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What is Degree Completion?

- Opportunity for dental hygienists to continue their education in order to obtain their baccalaureate degree.
- Preparation for leadership roles and expanded career opportunities.



RDH + BSDH

No matter your career path,
degree completion is the
quickest path to a bachelor degree!

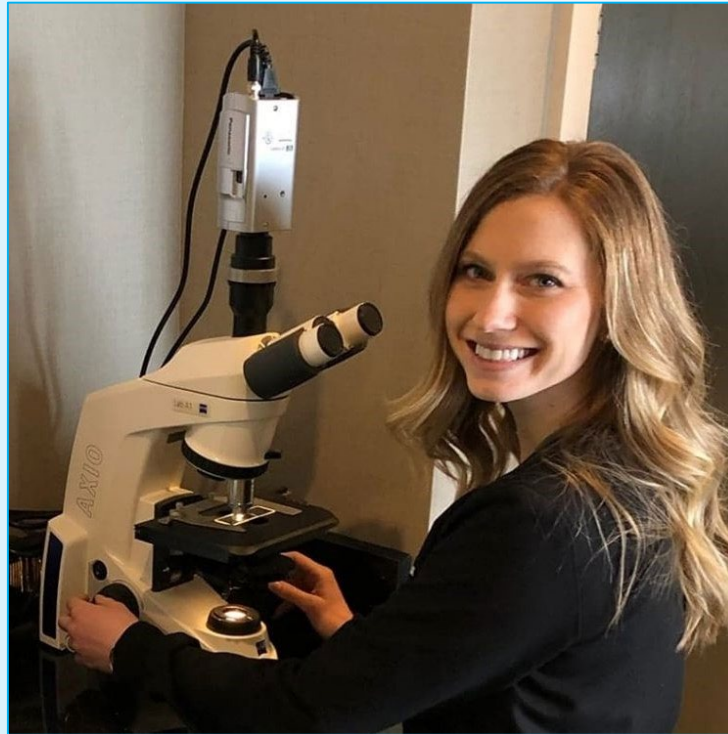
Why Degree Completion?

- Career opportunities
- Leader in your practice, in your community, in your profession
- Strengthen evidence-based patient care
- Teach the next generation
- Advocacy
- Graduate school



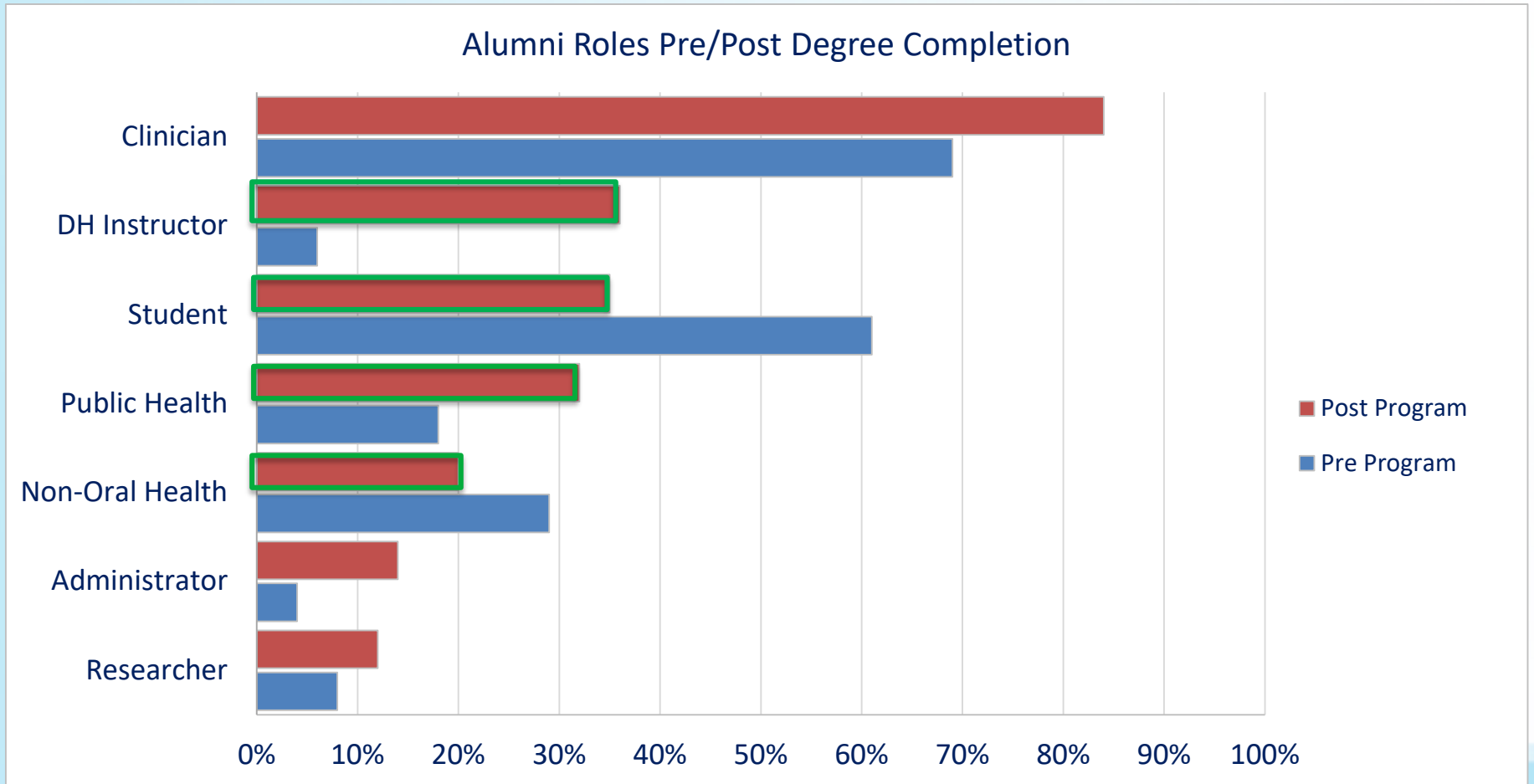
Autum Drew, RDH, BSDH
E-Learning Class of 2017

Where are our Alumni Now?



"I would not have been prepared in my current professional role or in planning my future aspirations without my education and experience gained through my course work at the University of Michigan."
-Amber Harpster, RDH, BSDH, E-Learning Class of 2014

Where are our Alumni Now?



Cullen JL, Ash MG, Gwozdek AE. Online dental hygiene degree completion program: outcomes of a longitudinal study. J Dent Hyg.2020 Oct;94(5):44-51.

Why University of Michigan?



Why University of Michigan?

#1 Dental School in the U.S.

- 44% of MI DDS are UM grads
- Nationally recognized educational programs
- Resources for students
- Personal attention
- Largest alumni network in the world



Why U-M Dental Hygiene?

The *E-Learning* Difference



Tami Grzesikowski,
RDH, BS, MEd.
-Leadership & Prof. Dev.



Mona Riaz,
RDH, BS, MSDH
-Oral Diseases



Ewa Posorski,
RDH, BS, MS
-Health Promotion/
Risk Reduction
-Research Methods



Jennifer Cullen,
RDH, BSDH, MPH
-Community I & II
-ePortfolio



Iwonka Eagle, RDH, BS, MSDH
-Special Populations



Stefanie VanDuine, RDH, BSDH, MSDH
-DH Education
-Teaching Practicum



Elizabeth Pitts, RDH, BSDH, MSDH
-Capstone I & II

Why U-M Dental Hygiene?

E-Learning program spans 24 months.

2 classes/semester, but 1 at a time. Each class run 7 weeks.

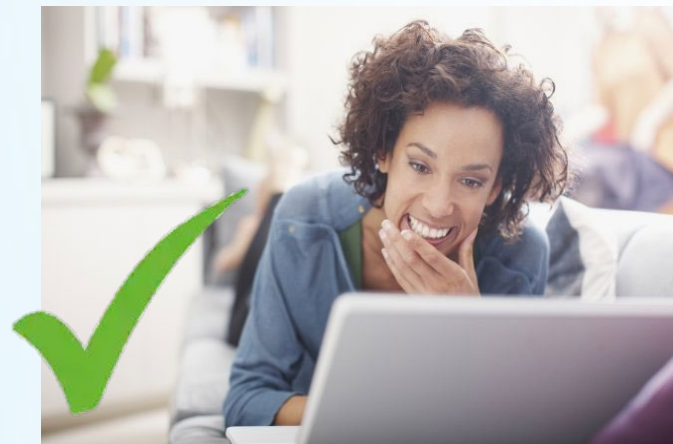
Semester	Courses
Fall 1	Leadership & Professional Development Oral Diseases: Prevention & Management
Winter 1	Health Promotion & Risk Reduction Research/Evidence-Based Practice
Sp/Su 1	Community I Special Populations
Fall 2	Community II Dental Hygiene Education
Winter 2	Practicum (student teaching) Capstone I
Sp/Su 2	Capstone II ePortfolio

Why U-M Dental Hygiene?

Online learning doesn't have to be lonely, boring or static.

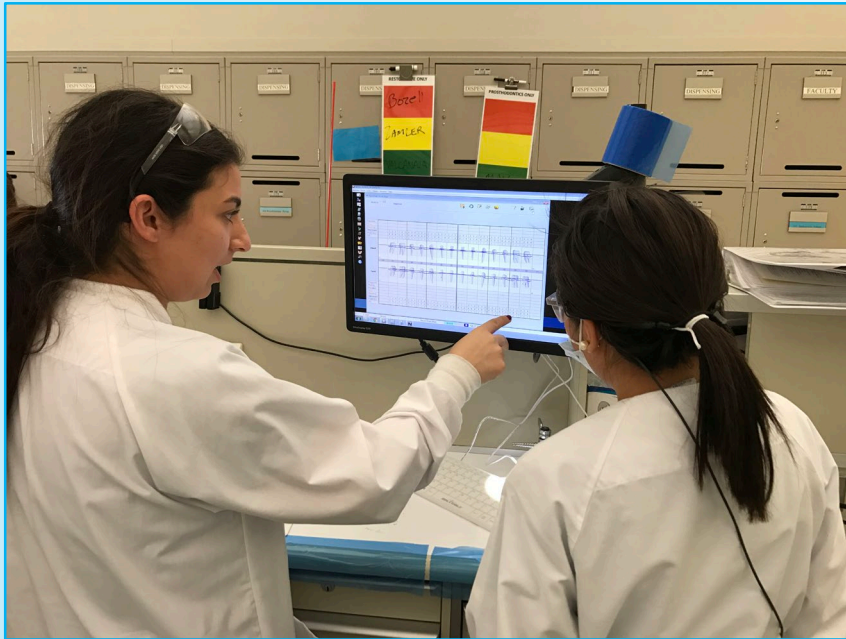


At UM, online learning is interpersonal, engaging, and dynamic.



Why U-M Dental Hygiene?

Student Teaching



Farah Haidar-Ahmad with
DH4 UM student at
U-M School of Dentistry, Ann Arbor, MI
E-Learning Class of 2017



Chelsea Holladay with
DH2 UM student at
U-M School of Dentistry, Ann Arbor, MI
Degree Completion On-Campus Class of 2017

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Community a la COVID-19

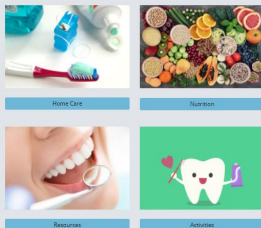


Webinars for nurse aids

Let's talk about oral health!

Welcome! This website is dedicated to providing information about oral health. You will find helpful advice on brushing and flossing, tips and tricks for choosing tooth healthy foods and drinks, as well as a list of community dental resources in the Lansing, MI area.

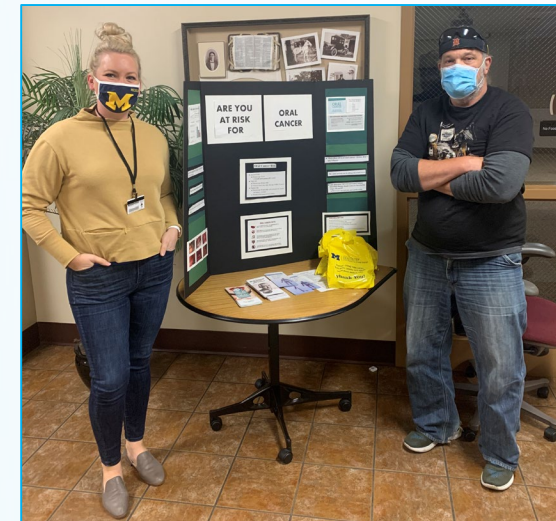
Choose a Topic



Website for members of
Boys & Girls Club



Dental care during COVID for
nursing home residents



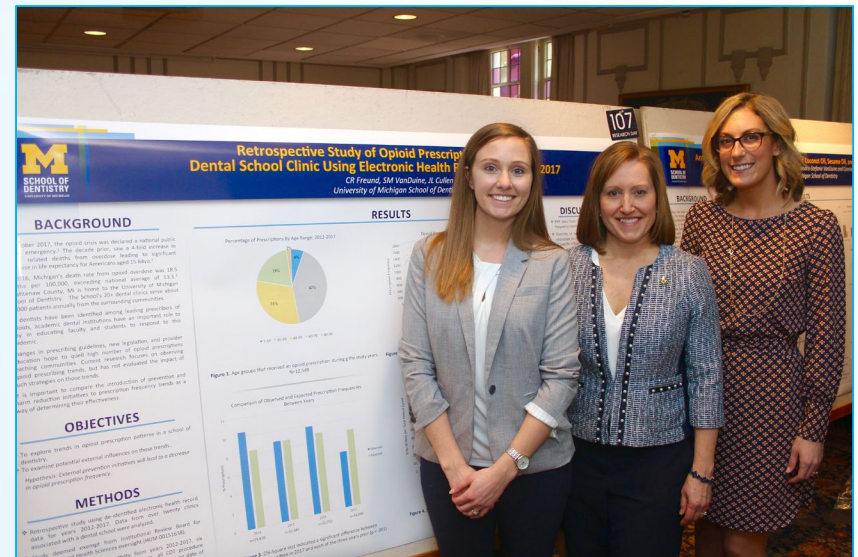
Socially distanced Q&A for
homeless shelter

Why U-M Dental Hygiene?

Research



Ashley Olson, RDH
Silver Diamine Fluoride
2017 Michigan Oral Health Conference
Lansing, MI
E-Learning Degree Completion
Class of 2017



Colleen Freund, RDH
Opioid Prescription Trends
2019 School of Dentistry Research Day
Ann Arbor, MI
On-campus Degree Completion
Class of 2019

Why U-M Dental Hygiene?

Advocacy



Katelyn Oatley, Ashley Olson, & Michelle Spencer with Michigan state legislators
2017 MDHA Legislative Luncheon
Lansing, MI
E-Learning Class of 2017



U-M DH faculty and students
2019 MDHA Legislative Luncheon
Lansing, MI
E-Learning Class of 2019

Why U-M Dental Hygiene?

Professional Involvement



Rebecca Schmidt, RDH
Student Delegate District V ADHA
2019 ADHA Annual Conference
E-Learning Class of 2020



Lindsey Fox-Berry, RDH
Student Delegate District V ADHA
2020 ADHA Annual Conference
E-Learning Class of 2021

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Professional Involvement



Allison Restauri, RDH, BSDH, MA
MDHA President 2015
E-Learning Class of 2011

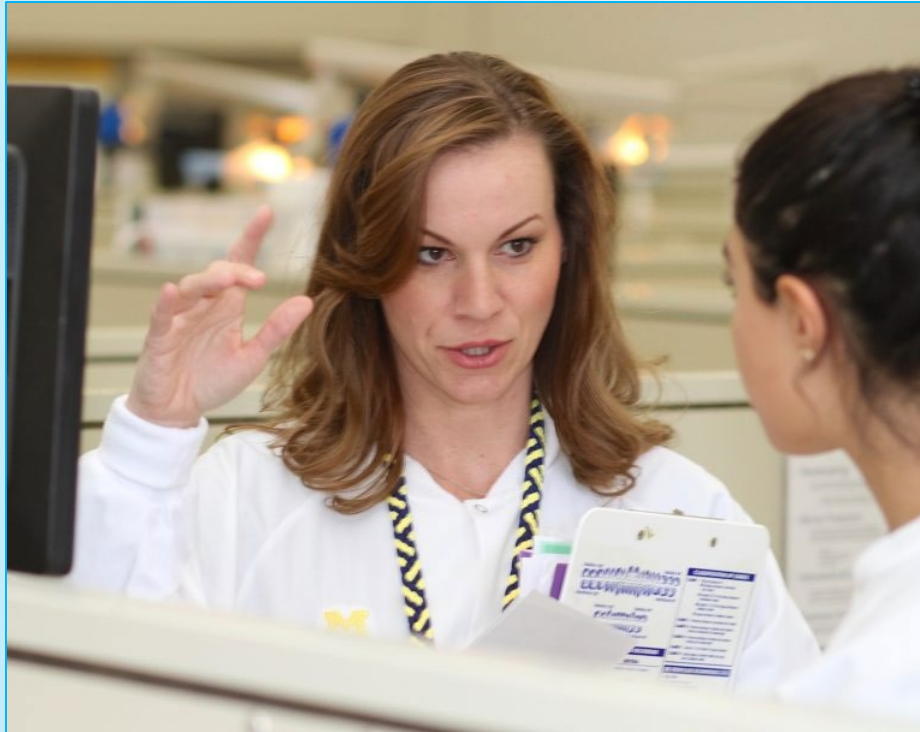


Becky Domagalski, RDH, BSDH
MDHA President 2018
E-Learning Class of 2016



Michelle Spencer, RDH, BSDH, MA
MDHA President 2020
E-Learning Class of 2017

What do graduates say about the program?



“Hands down, one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. This experience changed my life for the better and opened doors professionally that I never knew existed.”

*-Valerie Nieto, RDH, BSDH, MS
E-Learning Class of 2017*

What do graduates say about the program?



Passman receives the
Kathy Yee SPIRIT Award 2019

"I had great learning experiences during my community college dental hygiene program and it inspired me to continue my education. I had always wanted to study at a Big Ten school. Despite living and working full-time in Chicago, I realized the University of Michigan has one of the best online degree completion programs in dental hygiene and decided to apply."

-Renata Passman, RDH, BSDH
E-Learning Class of 2019

What do graduates say about the program?



“After five years of clinical dental hygiene practice, I wanted a deeper understanding of my profession and was encouraged by a co-worker and U-M graduate to pursue my personal goal of earning a bachelor’s degree. I chose the University of Michigan Degree Completion E-Learning Program because of its flexibility as an asynchronous program and its high national educational ranking.”

-Kristy Piecuch, RDH, BSDH
E-Learning Class of 2019

What do graduates say about the program?



“I see my dental hygiene career as a ladder, and my education in the E-Learning program helped me continue my climb.” Beth credits the E-Learning program for its academic rigor in scholarly writing which, she remarked, “prepared me immensely for graduate school.”
-Elizabeth Chislea, RDH, BSDH, MA
E-Learning Class of 2015

What do graduates say about the program?



“You can pursue your degree at any and every age.”
Becky’s long-term career goal was to work in a corporate environment. What drew her to U-M was the curriculum, specifically the fact that U-M degree completion students learn about the structure of community-based programs and complete a capstone project. Reflecting on her U-M education, Becky credits these experiences with positioning her well for the transition into business or corporate settings.
-Becky Domagalski, RDH, BSDH
E-Learning Class of 2016

What do graduates say about the program?



*“That it is the **best decision** I have ever made. It is **possible and achievable for anyone.**”*

*“That it was one of the **best decisions** I have ever made for myself and I encourage anyone considering advanced education to explore the idea to its fullest potential.”*

*“This is a great program to help you **expand beyond your dental hygiene degree.** Be prepared to spend a significant amount of time on coursework and projects, but in the end it is all worth it. This program has helped me in many ways but one way is how to better communicate with my patients and team members.”*

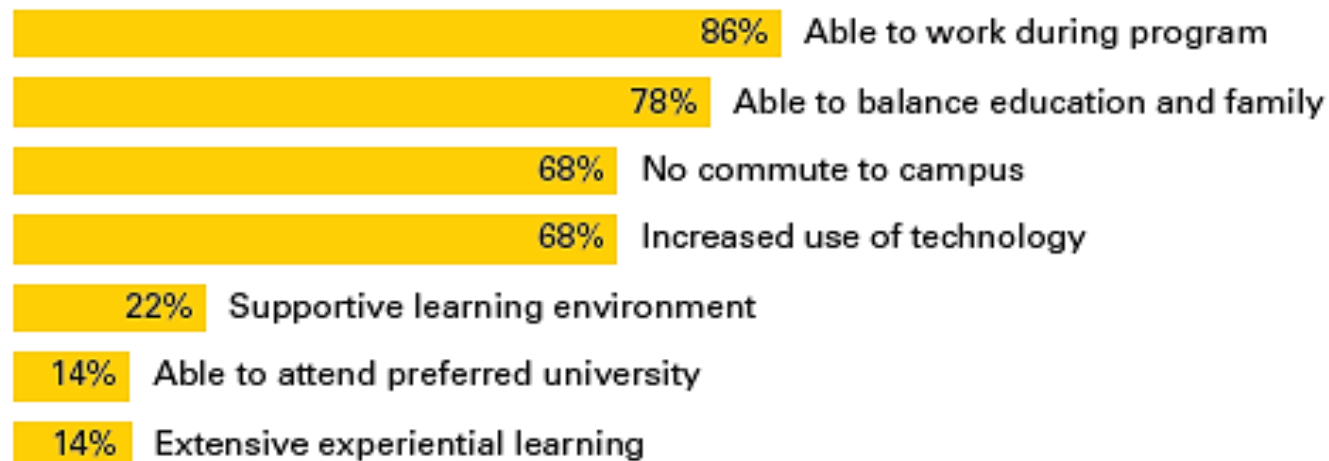
*“Do it! It was the best experience of my life! I am so proud I am a part of this amazing school! I had the **best teachers** that were always supportive and very knowledgeable. I had the **best resources** to do my work.”*

*“I will describe the program as a **rewarding experience.** I have learned so much through this program, not only in my professional career but also on a **personal level.** There is also an **abundant amount of support** that the faculty provides to make sure you are succeeding.”*

E-Learning Exit Survey

What do graduates say about the program?

100% of graduates said the online delivery was beneficial to their learning, here's why:



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**Near or Far:
Belong to a Community**



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Orientation



E-Learning Class of 2020
Michigan Wings mural

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Orientation



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Fountain Walk



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Graduation



E-Learning Class of 2019
Hill Auditorium



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Fountain Walk

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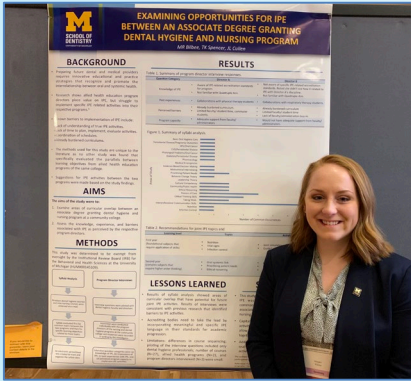
Graduation



E-Learning Class of 2020
Virtual Commencement



UM DH Community



More opportunities
for students at UM



Apply Today!



Applications for fall 2021 are open

Admission Requirements

For both Online and On-campus

- Graduate from CODA accredited DH program
- RDH in U.S.
- 3.2+ GPA
- TOEFL or MELAB if English second language
- **Statistics**
- Transfer 84 credits to UM
 - 60 DH credits
 - 24 general ed. credits (including stats!)
- At UM
 - 36 credits at UM
 - $84 + 36 = 120$ total credits = **BSDH!**



Application Process

For both Online and On campus

February 1st deadline

Full process can take 3-4 weeks

 Preliminary transfer credit evaluation ← *do this right away*

-  Send unofficial transcripts from all colleges to jecullen@umich.edu

Application Process

- Phase I
 - Common Application
 - 3 essays, official transcripts, resume, letters of recommendation
- Phase II
 - Online computer skills check
 - Online learning readiness assessment
 - Phone interview



Colleen Freund RDH, BSDH
1st Place Student Merit Award for
Outstanding Achievement in Community
Dentistry, NOHC 2019
On-campus Degree Completion Class of 2019
DDS Candidate Class of 2024

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- www.dent.umich.edu/about/dentalhygiene



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