

# 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."

Mary Ann 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 listed in the top 10 growing professions for employment and salaries, with median salary of approximately \$68,109.
- ⇒ Outstanding success rate on the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination and North East Regional Board Clinical Examination.
- ⇒ Our selective program allows for personal attention, from academic advising to seeking employment, with experienced dedicated faculty.
- ⇒ Graduate employment rate at 100%.
- ⇒ Alumni connections with almost 40 years of graduate dental hygienists working in various practice settings.