**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Will this concentration qualify me for Dental School?**

No, additional science and other courses are required for admission to dental school.

If you are interested in continuing your education toward a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree and want to learn more about the program, please contact the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (RSDM) at 973-972-4300.

**Can I satisfy my state licensure or certification requirements by taking a SHRP allied dental course?**

Limited dental courses may be individually submitted for approval to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry, New Jersey Dental Hygienists Association or to the American Dental Assistants Association for continuing education approval.

**What is the application deadline?**

The deadline for application to the Program with submission of all supporting documents is August 1 annually. Required documents include official transcripts from all institutions from which academic credits have been earned. Entering classes begin each January.

**What are the other Program requirements?**

The curriculum is offered on-site in Scotch Plains, Newark and via web based instruction for interdisciplinary health sciences courses. Students are required to be computer literate upon enrollment and must have daily remote (off-campus) access to Internet services with web browsing and e-mail capability.

**ACCREDITATION**

The School of Health Related Professions is fully accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs in the Department of Allied Dental Education are accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA) Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

**What is the admission selection process?**

The selection of students into the Program is a competitive process and is the responsibility of the SHRP Office of Admissions. Decisions are based on a composite of the applicant's overall professional and academic ability. The School does not discriminate against qualified individuals on the basis of race, creed, national origin or disability. The University recognizes the value of diversity and is committed to providing appropriate support to its student body. The Disability Compliance Coordinator may be reached at 973-972-8594.

**Where will I take classes?**

Students must take all health-related courses (dental and allied health) at SHRP. IDST online courses are offered on the web. Students are also required to complete the SHRP Core Curriculum as outlined in the Core Curriculum information posted on the ADE website. All additional general education courses may be completed through community and State colleges.

**Can I take course work full-time or part-time?**

All dental and interdisciplinary studies courses are offered on a full-time basis following the completion of all prerequisite general education and Core Curriculum courses. The Program includes six (6) semesters of sequenced full-time study with two (2) summer, two (2) fall and two (2) spring terms.

For assistance please contact the office of admissions at 973-972-1844 or 973-972-5336

www.shrp.rutgers.edu/programs/dh

**How Do I Apply for Admission into the Program?**

Apply through the Rutgers SHRP website
You may contact the SHRP Office of Enrollment Services directly for questions.

Rutgers School of Health Related Professions (SHRP)
Office of Enrollment Services
65 Bergen Street, Room 149
Newark, NJ 07107-1709
Phone: 973-972-5336

Apply online at: http://shrp.rutgers.edu/prospective_students/admissions/online_app.html

**UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID**

http://rbhs.rutgers.edu/studentfinancialaid/index_new_brow.html
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Now is the time to expand your potential and qualify for employment opportunities in the dental profession. If you are an individual who would like to focus your education in dental hygiene towards obtaining a baccalaureate degree, the School of Health Related Professions’ Dental Hygiene Program is designed specifically for you. Today's allied dental practitioners are employed in a variety of health care settings. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in the field is expected to grow faster than that of many other professions in the coming years.

Graduation with your bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene (BSDH) will provide for challenging positions with an expanded range of options. Opportunities for graduates include dental management, teaching, marketing, sales and research in colleges and universities, hospitals, public health agencies, insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies and corporations.

The SHRP Dental Hygiene Program includes preparation in dental hygiene, allied health, management, education and research. Advanced technology, on-site instruction and distance learning will provide the best possible blended academic environment. Prior college credits earned from regionally accredited degree programs may be evaluated on an individual basis for application toward pre-requisite and Core Curriculum general education requirements for the BSDH degree.

The Program prepares you to obtain an advanced academic degree beyond that offered through most institutions with a dental hygiene program. Upon completion of the BSDH Program with a “B” average or above, you may wish to consider continuing your formal education toward the SHRP Master of Sciences in Health Sciences (MSHS) degree program.

DENTAL HYGIENE DEGREE

Graduates will receive a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree (BSDH) from Rutgers University. Please visit the Allied Dental Education-Dental Hygiene Program website for complete Program information: www.shrp.rutgers.edu (Dental Hygiene Program)

*Please refer to the Dental Hygiene Program website for a complete listing of prerequisite courses which may be part of the Core Curriculum

DENTAL HYGIENE CURRICULUM

A minimum of 120 credits will be required to graduate with the BSDH degree. The total of 120 credits includes:

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SHRP CURRICULUM (required courses)

You are required to take the following SHRP Core and Allied Dental and Interdisciplinary studies courses.

Core Courses ~ credits
Approximately 38-40+ credits depending upon an applicant’s previous educational background/degree.

The general education requirements for the SHRP Core Curriculum must include:

- *Communications* (6 credits)
- *History* (3 credits)
- *Liberal Arts Electives* (*Microbiology & Public speaking*) (7 credits)
- *Literature and Arts* (3 credits)
- *Math/Quantitative Skills/Technology* (3-4 credits)
- *Social Sciences and Diversity* (Sociology I, *Psychology I) (6 credits)

IDST Concentration ~ 21 credits

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**The entire Core Curriculum template is available on the ADE website at: www.shrp.rutgers.edu**

Please visit the website for all Program information

Those who possess an AS degree may qualify for the solo Rutgers-SHRP BSDH degree.

For more information contact: Ms. Wendy Silverman, Director of Admissions at 973-972-8515.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:
The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) Program, contact: SHRP Office of Enrollment Services and/or Office of Admissions at 973-972-1844 or 973-972-5336