

Metropolitan  
State University



***Oral Health Care Practitioner Master of Science  
(M.S.)***

***Our OHP is an Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner***

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Information for the OHP Work Group



- Ten Years of Development:
  - 1999: Discussion regarding advanced practitioner in dental hygiene
  - 2004: Draft competencies
  - 2005: Partnership between Metropolitan State University and Normandale Community College
  - 2006: Program approved by MnSCU
  - 2007-present: Advisory board continues work
  - 2009: Program begins

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Our advanced dental hygiene practitioner program is distinctive because:

- Admitted students are experienced dental hygienists, licensed and practicing in the profession
- Operates using collaborative management agreement with general supervision in order to provide access to the underserved
- Admitted students have already mastered a wide range of competencies
- Educated to have sound public health perspective and to be competent in care management as well as perform specific oral procedures

# Applicants Enter with the Following Competencies

- **Professionalism**
  - Ethics
  - Critical Thinking
  - Reflective Practice
- **Health Promotion and Disease Prevention**
  - Community Involvement
  - Self-Care Education
- **Patient Care**
  - Assessment
  - Dental Hygiene Diagnosis and Treatment Planning
  - Implementation
  - Evaluation and Continuing Care
  - Scope of Practice as Outlined in MS Sec. 150A.05, Subd. 1a

## **Scope of Practice as Outlined in MS Sec. 150A.05, Subd. 1a as follows:**

- (1) provides care that is educational, preventive, and therapeutic through observation, assessment, evaluation, counseling, and therapeutic services to establish and maintain oral health;**
- (2) evaluates patient health status through review of medical and dental histories, assesses and plans dental hygiene care needs, performs a prophylaxis including complete removal of calciferous deposits, accretions and stains by scaling, polishing, and performs root planing and debridement;**
- (3) administers local anesthesia and nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia; or**
- (4) provides other related services as permitted by the rules of the board.**

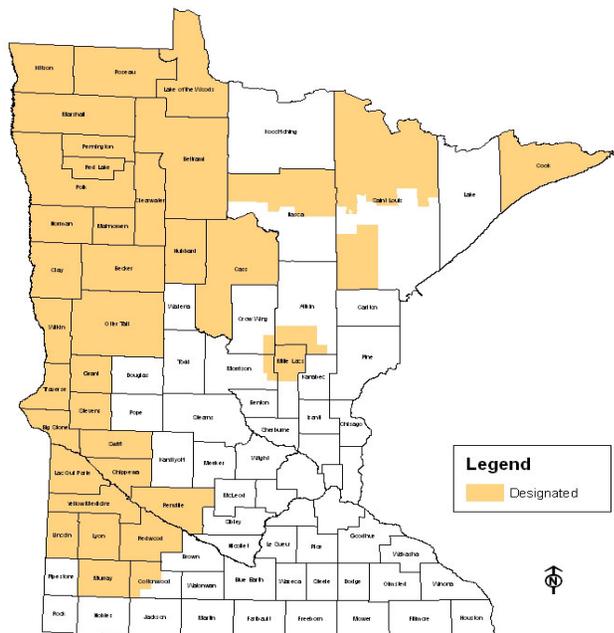
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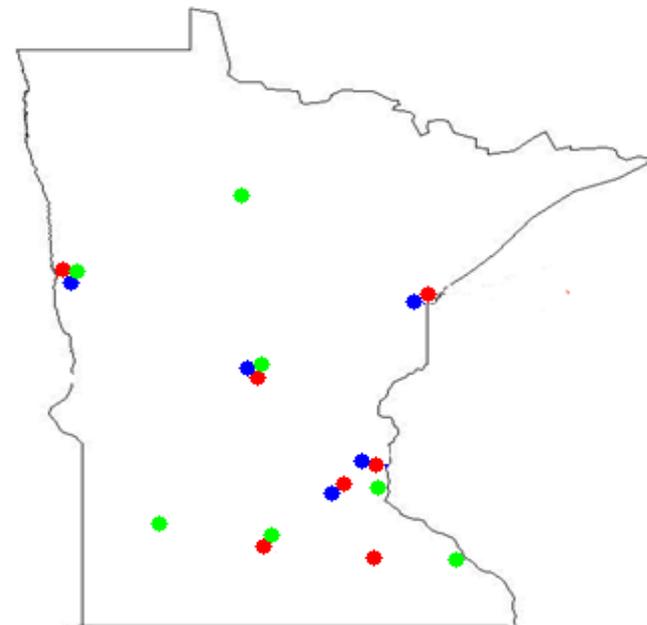
- Metropolitan State University will award the graduate degree for the program.
- University Mission: “...emphasis on underserved groups, including adults and communities of color.”

# MnSCU Universities and Dental Hygiene Programs in Proximity to Health Professional Shortage Areas

**Health Professional Shortage Areas**  
Dental Designations



- Red** = MnSCU Dental Hygiene Programs (7)
- Red and Blue** = Dental Hygiene Programs Operating Community Dental Clinics (5/7)
- Green** = MnSCU State Universities



# Admissions Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree
- Prerequisite courses
- Active dental hygiene license
- Evidence of 2400 hours of clinical practice
- 3.0 grade point average
- Pain management certifications (local anesthesia and nitrous oxide inhalation sedation)
- Restorative functions certification
- Goal essay
- Interview, references, and portfolio

# Educational Program

- Degree: Master's of Science
- Length: 26 months
- Qualified Faculty Members
  - The courses with a public health emphasis will be taught by faculty with Ph.D. or other terminal degrees
  - All dental courses will be under the direction of faculty with a D.D.S. or D.M.D.

# Educational Facilities



# Program Competencies

- Provision of Primary Oral Healthcare
  - Scope of practice as stated in law MS Sec. 150.061
    - a. preventive services
    - b. primary diagnostic services
    - c. educational services
    - d. palliative services
    - e. therapeutic services

# Scope of Practice as Stated in Law continued

- f. restorative oral health services, including:
- preparation of cavities and restoration of primary and permanent teeth using direct placement of appropriate dental materials,
  - temporary placement of crowns and restorations
  - placement of preformed crowns;
  - pulpotomies on primary teeth;
  - direct and indirect pulp capping in primary and permanent teeth;
  - extractions of primary and permanent teeth;
  - placing and removing sutures; and
  - providing reparative services to patients with defective prosthetic appliances
- g. prescribe, administer, and dispense medications

## **In addition, our program will focus on the following competences:**

- Public Health Principles
- Professionalism
- Health Care Policy and Advocacy
- Management of Oral Health Care Delivery
- Evidence-Based Research



- Program Graduation Requirement:  
Comprehensive Competency-Based Clinical  
Examination/Capstone Experience
- Third-Party Competency-Based Examination  
as Required in Law
- Licensure to be Determined

# Thank You

