

TRANSFER GUIDE

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

- Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH)
- Post-Degree Certificate in Dental Hygiene
- Degree-Completion Program (RDH to BSDH)

Admission Requirements

Bachelor's Degree in Dental Hygiene Program

Admission to UTHHealth School of Dentistry at Houston's Dental Hygiene Program requires satisfactory completion of the prerequisite courses listed below. A grade of at least C must be earned in each of the required courses while maintaining a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.

All undergraduate course requirements listed in the table below must have been completed at a **regionally accredited** U.S. or Canadian university/college. Foreign coursework will **not** count toward meeting any of the prerequisites, even if transfer credit has been given for them by a U.S. or Canadian school. No remedial courses will be accepted.

Prerequisites for Bachelor's Degree Program	
English Composition I & II	6 semester hours
Speech	3 semester hours
College Math (or higher)	3 semester hours
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4 semester hours *
Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4 semester hours *
Chemistry	4 semester hours *
Microbiology	4 semester hours *
General Psychology	3 semester hours
Sociology	3 semester hours
U.S. History (may include 3 hours Texas History)	6 semester hours
U.S. Government	3 semester hours
Texas Government	3 semester hours
Computer Science (with lab)	3 semester hours **
Humanities	3 semester hours
Visual & Performing Arts	3 semester hours
Nutrition	3 semester hours
Electives	4 semester hours ***
Total Semester Hours	62

SPECIAL NOTES

* Laboratory time required.

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Courses Recommended for Transfer as Prerequisites

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Office of the Registrar
UTHealth
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Houston, TX 77225

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SPECIAL NOTES

****** All applicants must take the Health Science Reasoning Test ******

- A maximum of 62 hours will be accepted toward the baccalaureate prerequisites from community/junior/senior colleges.
- Grade point average for admission is based on all hours completed with grades of A, B, C, D, F, WF. Transfer credit is not granted for remedial courses or courses in which grades of D or F are earned, or for developmental courses.
- Successful completion of all portions of the Texas Success Initiative Program is a prerequisite for admissions.
- Admission to the Dental Hygiene program is competitive; applicants who meet the prerequisite requirements are considered for admission, but acceptance depends on available space and the applicant's qualifications compared to the total applicant pool.
- Admission offers are for the Fall Semester only.
- The TOEFL test is required for applicants who did not attend high school in the U.S., unless they hold an associate degree or higher from a U.S.-institution.

**Texas Community College Students
Transferring to the
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
Total credit = 62 semester hours**

ENGLISH - 6 semester hours of English Composition chosen from one of the following courses:

ENGL 1301
ENGL 1302
ENGL 1312
ENGL 1313
ENGL 2307
ENGL 2308
ENGL 2311
ENGL 2314
ENGL 2315

If an applicant already has bachelor's degree, 6 semester hours of the English requirement may be satisfied with the following literature courses:

ENGL 2322
ENGL 2323
ENGL 2326
ENGL 2331

UNITED STATES & TEXAS GOVERNMENT - 6 semester hours chosen from one of the following:

GOVT 2301 and GOVT 2302 ; or GOVT 2305 and GOVT 2306
GOVT 2301 and GOVT 2305 ; or GOVT 2301 and GOVT 2306

Note: It is strongly recommended that applicants complete both required courses at one institution. Combinations of (GOVT 2302 and GOVT 2305) or (GOVT 2302 and GOVT 2306) do not satisfy the legislative requirement.

UNITED STATES HISTORY - 6 semester hours, 3 of which may be Texas History, chosen from the following combinations:

HIST 1301 & 1302; or
HIST 1301 & (2301 or 2302 or 2303); or
HIST 1302 & (2301 or 2302 or 2303).

SPEECH - 3 semester hours of Speech chosen from one of the following:

SPCH 1311, SPCH 1315, SPCH 1318, SPCH 1321, SPCH 2333

MICROBIOLOGY - 4 semester hours of (including lab) chosen from one of the following combinations:

BIOL 2320 & 2120; or
BIOL 2320 & 2121; or
BIOL 2321 & 2121; or
BIOL 2321 & 2120; or
BIOL 2420; or
BIOL 2421

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY - 8 semester hours (including lab) chosen from one of the following:

BIOL 2401 & 2402; or
BIOL 2401 & 2302, & 2102; or
BIOL 2301 & 2101, & 2402; or
BIOL 2301 & 2101, 2302, & 2102; or
BIOL 2304, 2101, 2102, & 2305

CHEMISTRY - 4 semester hours (including lab) chosen from the following combinations:

CHEM 1305 & 1105; or

CHEM 1306 & 1106; or

CHEM 1307 & 1107; or

CHEM 1311 & 1111; or

CHEM 1312 & 1112; or

CHEM 1405; or

CHEM 1406; or

CHEM 1407; or

CHEM 1408; or

CHEM 1411; or

CHEM 1412; or

CHEM 1413; or

CHEM 1414; or

CHEM 2301 & 2101; or

CHEM 2302 & 2102; or

CHEM 2401; or

CHEM 2402; or

CHEM 2323 or 2423 & CHEM 2123 or 2223; or

CHEM 2325 or 2425 & CHEM 2125 or 2225; or

Other college-level Chemistry Lecture and companion Lab totaling 4 SH

MATH - 3 semester hours of college-level MATH or higher

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES - 6 semester hours

PYSCHOLOGY - 3 semester hours

PSYC 2301

SOCIOLOGY - 3 semester hours

SOCI 1301

COMPUTER SCIENCE - 3 hours chosen from the COSC courses; lab required. **Note:** (POFI or ITSC Courses) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

HUMANITIES; VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS - 6 semester hours

3 semester hours chosen from the following courses: Literature, Philosophy, Modern or Classical Language, Cultural Language, & Cultural Studies

and

3 semester hours chosen from the following courses: Arts, Dance, Music, Drama, and Theatre

NUTRITION - 3 semester hours

3 semester hours chosen from the following courses:

BIOL 1322

BIOL 1323

ELECTIVES - 4 semester hours

Recommended electives include foreign language, research design, and statistics.

Admission Requirements

DENTAL HYGIENE POST-DEGREE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

This program is for people with degrees in other fields who want to enter the dental hygiene profession. To be considered for admission, applicants **must have an associate degree or higher before applying for the program**. In addition, applicants must have completed the prerequisite courses listed below, with grades of C or better in each course and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.

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Prerequisites for Post-Degree Certificate Program	
English Composition I	3 semester hours
Fundamentals of Speech	3 semester hours
General Psychology	3 semester hours
Sociology	3 semester hours
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4 semester hours *
Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4 semester hours *
Chemistry	4 semester hours *
Microbiology	4 semester hours *
Nutrition	3 semester hours
Computer Science (with lab)	3 semester hours**

SPECIAL NOTES

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DENTAL HYGIENE POST-DEGREE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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SPECIAL NOTES

- **** All applicants must take the Health Science Reasoning Test ****
- A maximum of 34 hours will be accepted toward the certificate prerequisites from community/junior/senior colleges.
 - Grade point average for admission is based on all hours completed with grades of A, B, C, D, F, WF. Transfer credit is not granted for courses in which grades of D or F are earned, or for remedial or developmental courses.
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**Texas Community College Students to the
DENTAL HYGIENE
POST-DEGREE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Total credit = 34 semester hours

Courses are expressed in TCCNS numbers and department abbreviations.

ENGLISH - 3 semester hours of English Composition chosen from one of the following courses:

ENGL 1301
ENGL 1302

SPEECH - 3 semester hours of Speech chosen from one of the following:

SPCH 1311
SPCH 1315
SPCH 1318
SPCH 1321
SPCH 2333

SOCIAL SCIENCES - 6 semester hours of Psychology and Sociology:

PSYC 2301
SOCI 1301

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY - 8 semester hours (including lab) chosen from one of the following combinations:

BIOL 2401 & 2402; or
BIOL 2401 & 2302, & 2102; or
BIOL 2301 & 2101, & 2402; or
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MICROBIOLOGY - 4 semester hours of (including lab) chosen from one of the following combinations:

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Nutrition – 3 semester hours of NUTRITION chosen from the following:

BIOL 1322; or BIOL 1323

Computer Science – 3 semester hours of Computer Science chosen from the following:
COSC 1xxx or COSC 2xxx (lab required). Courses POFI or ITSC **will not be considered.**

DEGREE-COMPLETION PROGRAM RDH TO BSDH

UTHealth School of Dentistry's online degree-completion program is for dental hygienists who already hold a certificate or associate degree in dental hygiene. Twenty-three credit hours of coursework will be offered online, allowing students to work or continue working while enrolled. An additional 7 credit hours of practicum on-campus coursework will be required and may be completed at UTSD or at an approved dental hygiene campus of the student's choosing.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.75** and complete the same 62 hours of prerequisite courses required of those seeking a bachelor of science degree. Completing these prerequisite courses will also satisfy the core curriculum in Texas:

Prerequisites for RDH-to-BSDH Program	
English Composition I	3 semester hours
English Composition II	3 semester hours
Fundamentals of Speech	3 semester hours
General Psychology	3 semester hours
Sociology	3 semester hours
College Math (or higher)	3 semester hours
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4 semester hours *
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