

Utah Valley University
Department of Dental Hygiene
2019 Program Bulletin

Admission/Application criteria stated in this bulletin replaces all previously published and previous web-based admission/application criteria for earlier years.

Program: The Dental Hygiene program is an accredited two-year program leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates must pass national, regional and board examinations to apply for a license and become a practicing dental hygienist.

For students interested in the Dental Hygiene program, contact the Academic Counseling Center at 801-863-8425 or email acadcounseling@uvu.edu. The ACC is located in LC 402 and they see students on a walk-in basis.

Class Size: Twenty students are admitted annually.

Admission/Application Requirements to the Dental Hygiene Program:

1. Pre-Requisite courses: Applicants must complete all of the following Dental Hygiene program pre-requisite courses with a final grade of C or better by the application deadline:

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| a. ENGL 1010* | College Writing I (3 credits) |
| b. CHEM 1110** | Elementary Chemistry for the Health Sciences (4 credits) |
| c. ZOOL 2320** | Human Anatomy (3 credits) **If taken at UVU the pre-req is BIOL 1610 |
| d. ZOOL 2325** | Human Anatomy Lab (1 credit) **If taken at UVU the pre-req is BIOL 1610 |
| e. ZOOL 2420** | Human Physiology (3 credits) **If taken at UVU the pre-req is BIOL 1610 |
| f. ZOOL 2425** | Human Physiology Lab (1 credit) **If taken at UVU the pre-req is BIOL 1610 |

The following four courses can be taken after applying but must be completed upon starting the program:

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| g. STAT 1040 or 1045 or MAT 1030 or 1035 | Statistics or Quantitative reasoning (3 or 4 credits) *MATH 1050 will also be accepted if already taken |
| h. COMM 1020 | Public Speaking |
| i. SOC 1010 | Intro to Sociology (3 credits) |
| j. PSY 1010 | General Psychology (3 credits) |

*You cannot take this course more than TWICE for the admission requirements. If you take this course twice, we will use the grade from the SECOND TIME for admission points. Note: Some of the Dental Hygiene pre-requisites have pre-requisites. Please consult the current UVU catalog or the Dental Hygiene Curriculum Plan listed at the back of this bulletin for a list of those pre-requisites.

+CHEM 1100, ZOOL 2320/2325, and ZOOL 2420/2425 MUST have been taken within SEVEN years of applying. If these courses are more than seven years old, a student is able to retake them and the grade will count as their first chance.

2. Completion of the Health Science Reasoning Test: Applicants must take the Health Science Reasoning Test given at UVU's Testing Services Department. The test must be taken between September 1, 2018 and January 30, 2019. The HSRT costs \$25 and takes approximately one hour. Please contact the UVU Testing Services Department at 801-863-8269 or email them at testingservices@uvu.edu for any additional information about the test. **You must bring a voucher and photo ID when taking the test.** The voucher can be picked up from Kristie Dockstader in the Dental Hygiene Department prior to taking the test. Please call her at 801-863-6974 to set up an appointment to pick up the voucher.

You may take the test **ONE TIME** during the above period. We will not consider scores on the HSRT taken during other application years. The HSRT measures high-stakes reasoning and decision-making processes. The HSRT is

specifically calibrated for trainees in health sciences educational programs (undergraduate and graduate) and for professional health science practitioners. Scores on this instrument have been found to predict successful professional licensure and high clinical performance ratings.

3. **Verification of Observation Form:** Before applying to the program, students must submit documentation of 20 hours of observation of a practicing dental hygienist using the Verification of Observation Form. This form can be downloaded from our website, www.uvu.edu/dental/ or by emailing the department advisor at kdockstader@uvu.edu.
4. **Two separate Letters of Reference** from either a current supervisor/employer or academic instructor must be turned in with the application. This letter of character should help us understand what kind of person you are and why you would be an asset to our department.
5. **Complete a 2-page essay** (double spaced, 12 point font) that tells us about yourself, what would make you a good candidate for this program, and what kind of service opportunities have you had.
6. An application fee of \$50 is due at the time of application, made payable to UVU Dental Hygiene.

Admission/Selection Procedure:

Students must complete the Department of Dental Hygiene Application. This can be found on the Dental Hygiene website at www.uvu.edu/dental/. **All application materials (application, transcripts, HSRT scores, Clinical Observation Verification, letters of reference, and application fee) must be postmarked or hand-delivered directly to the Dental Hygiene department by 4 pm on February 1. Only completed applications will be considered for admission. To be complete, all transcripts and test scores must be official and in sealed envelopes.** If possible, please hand-deliver all materials directly to the UVU Dental Hygiene office located in HP 142. If you need to mail any materials, please send them to:

UVU
Department of Dental Hygiene, Mail Stop 238
800 West University Parkway
Orem, UT 84058

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that their application file is complete and has been received before the deadline. You may call the Dental Hygiene Academic Advisor, Kristie Dockstader, at 801-863-6974 to check if certain application materials have been received. Advanced planning and submission of materials early in the application period is strongly encouraged. Deadlines will not be extended for individual applicants.

Applicants are reviewed by number only, not by name, for computation of points. The top 35 candidates will then complete an interview/social component tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2019, with a committee made up of Dental Hygiene faculty and staff. After the interview component, the top twenty applicants will be admitted into the program. Upon acceptance into the program, a \$300 deposit will be due to hold your spot in the program. This deposit, once registered in courses, will go towards your student fees the first semester. All applicants will be notified by mail as to whether or not they were admitted into the program. In the event that one of the top twenty students originally selected declines the offer, the next person with the highest points will be offered admission. Applicants not admitted must re-apply for the next application period and compete with a new pool of applicants. If re-applying for the following year, the applicant must re-submit all supporting documents. There is no waiting list for this program.

Program Costs: The following is an **estimate** of the costs for the 2018-19 school year:

First Year Expenses:

Dental Hygiene Special Fee:	\$6,350
UVU Tuition	\$5,726*
Dental Hygiene instruments	\$700
Uniforms	\$100
Books	\$400
Laboratory Fees:	
Fall Semester	\$ 73
Spring Semester	\$234
First Year Estimate:	\$13,583

Second Year Expenses:

Dental Hygiene Special Fee:	\$6,350
UVU Tuition	\$5,726*
Dental Hygiene instruments	\$420
Uniforms	\$100
Books	\$400
Laboratory Fees:	
Fall Semester	\$ 63
Spring Semester	\$ 63
Second Year Estimate:	\$13,122

TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$26,705

*Tuition costs are based on the UVU 2018-19 tuition schedule. See the UVU catalog for more information. Dental Hygiene special fees are in addition to regular tuition fees paid by all students.

National and Regional Board Exams: To become a practicing dental hygienist, all students must take and pass these board exams and be licensed by the state they wish to practice in. All applicants are encouraged to contact the state(s) Dental Hygiene Licensing Boards to be fully aware of the price and specific licensing requirements. This will cost approximately \$2,200.

Professionalism: Professionalism is an integral part of being a dental hygienist. One of the principles of The American Dental Hygiene Association Principle of Ethics is “to maintain high standards of personal conduct.” Furthermore, as part of the Dental Hygiene oath you promise to “uphold the highest standards of professional competence and personal conduct...”. The Department of Dental Hygiene expects professional conduct at all times. Therefore, any serious lapse in professional conduct by an applicant during the application process could make the applicant ineligible to be considered for the program for that year, and future years. Once accepted, each student will be judged on their professional behavior during the program, until the time of their graduation. Any serious lapse in professionalism could mean dismissal from the program.

Please Note: The Dental Hygiene program is challenging academically and requires considerable time on and off campus and at clinical sites. Some dental hygiene clinical experiences may be scheduled in the evenings and on weekends. There may be a limited number of classes or other teaching/learning experiences scheduled outside the pre-set classroom/clinic times printed in the UVU Fall or Spring schedule. **You will be required to attend these experiences.** The times for classes and clinical experiences vary from semester to semester. Students will provide patient care in the program’s clinic setting and affiliated facilities. **While voluntary patients come to the clinic for treatment, students will have to provide their own patients for part of their clinical experiences. Students are ultimately responsible for obtaining their own patients to complete their requirements.**

Accreditation: The Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements”. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission of Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

Curriculum Plan for the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene

For students doing all coursework at UVU. Courses requiring pre-requisites should not be taken until pre-requisites have been met. Pre-requisites cannot be taken concurrently with courses requiring the prerequisites.

Pre-requisite Courses for Program Admission (31 Credits):

The below courses must be taken before applying:

ENGL 1010	Intro to Writing	___/___	3
CHEM 1110	El. Chem. Hlth Sci	___/___	4
ZOOL 2320/2325	Human Anatomy/Lab	___/___	4
ZOOL 2420/2425	Human Phys./Lab	___/___	4

Required pre-reqs to Pre-requisite courses:

ENGL 1010 (5) (C or >) or placement score
MAT 1010 (4) or equivalent
BIOL 1610 (3) & ENGL 1010 with C or >
BIOL 1610 (3) & CHEM 1110 with C or >

Must be taken before program:

STAT 1040/45 or MAT 1030/45	Stats or QR	___/___	4
COMM 1020	Intro to Public Speaking	___	3
SOC 1010	Intro to Sociology	___	3
PSY 1010	General Psychology	___	3

MAT 1000 (5) or 1010 (4) (C or >) or placement

Required AAS Program Course Work (53 Credits)

Fall Semester – Year 1

DENT 1010	Dental Hygiene I	3
DENT 1015	Dental Hygiene I Clinic	2
DENT 1020	Oral Anatomy & Physiology	4
DENT 1070	Medical Emergencies	2
DENT 1050	Radiography	1
DENT 1055	Radiography Lab	1
MICRO 2060/65	Micro. For Hlth Professional	<u>4</u>
Total		17

Spring Semester – Year 1

DENT 2020	Dental Pharmacology	3
DENT 1040	Dental Hygiene II	3
DENT 1045	Dental Hygiene II Clinic	3
DENT 1030	Dental Materials	2
DENT 1060	Oral Pathology	<u>2</u>
Total		13

Fall Semester – Year 2

DENT 3010	Dental Hygiene III	3
DENT 3015	Dental Hygiene III Clinic	4
DENT 3030	Periodontology	3
DENT 206G	Community Dental Health	<u>3</u>
Total		13

Spring Semester – Year 2

DENT 3040	Dental Hygiene IV	2
DENT 3045	Dental Hygiene IV Clinic	4
DENT 3050	Dental Hygiene Seminar	1
NUTR 1020	Found. of Nutrition	<u>3</u>
Total		10

It is strongly advised to try and take the non-DENT classes before the start of the program, if possible, especially MICRO.

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