

CenturyCollege

A Community and TechnicalCollege

Dental Hygiene

University of Minnesota

2007-2008

Admissions Requirements

The following courses must be completed **prior** to entry into the professional dental hygiene program (by August 15 of year of entry into the professional program). All prerequisite courses must be taken on an A-F grading system.

Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 pre-professional, science, and cumulative GPA and a minimum of a C grade in all pre-professional courses to be considered for admission.

Subject	Century Course Number
Anatomy	Biol 2040 or Biol 1031
Physiology	Biol 2045 or Biol 1032
Biology	Biol 1041
Chemistry	Chem 1041
Composition	Engl 1021
Nutrition	Hlth 1070
Psychology	Psyc 1020
Sociology	Soc 1020 or 1033
Speech	Spch 1021 or 1031

***Chemistry and Biology must have been completed within five years of entry into the program.**

Statistics	Math 1025 (this course is not required prior to beginning the program, but is a program requirement)
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Liberal Education Requirements

Completion of the MNTC, in addition to the above pre-professional courses, will satisfy the general education requirements for this degree. If you do not plan on completing the MNTC, please refer to the U of M Liberal Education Requirements guide sheet.

***All applicants who graduated from high school in 1987 or since, must have completed the U of M's high school course preparation requirements. Please see High School Prep Guide sheet.**

Program Requirements

To become a dental hygienist, you must complete a minimum of one year of pre-professional coursework in anatomy, biology, chemistry, composition, nutrition, psychology, physiology, sociology, speech, statistics, and other liberal arts education courses. This is followed by three years of professional coursework in the basic sciences, including biochemistry, microbiology, histology, pathology and physiology. The professional program also includes courses in dental and head neck anatomy; preclinical and clinical dental hygiene; communication skills; patient assessment; cariology; and periodontology; oral radiology; pathology; biomaterials; public health; pharmacology; local anesthesia and pain control; research methods; orthodontics and pediatric dentistry; geriatrics; and advanced clinical rotations. A wide range of theoretical and clinical experiences in treating traditional and special-needs patients is provided. You also will participate in a number of academic service-learning experiences with diverse patient populations.

Licensure

Upon receipt of the Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene, you must obtain a license for the state in which you wish to practice by successfully completing a state/regional practical examination, as well as the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination. You will then practice in accordance with the requirements of individual state practice acts. Minnesota requires a specified number of hours of continuing education to maintain licensure.

Application Deadlines

The School of Dentistry Division of Dental Hygiene Application Form must be completed by December 15th. It is the applicant's responsibility to assure that all required materials are submitted by the appropriate deadline dates. Late applications will result in consideration on an alternate basis only. Application available at <https://secrue.ahc.umn.edu/dentistry/apply/dh/application> . Applicants must submit an undergraduate transfer student application in addition to the Dental Hygiene application. This form is available through the Office of Admissions at 612-625-2008 or <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/apply/index.html>

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend one of the Dental Hygiene Program information sessions held monthly for up to date admission information and individual advising help. Please call 612-625-7477 or email dhapply@umn.edu to register for one of these sessions.

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