

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the minimum grade point average (GPA)? *The minimum GPA is 2.50 on a 4.00 scale for the BSDH Entry-Level and the Post-Degree Certificate in Dental Hygiene programs.*

What is the application fee? *\$60 (non-refundable).*

When do I receive my student ID# so I can input them into my forms?

You will not receive a student ID (also known as application ID) until the submission and payment of your application.

Can I take my prerequisites at UTSD Houston? *No, all undergraduate coursework must have been completed at another college or university.*

Can I apply even though I have not completed all of my prerequisites or still have courses in progress? *Yes. However, all coursework must be completed by May 31 prior to the anticipated enrollment. The advancement of your application will be based on the completed courses you submit by August 31.*

Can I submit my letters of recommendation, transcripts, or any other supporting documents before submitting an application? *Yes, all documents will go into a pending file until the application has been submitted.*

What is the best option to send my official transcripts? *Official transcripts must be submitted by the college or university directly to the Office of the Registrar at the address listed below or electronically using electronic data interchange (EDI).*

*UTHealth
Office of the Registrar
PO Box 20036
Houston, TX 77225*

Do I need to submit SAT or ACT scores to be considered for admission? *No*

Is a test required for admissions? *Yes, the Casper test with Acuity Insights.*

Do I have to register myself to take Casper? *Yes, [click here](#) to get more information about Casper. You will need to go on their website and register to take the test at [Acuity Insights](#).*

What is are the fees to take Casper? *\$60 for the test.*

How many times can I take Casper? *You may only take the test once per admission cycle, which is only valid for the Dental Hygiene Program.*

Can I take the Casper before submitting the application? *Yes, Casper is administered on specific dates updated on our website every application cycle. Dates are limited so please schedule your test accordingly.*

If I do not get accepted, do I have to retake Casper? *Yes, the score is only applicable for the current admission cycle.*

Can I observe a dentist to fulfill the required observation hours? *Applicants must complete a minimum of 20 hours shadowing a registered dental hygienist(s). Shadowing a dentist will not be accepted for any portion of the 20 hours.*

If I am an international student or foreign-trained dentist, am I eligible to apply to the UTHealth Houston Dental Hygiene Program? *Yes; however, all undergraduate course requirements 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.*

What is the minimum test score for TOEFL? *Internet-based Total (IBT) of 90-120.*

How can I find out if the courses I've taken or plan to take will satisfy the prerequisites requirements? *The [Prerequisite Guide](#) gives a list of courses that can be used as a general reference. The UTHealth Registrar's Office conducts the official evaluation after receiving your online application and official transcripts. If you have questions regarding the transfer of credits, please contact the UTHealth Registrar Office at 713-500-3361.*