

Undergraduate study

Dental Hygiene and Therapy



Key highlights



Ideal location

Bristol's Dental Care Professional School has its own clinical environment for an integrated approach to student learning and patient care.



Become an expert

Work alongside dentistry students in a supportive environment with plenty of staff guidance.



Career progression

Register with the General Dental Council to secure roles in specialist or general practice, hospitals and industry.

Why study dental hygiene and therapy at Bristol?

Learn in the heart of the city at Bristol Dental School and Hospital, a centre for excellence providing routine and specialist clinical dental services. Our course allows you to develop the clinical skills and confidence you need to provide high-quality patient care.

In year one, intensive academic lectures and seminars are taught alongside practical teaching on manikin heads. You will learn general and regional (head and neck) anatomy and physiology and will be introduced to oral and systemic diseases. In term two, you will commence clinical practice and by the end of year one you will be competent in treating periodontal patients under close supervision. You will attend community-based teaching clinics and oral health promotion sessions at South Bristol Community Hospital to learn about the health needs of the local community.

In your second year, you will further develop your understanding of periodontal diseases and will commence preclinical training in restorative techniques for adult and paediatric patients. By the end of year two, you will be treating these patients alongside the undergraduate dentistry students within the dental school.

In year three, you will begin preclinical training in paediatric oral surgery techniques alongside continued development of your full scope of clinical skills. You will also complete an individual research project.

'Bristol offers a supportive network of passionate and friendly tutors. You gain lots of clinical experience working in and around Bristol, preparing you for practice.'

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Live and work in a diverse, welcoming environment. Bristol is a vibrant, multicultural city and the Bristol Dental School has been awarded a silver Athena SWAN award in recognition of its ongoing commitment to gender equality.



Dental hygienists and therapists interact with patients to motivate and inspire behaviour change, together with providing advanced clinical treatments to prevent gum disease and tooth loss and restore dentition.

Find out more

Entry requirements, course structure and units
bristol.ac.uk/ug2021-dentalhygiene

Benefit from the dental school's £15 million refurbishment of teaching and learning spaces.



Course

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