

# DENTAL HYGIENE



“I was always interested in a career in dental hygiene, so after graduation from high school, SUNY Orange’s program was a natural choice for me. My education here gave me a firm foundation upon which to pursue advanced degrees, and ultimately allowed me to achieve my goal of becoming an educator. I’ve also been able to join the SUNY Orange team as a faculty member and fulfill another of my dreams.”

MaryAnn McGinnis-Adamo

## Why Dental Hygiene?

Dental hygienists are licensed oral health care professionals who, as part of the dental team, provide a wide variety of services including oral cancer screenings, radiographs, fluoride therapy, sealant applications, nutritional counseling, advanced pain management, and periodontal therapy and education, among others. As research has now shown, oral health is closely linked with total body health. Therefore, the positive effects of good oral hygiene have now increased the importance of both dental hygiene care and the dental hygiene practitioner.

## Why Dental Hygiene at SUNY Orange?

SUNY Orange’s Dental Hygiene program is the only one of its kind in the lower Hudson Valley, which means it draws students from surrounding counties as well as the tri-state area. Its small size allows for more individualized attention and collaborative education. A dental hygiene degree earned here provides career opportunities in private practice, public health, long-term care facilities, the military, the corporate sector and even overseas. Several articulation agreements with four-year colleges and universities allow interested students to enjoy a seamless transfer for advanced degrees. A dental hygiene degree from SUNY Orange can be your portal to a world of career and financial opportunities.

## TOP 5 REASONS YOU SHOULD STUDY Dental Hygiene

AT SUNY ORANGE

- ⇒ Dental hygiene is one of the fastest growing health care fields with employment opportunities expected to rise by as much as 43% by 2014 ([www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org)).
- ⇒ Dental hygiene hourly salaries are among the top three of the 50 fastest growing occupations ([www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org)).
- ⇒ The Dental Hygiene program boasts 100% job placement upon graduation.
- ⇒ Flexible work hours in a wide variety of work settings.
- ⇒ Our small program allows for personal, one-on-one attention.



At SUNY Orange, we are passionate about teaching and we are committed to providing a friendly and supportive environment for you. If you are equally passionate about your future, you may want to investigate all that SUNY Orange has to offer.

**“If you have the dream, we have the way.”**