

# DENTAL HYGIENIST

## ANNUAL WAGES

ENTRY: \$57,100  
MEDIAN: \$85,200  
HIGH: \$98,000

## HOURLY WAGES

ENTRY: \$27.45  
MEDIAN: \$40.94  
HIGH: \$47.11

## EDUCATION AT ENTRY LEVEL

ASSOCIATE  
DEGREE

THE AUSTIN MSA PROJECTS TO NEED  
OVER **1,469** DENTAL HYGIENIST BY 2034.  
WILL YOU BE ONE?

## JOB DUTIES

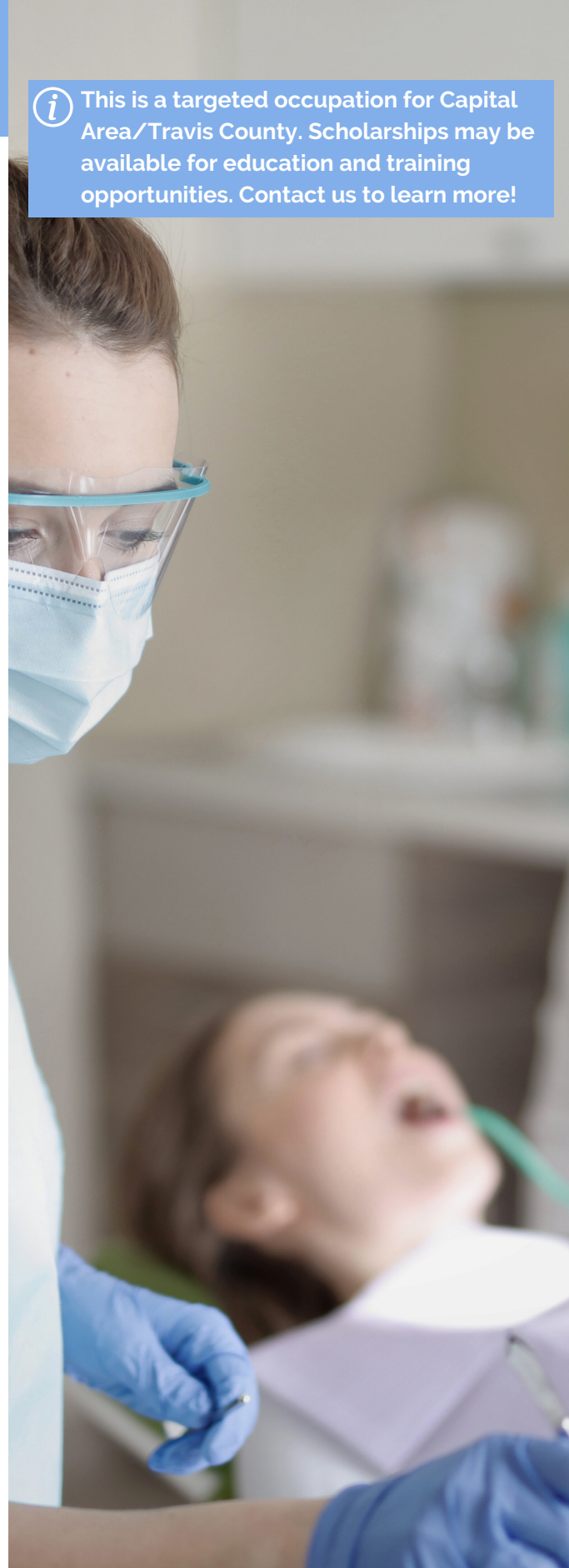
- Administer oral hygiene care to patients. Assess patient oral hygiene problems or needs and maintain health records.
- Advise patients on oral health maintenance and disease prevention.
- May provide advanced care such as providing fluoride treatment or administering topical anesthesia.

## YOU WILL THRIVE IN THIS POSITION IF...

- You are dependable
- You have attention to detail
- You are empathic
- You have integrity
- You are a team-player
- You have self-control



This is a targeted occupation for Capital Area/Travis County. Scholarships may be available for education and training opportunities. Contact us to learn more!



**SCAN TO WATCH A VIDEO  
ABOUT THIS CAREER PATHWAY**

Data Sources

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## HOW TO GET STARTED IN THIS CAREER PATHWAY



Take chemistry, anatomy or biology classes while in school



Apply for a career training scholarship for this occupation with Workforce Solutions



Shadow a dentist and/or participate in community service



Complete a personality test or explore more high-demand careers. **Scan the code to get started!**

## CAREER LADDER - ENTRY LEVEL TO MANAGEMENT

Experience Level	Occupation	Wages Hourly & Salary	Education Requirements
Senior Level	Dentist	\$ 65.34 \$ 135,900	Doctoral or Professional Degree
Intermediate Level	Dental Hygienist	\$ 40.94 \$ 85,200	Associate's Degree
Entry Level	Dental Assistant	\$ 22.60 \$ 51,900	Postsecondary non-degree award

## WHAT IS SOMETHING NEW YOU LEARNED ABOUT THIS CAREER?

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