

DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Dental hygienists provide preventive, educational and therapeutic services to individuals and the community. Dental hygienists play an important role in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of periodontal diseases. They are employed in dental offices, hospital dental clinics, educational institutions, government agencies and private industry. The following individuals are considered to be engaged in the practice of dental hygiene – a dental hygiene clinician, educator, administrator, manager, health promoter, consultant, researcher or sales representative who represents that he or she is a dental hygienist and engages in the activities that involve the knowledge and/or practice of dental hygiene.

Dental hygiene is a regulated profession.

To practise dental hygiene in Manitoba you must:

- complete the National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination
- have completed a dental hygiene program that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada or the American Dental Association OR you must have completed non-accredited dental hygiene program along with a competency assessment
- be registered with the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba

You must complete the following steps:

STEP 1: Phone the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba and tell them you are an internationally educated dental hygienist and want to get information on how to become licensed to practise in Manitoba.

College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba
PO Box 37067, St. Vital Centre
Winnipeg, Manitoba R2M5R3
Phone: 204-219-2678
Fax: 204-219-2679
Email: cdhm@cdhm.info
Website: www.cdhm.info/index.html

STEP 2: Complete the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba application form.

You must submit the following:

- proof of identification
- evidence of dental hygiene education*
- evidence of additional dental hygiene practice modules, if applicable*
- evidence of completion of a CPR Level C course in the last 12 months

- evidence of successful completion of the National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination
- evidence of possession of a minimum \$3 million liability insurance coverage
- evidence of good standing in other jurisdictions in which you have been registered or licensed to practise dental hygiene*
- application fee (\$75)
- annual registration fee (\$350 or pro-rated fee for new graduates, \$175)

* If documents are not in English or French, notarized translations are required.

STEP 3: When all requirements have been met and fees paid you will be licensed by the college to practise as a dental hygienist in Manitoba.

Other information

The fee for the certification examination is \$525.

For information regarding your eligibility to write the certification examination please visit www.ndhcb.ca.

The competency assessment may be completed after you have written the certification examination.


If required, you can apply to the school of dental hygiene at the University of Manitoba to complete the two-year accredited program.

For information on University of Manitoba's dental hygiene program contact:

School of Dental Hygiene, Faculty of Dentistry
University of Manitoba
Dental Building
D212 - 780 Bannatyne Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0W2
Phone: 204-789-3683
Fax: 204-789-3948
E-mail: dent_hygiene@umanitoba.ca
Website: umanitoba.ca/faculties/dentalhygiene

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Useful website:

 immigratemanitoba.com: employment support for New Manitobans, programs to help you get licensed, learn English for work, and more information and resources

