

UT-HOUSTON DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM ALUMNI SURVEY

Please take 15 minutes to complete this questionnaire. The results of this survey will remain confidential and will help us determine if the Dental Hygiene Program is meeting its goal of preparing dental hygienists for practice.

Demographic Data/Employment Experiences

1. In what year did you graduate? _____
2. Are you currently employed as a dental hygienist?
 - A. Yes (**go to question 4**)
 - B. No (**go to question 3**)
3. If you are not currently employed as a hygienist, please indicate the reason(s).
 - A. Marriage
 - B. Pregnancy, child raising
 - C. Illness, accident
 - D. No dental hygiene employment available
 - E. Need to take regional board exam
 - F. Returned to school for an advanced degree
 - G. Working in non-dental hygiene position
 - H. Other (specify) _____

Go to question 10
4. Indicate the current employment site where you spend the **most** time each week.
 - A. General practice
 - B. Periodontal office
 - C. Pediatric dental practice
 - D. Orthodontic office
 - E. Dental maintenance organization
 - F. Dental hygiene educational institution
 - G. Public health department
 - H. Public school system
 - I. Temporary agency assignments
 - J. Other (specify)
5. If you are a graduate of **this past spring**, approximately how long did it take for you to find employment?
 - A. Within 2 months of receiving licensure
 - B. Longer than 2 months of receiving licensure
 - C. Am not working
 - D. Not a recent graduate

6. How many hours per week are you currently employed?
- A. 8 hours or less
 - B. 9 - 16 hours
 - C. 17 - 24 hours
 - D. 25 - 32 hours
 - E. 33 - 40 hours
 - F. 41 hours or more
7. How much is your average daily compensation excluding any benefits?
- A. \$121 - 130
 - B. \$131 - 140
 - C. \$141 - 155
 - D. \$156 - 170
 - E. \$171 - 200
 - F. \$201 or more
 - G. Commission
8. If you work on commission, please indicate what % and your average daily compensation on commission.
- _____ % _____ average daily compensation
9. What benefits do you receive at your current employment position? (Circle all that apply.)
- A. Health insurance
 - B. Dental benefits
 - C. Retirement/profit sharing
 - D. Paid vacation
 - E. Paid holidays
 - F. Paid sick days
 - G. Continuing education allowance
 - H. Production bonus
 - I. Uniform allowance
 - J. Overtime pay
 - K. Professional dues
 - L. Other (specify)
10. How satisfied are you with your career choice in dental hygiene?
- A. Very satisfied
 - B. Satisfied
 - C. Dissatisfied
 - D. Very dissatisfied

Responsibilities/Clinical Competencies

Below are listed clinical competencies and responsibilities of a hygienist in the state of Texas. We would like you to evaluate two aspects; 1) how important is the skill to the way you practice dental hygiene, and 2) how well do you feel UTDB Houston prepared you to perform this skill.

Rating Scales

Importance to my Current Position

1 = not important
 2 = somewhat important
 3 = essential to my practice

Preparation by UTDB - Houston

1 = inadequately prepared
 2 = adequately prepared
 3 = extensively prepared

IMPORTANCE TO POSITION

SKILL/RESPONSIBILITY

PREPARATION BY UTDB

High Low

3 2 1

11. Display professional and ethical conduct

High Low

3 2 1

3 2 1

12. Communicate effectively with patients and other health professionals

3 2 1

IMPORTANCE TO POSITION

SKILL/RESPONSIBILITY

PREPARATION BY UTDB

High 3	2	Low 1		High 3	2	Low 1
			13. Work effectively to solve problems, make decisions and support members of the dental team			
3	2	1	14. Establish good rapport and a caring attitude towards patients	3	2	1
3	2	1	15. Develop individualized oral hygiene regimen for patients	3	2	1
3	2	1	16. Perform nutritional counseling for caries control and/or general health	3	2	1
3	2	1	17. Obtain a complete medical/dental history	3	2	1
3	2	1	18. Recognize medical conditions that require special precautions for treatment	3	2	1
3	2	1	19. Manage medical emergencies	3	2	1
3	2	1	20. Take and record vital signs	3	2	1
3	2	1	21. Perform an extraoral-intraoral examination and record findings appropriately	3	2	1
3	2	1	22. Perform a dental charting and accurately record findings	3	2	1
3	2	1	23. Evaluate the periodontium and record findings accurately	3	2	1
3	2	1	24. Formulate a dental hygiene assessment and develop a treatment plan	3	2	1
3	2	1	25. Follow the highest standards of asepsis and sterilization	3	2	1
3	2	1	26. Expose and process radiographic films	3	2	1
3	2	1	27. Detect and remove calculus using basic principles of instrumentation in the oral prophylaxis procedure	3	2	1
3	2	1	28. Root plane using advanced principles of instrumentation in the treatment of periodontal patients	3	2	1
3	2	1	29. Use ultrasonic instrumentation for calculus removal	3	2	1
3	2	1	30. Control pain and anxiety	3	2	1
<u>IMPORTANCE TO POSITION</u>			<u>SKILL/RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>PREPARATION BY UTDB</u>		

High		Low		High		Low
3	2	1	31. Perform a polishing procedure using appropriate agents	3	2	1
3	2	1	32. Perform a polishing procedure using a jet polisher	3	2	1
3	2	1	33. Administer appropriate chemotherapeutic agents	3	2	1
3	2	1	34. Administer appropriate topical fluoride agents.	3	2	1
3	2	1	35. Document dental hygiene therapy	3	2	1
3	2	1	36. Evaluate outcomes of dental hygiene therapy	3	2	1
3	2	1	37. Develop and maintain a recall system	3	2	1
3	2	1	38. Sharpen instruments effectively	3	2	1
3	2	1	39. Maintain equipment	3	2	1
3	2	1	40. Take alginate impressions	3	2	1
3	1	1	41. Place and remove periodontal dressings	3	2	1
3	2	1	42. Apply pit and fissure sealants	3	2	1
3	2	1	43. Polish amalgam restoration	3	2	1
3	2	1	44. Place and remove a rubber dam	3	2	1

Professional and Community Involvement

45. Are you currently a member of the American Dental Hygienist Association?
 A. Yes (**go to question 46**)
 B. No (**go to question 47**)
46. Have you held any position or office within the dental hygiene association since graduation?
 A. Yes (indicate positions)
 B. No
47. How do you stay current with new developments in dental hygiene?
 A. Professional journals
 B. Continuing education courses
 C. Local association meetings
 D. Other (specify)
48. Have you conducted research on any aspect of dental hygiene?
 A. Yes (specify)

B. No

49. Have you participated in any volunteer community service since graduation?

A. Yes (specify)

B. No

50. Have you pursued any formal college coursework since graduation from our program?

A. None

B. BS Major

C. Masters Major

D. DDS/DMD

D. Other (specify)

Program Satisfaction

51. How satisfied are you with the dental hygiene program at UTDB in preparing you for the practice of dental hygiene?

A. Very satisfied

B. Satisfied

C. Dissatisfied

D. Very dissatisfied

52. What is(are) the **greatest strength(s)** of the dental hygiene program at UTDB?

53. What is(are) the greatest weakness(es) of the dental hygiene program at UTDB?

54. Is there anything else you would like us to know?