Dental Hygiene

The Master of Science Program in Dental Hygiene (MS-DH) prepares dental hygienists to engage in multidisciplinary problem solving related to oral disease prevention and health promotion to improve the oral health of varied populations throughout the world. Graduates are prepared to assume roles in education and research collaboration in academic, public health, or oral healthcare industry settings.

UCSF was the first institution to offer the MS-DH degree in the State of California. The one-year program consists of three quarters of interdisciplinary dental hygiene science course work and one quarter of field work in the student’s area of interest. The MS-DH requires 36 units of course work and a comprehensive examination (i.e. capstone project).

faculty
Four UCSF faculty members are associated with the Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences, the administrative home of this program.

sub-disciplines
Research areas that have generated opportunities working with interdisciplinary mentors through this program include nursing, geriatrics (Alzheimer’s and related dementia), tobacco cessation, palliative care, autism, community-based research, and education.

career outcomes
Graduates from the MS-DH program pursue careers in education, research, public health, and the healthcare industry.

The MS-DH faculty offices are located at the UCSF Laurel Heights campus. Classes are held at the Parnassus campus on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Visit the program website [1] for more information.

The MS-DH program is offered by the UCSF Graduate Division; administered by the UCSF School of Dentistry; and delivered by faculty members in the UCSF School of Dentistry.