

ODHA STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROFILE – RAJVI PATEL

SCHOOL: Toronto College of Dental Hygiene and Auxiliaries



What made you want to become a dental hygienist?

Before moving to Canada, I worked as a dentist in my home country and gained valuable clinical experience treating patients of all ages. Through that journey, I discovered that prevention and client education have the greatest long-term impact on oral health. Dental hygiene allows me to focus on these areas while building strong relationships with clients and supporting healthier lifestyles through guidance and care.

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

I hope to work in a supportive and collaborative practice that prioritizes preventive care and client comfort. Whether in private practice or community health, my goal is to serve diverse populations and continuously strengthen my clinical skills. I want to create an environment where every client feels respected, understood, and confident in their treatment.

How will you celebrate your graduation?

Graduation represents an important milestone in my personal and professional journey, especially after transitioning my oral health career to a new country. I plan to celebrate with my family and close friends who encouraged me throughout this process. It will be a proud moment to recognize my hard work and begin the next chapter as a registered dental hygienist.

What do you think dental hygiene students should know about their free student membership?

ODHA student membership provides essential support, including professional liability protection, educational resources, networking opportunities, and career guidance. It helps students stay informed about professional standards and connects us with the broader dental hygiene community. Taking advantage of these benefits can build confidence and prepare students for successful careers.

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