



## International Association of Airway Hygienists Fellowship Summary

**Purpose:** The purpose of this fellowship is to elevate the clinical expertise of dental hygienists through advanced education in airway health, oral function, and healthy breathing patterns. Grounded in the evolutionary origins of modern airway challenges and supported by a rigorous curriculum of curated literature and expert-led video instruction, the program empowers practitioners to thoroughly evaluate orofacial function, integrate myofunctional principles into practice, and champion comprehensive patient care.

**Duration:** 18 months

**Tuition:** \$2,000

- Please review the fellowship Financial Policy document for more information on fees & payments

### How it works

- **Apply:** Meet prerequisite criteria and submit all application requirements
- **Review:** Applications are peer-reviewed by the IAAH board on a monthly basis
  - Once all materials and payment have been received, applications are evaluated based on:
    - Professional experience
    - Commitment to growth and leadership
    - Alignment with fellowship goals and values
    - Essay responses and overall application quality
- **Decision:** Qualified applicants will receive an official acceptance notification with:
  - Fellowship enrollment details
  - Tuition/payment information
  - Program expectations and timelines
  - Next steps for onboarding

Accepted fellows will gain access to fellowship materials, coursework, case study expectations, and program resources designed to support advanced clinical development and professional integration.

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### Why become an IAAH Fellow

The IAAH Fellowship provides dental hygienists with advanced education in airway health, combining comprehensive coursework, clinical experience, and mentorship to develop skills in evaluating orofacial function, incorporating myofunctional principles, and supporting a more comprehensive approach to patient care.

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### Important Notes

- Applications will not be reviewed until *all* required materials are received
- Fellowship placement may be limited based on cohort capacity
- Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance into the fellowship program