



Dental Schools and Dental Hygiene Programs in Illinois

Dental Schools in Illinois

General Dentist

A general dentist (DDS or DMD) is the primary care dental provider. The general dentist diagnoses, treats, and manages the overall oral health of their patients. Treatment may include fillings, crowns, bridges, gum care, root canals, simple tooth removals, and removable appliances (dentures and partials). To become a dentist, you must have a college bachelor's degree and graduate from an accredited dental school. There are three dental schools in Illinois. Learn more about a career in dentistry [here](#).

Job Outlook

Overall employment of dentists is projected to grow 3% from 2019 to 2029, about as fast as the average for all occupations. The demand for dental services is expected to increase as the population ages and as research continues to link oral health to overall health.

Pay

The median annual wage for dentists was \$159,200 in May 2019.

- **University of Illinois at Chicago**
College of Dentistry at the Medical Center
801 South Paulina St.
Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 996-7000
- **Southern Illinois University**
2800 College Ave., Building 286
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 474-7170
- **Midwestern University**
College of Dental Medicine-Illinois
555 31st St.
Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 515-6171

Dental Hygiene Schools in Illinois

Registered Dental Hygienist

A dental hygienist will clean teeth, take X-rays, evaluate for gum infection and periodontal disease, and apply sealants and fluoride treatments. Providing home care instructions for dental care is also an important part of the dental appointment. To become a dental hygienist, you must graduate from a college dental hygiene program. There are 13 colleges in Illinois with dental hygiene programs. Learn more about a dental hygiene career [here](#).

Job Outlook

Employment of dental hygienists is projected to grow 6% from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations. The demand for dental services is expected to increase as the population ages and as research continues to link oral health to overall health.

Pay

The median annual wage for dental hygienists was \$76,220 in May 2019.

- **Carl Sandburg College**
209 E. Main St.
Galesburg, IL 61401
(309) 345-3500
- **College of DuPage**
425 Fawell Blvd.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-6599
(630) 942-2800 (Main)
(630) 942-3000 (Student Services)
- **College of Lake County**
19351 W. Washington St.
Grayslake, IL 60030-1198
(847) 543-2000
- **Illinois Central College**
5407 N. University St.
Peoria, IL 61571
(309) 694-5422
- **City Colleges of Chicago, Malcolm X**
1900 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 850-7285
- **Lake Land College**
5001 Lake Land Blvd.
Mattoon, IL 61938
(217) 234-5202

- **Lewis & Clark Community College**
5800 Godfrey Road
Godfrey, IL 62035
(618) 468-4413
- **Parkland College**
2400 W. Bradley Ave.
Champaign, IL 61821-1899
(312) 440-4653
- **Prairie State College**
202 S. Halsted St.
Chicago Heights, IL 60411
(800) 621-8099, ext. 4653
- **Rock Valley College**
3301 Mulford Road
Rockford, IL 61080
(815) 921-3235
- **Southern Illinois University**
School of Allied Health
College of Applied Science & Arts
1365 Douglas Drive
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 453-7211
- **William Rainey Harper College**
1200 West Algonquin Road
Palatine, IL 60067
(312) 440-4653

Resources

Each college and university contain a hyperlink directly to their web page and each address is hyperlinked directly to apple maps.

Occupational Outlook Handbook - Bureau of Labor Statistics
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>