinician
- Sealant Program Administrator

**Education**
- Clinical Instructor

**Non-Profit/Advocacy**
- Community Consultant
- Patient Advocate

**Graduate School**
- See Graduate School Sheet

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills:**

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*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: [http://www.ccss.osu.edu](http://www.ccss.osu.edu)*

**Professional Links:**

- Ohio State Dental Board: [http://www.dental.ohio.gov/](http://www.dental.ohio.gov/)
- The Columbus Dental Hygienists’ Association: [http://www.thecdha.com/](http://www.thecdha.com/)