

# Maria Gonzales

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## SUMMARY

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Dedicated and detail-oriented Dental Hygienist with over 5 years of experience in providing exceptional patient care and promoting oral health education. Proven track record of enhancing patient satisfaction through effective communication and skillful dental procedures.

## EXPERIENCE

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### Dental Hygienist

Jan 2022 - Present

*Bright Smiles Dental Clinic, Austin, TX*

- Increased patient retention by 30% through comprehensive follow-up care and personalized oral health plans.
- Performed over 200 prophylaxis treatments monthly, ensuring adherence to best practices and safety protocols.
- Implemented digital charting systems that reduced documentation time by 40%, improving overall office efficiency.

### Dental Hygienist

Jun 2018 - Dec 2021

*Healthy Gums Family Dentistry, Dallas, TX*

- Educated patients on oral hygiene techniques, resulting in a 25% decrease in plaque levels among regular patients.
- Assisted in the training of new staff on patient care protocols and hygiene best practices.
- Utilized the latest dental technologies, including ultrasonic scalers and digital imaging, to enhance patient comfort and treatment outcomes.

### Dental Assistant

May 2016 - May 2018

*Smile Makers Dentistry, Fort Worth, TX*

- Supported dental hygienists and dentists in performing patient assessments and treatments.
- Streamlined appointment scheduling, reducing patient wait times by 20% through effective communication and follow-ups.
- Maintained high standards of cleanliness and sterilization in compliance with OSHA regulations.

## EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

May 2018

*University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX • GPA: 3.7*

## SKILLS

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**Technical Skills:** Oral Health Education, Periodontal Therapy, Radiographic Imaging, Patient Assessment

**Tools & Frameworks:** Digital Charting Software, Ultrasonic Scalers, Intraoral Cameras