

Office of Pre-Health Professions
PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE

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Degree Requirements for students seeking matriculation to Loma Linda University:

1. If you plan to attend another university, please visit the Office of Pre-Health Professions early so that we can assist you in meeting all requirements.
2. **G.P.A.:** Applicants need to have a minimum science and non-science GPA of **3.3**; pre-foundational courses and **C minus (C-)** grades are not transferable.
3. **Application to Loma Linda:** Applications should be submitted between July 1 and Feb. 1 of the year before matriculating to the dental hygiene program. Preference is given to those who submit their applications at the earliest date possible.
4. **Application to Loma Linda:** www.llu.edu/sahp/appform.html

	Units
Domain/Course(s)	
First Year Seminar (UNST 101A & 101B)	2
Domain 1: Religion and Humanities: A minimum of 20 qtr. units is required	
Religion Course: One religion course for every year of attendance at an SDA school. (Max. 8 units)	8
Humanities: Units must be from three (3) areas: Art/Music (Performing and applied arts limited to 4 qtr. units) (ARTA 205 or MUHL 205) Literature, Philosophy (ENGL 224, 246; PHIL 204, 208) History (HIST 105, HPSC 104, 106), Language: Any language including Amer. Sign Language	12
Domain 2: Scientific Inquiry and Analysis:	
Natural Sciences:	
Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 131 & Lab)	5
Anatomy & Physiology II (BIOL 132 & Lab)	5
Basic Medical Microbiology (BIOL 185 & Lab)	5
Introductory Chemistry I (CHEM 101 & Lab)	4.5
Introductory Chemistry II (CHEM 102 & Lab)	3.5
Introductory Chemistry III (CHEM 103 & Lab)	3.5
College Algebra (MATH121)	4
Social Sciences:	
General Sociology (SOC 104)	4
General Psychology (PSYC 104)	4
Developmental Psychology (PSYC 234)	4
Cultural Anthropology or Cultural Diversity Course	4
Domain 3: Communication:	
College Writing I (ENGL 111)	3
College Writing II (ENGL 112)	3
College Writing III (ENGL 113)	3
Fundamentals of Speech (COMM 104) OR Interpersonal Communication (COMM 244)	4
Introduction to Information systems (CPTG 104)	4
Domain 4: Health and Wellness	
Physical Education (2 Activity Courses)	1
Nutrition Theory & Practice (HLED 225) OR Dimensions of Health (HLED 214)	4
Strongly Recommended: Introduction to Dentistry (DENT 103)	1
Domain 5: Electives to complete 96 quarter units. Pre-foundational coursework does not count towards the 96 units.	

The Office of Pre-Health Professions is dedicated to providing quality service to La Sierra University students, faculty and staff. Our primary goal is to address your pre-professional needs. As a service-based department, we accept walk-ins on a daily basis. We endeavor to answer all of your questions about careers in the health field; no question is too small for our attention. We are located in Palmer Hall, home of the Chemistry department and next door to the Thaine B. Price Science Complex.

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Career opportunities and related occupations: Dental Hygienists work in dental offices, school system, health-related or governmental agencies, or teach in schools of dental hygiene. The dental hygienist cleans teeth and provides other preventive dental care as well as teaches patients how to practice good oral hygiene. Hygienists examine patients' teeth and gums, recording the presence of disease and/or abnormalities. They remove stains and plaque from teeth; take and develop dental x-rays; place temporary fillings and periodontal dressings; and smooth and polish metal restorations.

Educational Qualifications: To be licensed, students must graduate from an accredited dental hygiene program and pass both a written and clinical exam. A Bachelor's or Master's degree is usually required to do research, teach, or work in public or school health programs.

Job Opportunities: Employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupations through 2014, ranking among the fastest growing occupations, in response to increasing demand for dental care and the greater utilization of hygienists to perform services previously performed by dentists. Job prospects are expected to remain excellent.

Salary: The national average income for a dental hygienist is \$60,000 and the average income for California is \$80,000. For the most updated information on salaries visit: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm>.

Websites:	Loma Linda University:	Professional Organizations:
<p>La Sierra University: www.lasierra.edu/departments/prehealth</p> <p>Loma Linda University: www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry</p>	<p>Loma Linda University School of Dentistry Department of Dental Hygiene 11092 Anderson Street Loma Linda, CA 92354 Phone: 800.422.4558 E-mail: admissions.sd@llu.edu</p>	<p>American Dental Hygienists' Association 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400 Chicago, IL 60611 Phone: 312.440.8900 E-mail: mail@adha.net Website: www.adha.org</p>