

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE ADMISSION POLICY – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the University provides students with the opportunity to complete a core of pre-dental hygiene courses. All students must complete and/or be registered for all of the pre-dental hygiene courses (the first year fall semester, the first year spring semester, and the second year fall semester as listed in Section A) after which they may apply and compete for a position in the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Program. PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO LIMITED CLINICAL CAPACITY AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES, ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY AND COMPLETION OF THE PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE COURSES DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION. The **BOLD PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE COURSES** will be used in the calculation of the student's Pre-Dental Hygiene GPA which will be used in ranking students for admission.

Admitted students who voluntarily withdraw from the Dental Hygiene Program will be allowed to reapply only one additional time. This is enforced in fairness to other applicants.

A criminal background check which includes fingerprinting for the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation is required for licensure in Ohio. If a student has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor related to substance abuse or a crime involving moral turpitude, licensure may be denied by the Ohio State Dental Board. For further information regarding licensure and the results of background checks call the Ohio State Dental Board at (614) 466-2580.

Students can visit <https://www.transferology.com/index.htm>, a free web-based source where information regarding courses that transfer and apply to a degree program is available.*

A. **Current, New, Transfer, Transient, and Former Students**

Students must apply and compete for conditional acceptance into the dental hygiene program by September 1 for spring semester admittance. Rankings for admission will include a minimum GPA of 2.70 in the **BOLD PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE COURSES** and a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or greater. ALL pre-dental hygiene courses must be completed with a "C" or better by the end of the fall semester of the second year (as outlined below).

Pre-Dental Hygiene Courses

<u>FIRST YEAR FALL SEMESTER</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
ENGL 1550 Writing 1.....	3
CHEM 1510/L Chemistry for the Allied Health Sciences	4
BIOL 1545/L Allied Health Anatomy and Physiology	5
YSU 1500 Success Seminar	2
TOTAL	14

<u>FIRST YEAR SPRING SEMESTER</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
ENGL 1551 Writing 2.....	3
CMST 1545 Communication Foundations.....	3
BIOL 1560 Microbiology for the Health Professions	2
BIOL 1560L Microbiology Laboratory for Health Professions	1
OR	
MLT 2687L Microbiology for Health Care Laboratory	1
PSYC 1560 General Psychology.....	3
MATH 2623 Quantitative Reasoning	3
OR	
STAT 2625 Statistical Literacy and Critical Reasoning	4
TOTAL	15-16

SECOND YEAR FALL SEMESTER**Semester Hours**

PHIL 2625 Introduction to Professional Ethics	3
SOC 1500 Introduction to Sociology	3
Arts and Humanities Elective.....	3
Social and Personal Awareness Elective	3
TOTAL.....	12

B. Current Students

Candidates must apply online by September 1 for spring semester admittance. Please email Jennifer Myers at jlm Myers09@ysu.edu for a review of your prerequisites and individual application link (beginning March 1). All necessary reports, transcripts and observation hours must be received by September 1. No applications will be considered after this deadline.

C. New, Transfer, Transient and Former YSU Students

1. Must first apply and be admitted to the University by completing the undergraduate admissions form and indicating dental hygiene as the intended major.
2. Submit transcripts from each of the post secondary institutions and high school(s) attended. Transcripts of any academic work being completed during the academic year of the requested admission date must be submitted to YSU Admissions Office by September 1. No applications will be considered after this deadline.

D. Observation Requirement

All prospective students must complete a minimum of 12 hours of observation of a registered dental hygienist in at least two separate dental offices or dental clinics. Students must dress appropriately. Shorts, jeans, tennis shoes, flip-flops or other unprofessional clothing is not permitted. Hair must be pulled away from the face and make-up and perfume should be moderately applied. Observation forms are available on the dental hygiene website <http://www.ysu.edu/academics/bitonte-college-health-and-human-services/dental-hygiene-major>. Each prospective student must print the form and fill it out. The forms with the appropriate signatures must be mailed to:

Youngstown State University, Dental Hygiene Program, One University Plaza, Youngstown, OH 44555.

E. Factors affecting admission will include:

1. Pre-Dental Hygiene G.P.A.*
2. Cumulative G.P.A.*
3. **All pre-dental hygiene courses** completed with a "C" or better by the end of the fall semester of the year of application.
4. Number of repetitions of **BOLD** pre-dental hygiene courses (as indicated in Section A).
5. As the number of repetitions increases, the likelihood of being admitted decreases. Applicants will have within the last 5 years, no more than 2 repeated classes in all the pre-dental hygiene courses. A repeated course must be completed with a grade of "C" or better and all incompletes must be removed before beginning the dental hygiene curriculum.
6. Satisfactory completion of the dental hygiene observation forms.

Upon receiving admission to the Dental Hygiene Program, and as a condition of admission, students must show satisfactory evidence of the following:

- A. CPR/BLS certification and 2-step TB test will be administered following acceptance.
- B. Completed, current physical and dental exam.
- C. Proof of current TDAP immunization and positive lab titers for Hepatitis B, MMR, and Varicella. Please note that additional immunizations may be required to complete program requirements.

*Must first apply to YSU and be accepted for verification of transfer courses