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This document is designed to support your research on the educational and licensure requirements for dental hygienists on a state-by-state basis, encompassing the United States territories as well. .

Educational Preparation: Graduates of the Dental Hygiene program at Forsyth Technical Community College are eligible to take the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) and a regional or state clinical board exam to apply for licensure.

Licensure and Reciprocity: Dental hygienists must be licensed in the state where they intend to practice. While national board exams are accepted across states, many require additional jurisprudence exams or state-specific procedures. Licensure reciprocity may be available between states but is not guaranteed. Prospective hygienists should contact their state's board of dental examiners for specific requirements.

[Forsyth Tech Website](#)

[Additional Resource \(1\)](#)

[Additional Resource \(2\)](#)

**Disclaimer:** It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Dental Hygiene are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Dental Hygiene licensure/certification.

<b>State</b>	<b>Meets State Educational Requirements</b>	<b>Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements</b>
Alabama		X
Alaska		X
American Samoa		X
Arizona		X
Arkansas		X
California		X
Colorado		X
Connecticut		X
Delaware		X
District of Columbia		X

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Florida		X
Georgia		X
Guam		X
Hawaii		X
Idaho		X
Illinois		X
Indiana		X
Iowa		X
Kansas		X
Kentucky		X
Louisiana		X
Maine		X
Maryland		X
Massachusetts		X
Michigan		X
Minnesota		X
Mississippi		X
Missouri		X
Montana		X
Nebraska		X
Nevada		X
New Hampshire		X
New Jersey		X
New Mexico		X

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
New York		X
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota		X
Northern Mariana Islands		X
Ohio		X
Oklahoma		X
Oregon		X
Pennsylvania		X
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island		X
South Carolina		X
South Dakota		X
Tennessee		X
Texas		X
US Virgin Islands		X
Utah		X
Vermont		X
Virginia		X
Washington		X
West Virginia		X
Wisconsin		X
Wyoming		X