



**SCHOOL OF DENTAL CARE PROFESSIONALS (SDCP)  
DOW UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES KARACHI**



**SESSION 2023 - 2024**



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#### Overview of the School

Health care systems all over world, not only depend upon the infrastructure and resources but also on the availability of skilled human resources with varying degree of roles, functions and period of training all working together in a team to treat patients. In the context of dental health care systems, auxiliary means “persons who work in a team with the dentist in patient treatment”. Such persons may play their role as Non-Operating Dental Auxiliary such as Dental Laboratory Technologists or Operating Dental Auxiliary, such as Dental Hygienists. With the introduction of the concept of “**four-handed-dentistry**”, the role of dental auxiliary or dental care professionals (DCPs) has become clearer with much more importance to the delivery of improved care in clinical practice.

The rapid development in the Dental Care Delivery System together with sophistication in equipment and materials for the delivery of improved patient care in dental practice; and to keep pace with the international trend in teaching and research Dow University of Health Sciences established a School of Dental Care Professional in the year 2007.

#### The Programs:

This school introduced its graduate programs in in 2009, namely:

1. Bachelor of Science Dental Care Professionals- Dental Hygiene [***BS-DCP (Dental Hygiene)***]
2. Bachelor of Science Dental Care Professionals- Dental Technology [***BS-DCP (Dental Technology)***]

Both these programs are listed in the Pakistan Qualification Register (PQR) of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan and the curricula are as per HEC Guidelines for Level- VI Degree Qualification. These programs come under the domain of Allied Medical and Health Sciences and are administered in collaboration with the Dental Faculty of the Dow University of Health Sciences Karachi.

The SDCP has a very strong history of producing graduate Dental Hygienists and Dental Technologists for more than one decade as a pioneer in Pakistan. Currently our graduates are not only placed in different cities of Pakistan but also abroad particularly in Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia.

### **The Curricula:**

In line with the DUHS vision and mission, the SDCP has been focused on the provision of "outstanding patient-centered education, training and clinical care informed by cutting-edge research and innovation generating and disseminating new knowledge" that is "committed to changing and saving lives".

The curricula of B.S-DCP (Dental Hygiene) B.S-DCP (Dental Technology) are well structured which cover three important components: **[1]. Coursework** includes the General Education, Inter-Disciplinary and Specialty Based Major and Minor Courses. **[2]. Training** and rotations pertinent to pre-clinical and para-clinical lab-based and evidence-based practice. **[3]. Research and capstone** projects. The programs follow semester-system with eight total semesters completed over four-years. There is a total of 130 credit hours to complete the four-year curricula for B.S-DCP (Dental Hygiene) and B.S-DCP (Dental Technology) Programs.

### **Paid Internship Program:**

After completion of four-year programs, the Dow University of Health Sciences offers an additional one-year paid internship to SDCP Graduates in different dental laboratories, clinics and departments of DUHS.

### **Career Prospects for Graduate Dental Hygienist:**

Dental Hygienist are trained to perform the procedure of Scaling, pit & fissure sealing with appropriate material and application of fluoride at chair side to high-risk caries children. After acquiring the degree are eligible to work in a dental practice under the supervision of a dentist to perform the treatment they are trained for, or they can enter any institute as teacher of dental Hygienist. This program will enable them to be a teaching faculty or a research assistant.

### **Career Prospects for Graduate Dental Technologist:**

After completing the degree, they can work in private and commercial dental laboratory, or they can establish their own dental laboratories in association with the dental clinics and hospitals.

They can become a teaching faculty or work as self-employed. In addition, the curricula of DCP Programs in DUHS are such that the graduates are open to choose their field for postgraduation of interest.

**Available Slots for Admission in Session 2023-2024:**

- B.S- DCP Dental Hygiene Program                      15 Slots only
- B.S- DCP Dental Technology Program                15 Slots only

**Fee Structure:**

FEE TYPE	BS DCP
<b>Admission Fee</b> (Once only)	45,000
<b>Tuition Fee</b> (Yearly)	149,743
<b>Document Verification Charges</b> (Once only)	2,500
<b>Student Activity Fee</b> (Yearly)	10,000
<b>Library Charges</b> (Yearly)	10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>217,243</b>

- Transport Fee (Optional) Rs. 36,000/- per year.

**RULES FOR THE PAYMENT OF FEE**

Fee for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year tuition fee (of the respective categories) will have to be paid within the specified time.

Late fee for succeeding years will be charged if fee is not paid within the provided deadline as per rates below:

- First month (after lapse of first month % 2.5.....of tuition fee
- Second month % 5.0.....of tuition fee
- Third month %7.5.....of tuition fee
- Fourth month%10 .....of tuition fee

Fee of all categories will be increased by 10% every year.

**AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF NON-PAYMENT, THE SEAT IS LIABLE TO BE CANCELLED AND STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO APPEAR IN ANY EXAMINATION.**

- Fee deposited is refundable as per the Refund policy guidelines of the DUHS.
- Taxes will be applied as per the FBR rules.
- Hostel and Transport fee will be valid till December, 2024.
- Amounts stated in the fee vouchers are excluded of all Bank Charges.
- The Fee Structure may be revised by the university at any time during the course of the study, due to unavoidable circumstances.

## Eligibility Criteria:

- HSSC Pre - Medical or equivalent examination (e.g. A-Level, 12<sup>th</sup> grade etc) duly certified by IBCC with minimum 60% marks.
  - Candidate's PRC & Domicile of Sindh.
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