

IS

DENTAL HYGIENE

THE CAREER FOR YOU

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Ever wonder if there's a career where you can make a real difference in people's lives? If you're into helping people feel better, smile brighter, and live healthier, dental hygiene could be the perfect fit for you!

Dental hygienists are experts in preventing dental problems like cavities and gum disease. They clean teeth, apply sealants, and teach patients how to take care of their oral health. Plus, they help people feel more confident about their smiles while promoting overall health—how awesome is that?

Ready to make
a difference
while building
a rewarding
career?

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**University of South
Dakota's dental
hygiene program:**



Other South Dakota schools will be launching associate degree dental hygiene programs in the near future.

WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER DENTAL HYGIENE

Job Growth

The demand for dental hygienists is growing fast! More people are becoming aware of how important oral health is to their overall well-being, making this a career with tons of opportunities.

Great Pay

In South Dakota, the average hourly wage for a dental hygienist is **\$39.01**. Not bad, right?

Flexibility

Want a job with great work-life balance? A dental hygiene career offers a schedule that typically includes minimal nights, weekends, or holidays. In fact, some offices even offer the perk of a four-day workweek!

HOW TO GET STARTED

Education

You can earn your degree in dental hygiene at the University of South Dakota. They offer a bachelor's degree program, and you can even go further with a master's degree for other career options in the dental field.

Get Licensed

After completing your degree, you'll need to pass a national exam and clinical skills tests to get your license in South Dakota.

Where Can You Work?

Private Practices

Most dental hygienists work in private dental offices.

Public Health

You can work in community health settings like schools, nursing homes, or government health programs.