

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. A minimum 2.75 GPA is required for the RDH-to-BSDH Program.*

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

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

Can I submit an application although 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.*

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 Health Science Reasoning test ([HSRT](#)).*

Can I take the HSRT somewhere else or have my score transferred? *No, the HSRT is only valid if taken onsite at UTSD Houston, and the score cannot be transferred from another institution.*

Can I take the HSRT before submitting and application? *Yes, the HSRT is administered between April and August annually. Spaces are limited; please check our website (Students>Dental Hygiene>Admissions>General Information) for availability.*

If I do not get accepted, do I have to retake the HSRT? *Yes, the score is only applicable for the current application 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 UTSD 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 [Transfer Guide](#) gives a list of courses that can be used as a general reference. The UTHHealth Registrar's Office conducts the official evaluation after receiving your online application and official transcripts.*