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# *Prerequisite Guide*

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## **Dental Hygiene Program**

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

## Admission Requirements Dental Hygiene Bachelor's Program

Admission to The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston, Dental Hygiene program requires satisfactory completion of the following prerequisites courses from an accredited school. A grade of at least C must be earned in each of the required courses while maintaining a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.

All undergraduate course requirements listed in the table below must have been completed at a regionally accredited US or Canadian university/college. Foreign coursework will **not** count towards meeting any of the prerequisites, even if transfer credit has been given for them by a US or Canadian school.

<b>Prerequisites for Bachelor's Degree Program</b>	
Communications	
English	6 semester hours
Speech	3 semester hours
Mathematics	
College Math or higher	3 semester hours
Natural Sciences	
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4 semester hours *
Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4 semester hours *
Chemistry	4 semester hours *
Microbiology	4 semester hours *
Humanities & Visual and Performing Arts	
Literature, Philosophy, Modern or Classical Language, Cultural Language, Cultural Studies	3 semester hours
Arts, Dance, Music, Drama, Theatre	3 semester hours
Social and Behavioral Science	
Psychology	3 semester hours
Sociology	3 semester hours
U.S. History	6 semester hours
American Government	6 semester hours
Computer Science	3 semester hours
Nutrition	3 semester hours
Electives	4 semester hours **
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>62</b>

### **SPECIAL NOTES**

\*Laboratory time is required.

\*\*The following are recommended elective courses to enrich the student's dental hygiene education to the fullest: foreign language, research design, and statistics.

The TOEFL test is required if the applicant did not attend high school in the United States.

The following **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** for Computer Science: Workforce Courses (**POFI, ITSC**)  
\*\*\*\*\*All applicants are required to take the Acuity Insights\*\*\*\*\*

## **DENTAL HYGIENE BACHELOR'S PROGRAM COURSES RECOMMENDED FOR TRANSFER AS PREREQUISITES**

**TEXAS COMMON COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM** – To help students transfer from one institution to another, Texas community colleges have voluntarily adopted a single numbering system for their courses. The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) is a uniform set of four-character abbreviations for academic disciplines and four-digit course numbers. The first digit of the number reflects the academic level (0 for sub freshman, 1 for freshman, and 2 for sophomore) and the second digit reflects the semester hour credit value of a course.

**USE OF TRANSFER CREDIT TOWARD PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS** - The Office of the Registrar evaluates courses from other institutions for prerequisite requirements. Questions concerning degree/graduation requirements and applicability of transfer credit toward satisfaction of prerequisite requirements should be directed to:

The Office of the Registrar  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
P. O. Box 20036  
Houston, TX 77225

Telephone: (713)500-3361

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### **SPECIAL NOTES**

**\*\*\*\* All Applicants must take the Acuity Insights \*\*\***

- 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 TSI 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 upon 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 if the applicant did not attend high school in the United States.

**Texas Community College Students to the  
DENTAL HYGIENE BACHELOR'S PROGRAM**

**Total credit = 62 semester hours**

Courses are expressed in TCCNS numbers and department abbreviations.

**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 possess a 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 or BCIS courses

**POFI or ITSC Courses WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

**HUMANITIES & Visual and 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 elective courses to enrich the student's dental hygiene education to the fullest: foreign language, research design, and statistics

## Admission Requirements Dental Hygiene Post–Degree Certificate Program

Admission to The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston, Dental Hygiene post-degree certificate program **requires that you must have an associate's degree or higher in order to apply into the program.** In addition, it requires satisfactory completion of the following prerequisites courses from an accredited school. A grade of at least C must be earned in each of the required courses while maintaining a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.

All undergraduate course requirements listed in the table below must have been completed at a regionally accredited US or Canadian university/college. Foreign coursework will **not** count towards meeting any of the prerequisites, even if transfer credit has been given for them by a US or Canadian school.

<b>Prerequisites for Post–Degree Certificate Program</b>	
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	3 semester hours

### **SPECIAL NOTES**

\*Laboratory time is required.

The TOEFL test is required if the applicant did not attend high school in the United States.

The following **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** for Computer Science Workforce Courses (**POFI, ITSC**)

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**DENTAL HYGIENE**  
**POST-DEGREE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**  
**COURSES RECOMMENDED FOR TRANSFER AS PREREQUISITES**

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**SPECIAL NOTES**

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- 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 developmental courses.
- Successful completion of all portions of the TSI 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 upon 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 if the applicant did not attend high school in the United States.

**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  
SOC 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  
BIOL 2301 & 2101, 2302, & 2102; or  
BIOL 2304, 2101, 2102, & 2305

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

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

**CHEMISTRY** - 4 semester hours of CHEMISTRY (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  
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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

**Nutrition** – 3 semester hours of NUTITION chosen from the following:

BIOL 1322; or  
BIOL 1323

**Computer Science** – 3 hours chosen from the COSC or BCIS courses

**POFI or ITSC Courses WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**



## RDH TO BS DEGREE PROGRAM

The online Degree-Completion Program is currently designed for dental hygienists who graduated with a Certificate in Dental Hygiene or Associate's Degree in Dental Hygiene. Twenty-three credit hours of coursework will be offered on-line, which will allow the students to work or continue working while enrolled. An additional 7 credit hours of practicum on-campus coursework will be required and can be completed at UTSD or at an approved dental hygiene campus of the student's choosing.

Applicants must complete the 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.

<b>Prerequisites for Bachelor's Degree Program</b>	
Communications	
English	6 semester hours
Speech	3 semester hours
Mathematics	
College Math or higher	3 semester hours
Natural Sciences	
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4 semester hours *
Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4 semester hours *
Chemistry	4 semester hours *
Microbiology	4 semester hours *
Humanities & Visual and Performing Arts	
Literature, Philosophy, Modern or Classical Language, Cultural Language, Cultural Studies	3 semester hours
Arts, Dance, Music, Drama, Theatre	3 semester hours
Social and Behavioral Science	
Psychology	3 semester hours
Sociology	3 semester hours
U.S. History	6 semester hours
American Government	6 semester hours
Computer Science	3 semester hours *
Nutrition	3 semester hours
Electives	4 semester hours **
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>62</b>

# Admission Requirements Dental Hygiene Master's Program

## Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree (in any field) from a regionally accredited university or college
- Certificate or associate degree in dental hygiene from a [CODA](#)-accredited dental hygiene program
- GPA of 3.0 or higher in your dental hygiene coursework
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (recommended)
- State license to practice dental hygiene
- Applicants outside of Texas MUST reside in a participating National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) state to be accepted into our program. To see if your state participates, or to get more information, please visit [NC-SARA](#).

## DEGREE PLAN

Prefix & Number	Required Courses	SCH	Format
	<b>FALL 1</b>		
DHMS 6501	Graduate Seminar in Education I	3	Online
DHMS 6502	Introduction to Educational Research	3	Online
	<b>SPRING 1</b>		
DHMS 6503	Academic Leadership & Communication	3	Online
DHMS 6506	Clinical Teaching	3	Online
	<b>SUMMER 1</b>		
DBPG 5352	Biostatistics for Dental Professionals	2	Online
DHMS 6505	Graduate Seminar in Education II	3	Online
	<b>FALL 2</b>		
*DHMS 6507	Clinical Teaching Practicum	4	Online
*DHMS 6508	Graduate Seminar in Education III	3	Online
	<b>SPRING 2</b>		
*DHMS 6509	Education Practicum	4	Online/ Campus
*DHMS 6510	Capstone	4	Online
	<b>SUMMER 2</b>		
DHMS 6511	Capstone Extension	1	Online

\* The semester these courses are taken will vary according to the dental hygiene program where the practicum is completed.

## Application Deadlines

The application process opens **November 1st** and closes **June 1st** for entry in August of the same year. Applicants will be notified of their standing by July 1.

## Application Requirements

Applications will be processed upon receipt of the following:

- All official college transcripts
- One letter of recommendation from your dental hygiene program faculty or employer using the [institutional form](#).
- Print and fill out your portion of the form and give it to the person writing the recommendation. The person completing the recommendation should send the completed recommendation form to the registrar. The official university form must be submitted.