



Pre-Webinar Information



Objective

To introduce participants to the field of dental hygiene, provide foundational knowledge about the role, and prepare for an engaging webinar.

Materials for Participants

Overview of the Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dental hygienists are healthcare professionals who focus on oral health, including cleaning teeth, applying sealants and fluoride, taking x-rays, and educating patients on oral hygiene.• Common job titles: Dental Hygienist, Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH), Licensed Dental Hygienist, Oral Hygienist.
Skills Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication: Explaining procedures and educating patients.• Problem-solving: Identifying and addressing oral health issues.• Empathy: Understanding patients' reactions and needs.
Work Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primarily in dental offices.• Use of safety equipment like masks, gloves, and goggles.
Pay Range	\$64,860 to \$94,460 annual in North Carolina.
Training Requirements	Associate's degree and licensure by the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (NCSBDE).
Impact on Patient Care	Education on oral care and prevention of diseases through proper hygiene techniques.

Resources

- [Halifax Community College Dental Hygiene Program](#)
- [Dental Hygienist Career Video](#)

