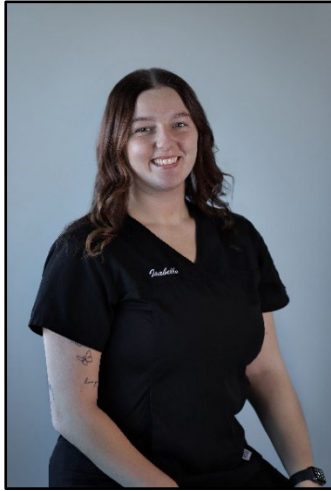


ODHA STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROFILE – Isabelle Wallace

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What made you want to become a dental hygienist?

I am genuinely interested in promoting and maintaining good oral health. Becoming a dental hygienist allows me to work directly with clients, educating them on proper oral hygiene practices and helping prevent dental issues. Dental hygienists play a crucial role in educating patients about proper oral hygiene practices, preventive care, and the importance of maintaining good oral health, and this role allows me to contribute directly to the well-being of others. When growing up, I always knew that I wanted to be part of a medical professional team and when I was in grade 11, I did my CO-OP at a dental office and from there I fell in love with the impact dental hygienists can have on one individual and how they can treat them.

What type of practice setting do you hope to work in?

When I first started dental hygiene school, I did not realize the variety of job opportunities dental hygienists can have. During my hygiene career, I hope to work in many different practice settings, like an orthodontist clinic, public health, and a general dentists office. However, I would hope to work most of my career in an independent hygiene practice. Something that really motivates me is to make a safe and comfortable environment for my clients, because dental appointments can be extremely frightening for some.

Tell us about your best study tip or technique?

Quizlet is a popular online platform that offers a variety of tools and features to aid in studying, and this online platform is what truly helped me through dental hygiene school for all my classes. One of the main reasons I chose to use this platform is the accessibility. Quizlet is accessible from various devices, including computers, tablets, and smartphones. This convenience enables students to study anytime, anywhere, making it easier to incorporate study sessions into their daily routine, which is something I did often on my phone on the go.

When you start working, what aspect of the job do you think you'll enjoy most?

There are many different aspects of the job that I think I will enjoy throughout the years. One of the greatest aspects of this career path is that dental hygienists can build relationships with their clients. We often work closely with individuals, educating them on proper oral hygiene practices and helping them achieve better dental health, which I find extremely rewarding. Improving oral health is not only about aesthetics but also plays a significant role in overall health and well-being. All dental hygienists should take pride in contributing to our clients' overall health by addressing oral health issues.