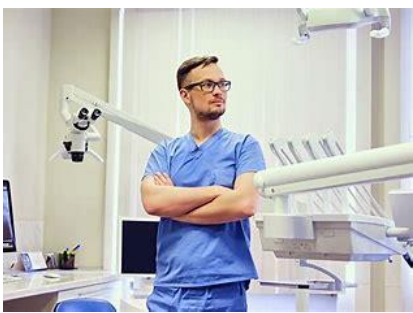


Job Title: Dental Hygienist



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Entry requirements:	<u>University</u> You'll need to complete a higher education diploma or degree approved by the General Dental Council. Subjects include: • dental hygiene • oral health science • dental hygiene and dental therapy When you apply for a university course, it might help to have some experience in a dental or healthcare setting, for example, shadowing a dental nurse or dental hygienist. You'll usually need: • 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English, maths and science. • 3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology for a degree. <u>Work</u> If you're a qualified dental nurse, you may be able to do a part-time training course with a dental school to become a dental hygienist. <u>More Information</u> Registration • You'll need to register with the General Dental Council Further information You can get more details about a career as a dental hygienist and other roles in a dental team from Health Careers and the British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy.
Skills required:	You'll need: • knowledge of medicine and dentistry • customer service skills • to be thorough and pay attention to detail • excellent verbal communication skills • sensitivity and understanding • the ability to work well with others • the ability to work well with your hands • patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations • to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently Restrictions and Requirements

	You'll need to: • pass enhanced background checks as you may work with children and vulnerable adults
What you'll do:	As a dental hygienist, you could: • clean and polish teeth to help prevent cavities and gum disease • apply dental sealants to protect against tooth decay • demonstrate tooth brushing and flossing techniques • refer clients to a dentist should further treatment be needed • promote good oral healthcare to children and adults • update and maintain patient records
What you'll earn:	• Starter – £28,000 • Experienced - £78,000 <i>Average Salary - £40,000</i> <i>These figures are a guide</i>
Working hours, patterns and environment:	You will work on average 37 to 40 hours a week, on a rota. You could work at a dental practice, in an NHS or private hospital or at a health centre. You may need to wear protective clothing.
Career path and progression:	With experience and more training, you could: • specialise in a particular area, like children's teeth • become a manager of a dental practice • teach dental hygienist students • move into a related job, such as a dental therapist or health promotion specialist • become a dental hygienist in the Royal Navy, if you're already registered with the General Dental Council