In addition to understanding the admission requirements, program costs and time commitment, there are some questions you might want to ask to help you determine the dental hygiene program that best fits your needs. You certainly may have others, but here are a few questions to get the conversation started:

- Is your program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)?
- Is there a waiting list to get into the program?
- Does your DH program offer a part-time program of study?
- How long does it take the average student in your program to acquire a degree in dental hygiene?
- What makes your dental hygiene program unique?
- Tell me about your faculty.
- What were your attrition rates in the last several years?
- In the last several years, what percentage of your graduates passed the national board exam on the first attempt?
- In the last several years, what percentage of your graduates passed the clinical licensing exam on the first try?
- In the last several years, what percentage of your students found full-time employment as a clinical hygienist within several months of graduation?
- What resources are available to assist me in being successful?
- Do you have any graduates of note working in the field?