DENTAL HYGIENE APPLICANT CHECKLIST
Weber State University | Dumke College of Health Professions

Application Deadline:
January 15th of every year
If you can check each of the left-hand column blanks, you are qualified to apply to the program!

_____ Have you applied to Weber State University (may be done online at weber.edu)?
_____ Is your college/university overall cumulative GPA at least 2.5 and Science Option GPA of a 2.5?
_____ To be eligible to apply, you must be able to check two (2) courses from one of the two Science Options listed below, showing you have completed the course with a grade of ‘C’ or higher. All courses within the Science Option must be completed prior to starting the Dental Hygiene program and must not be older than 5 years from the start date of the Dental Hygiene program:

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<th>Science Option 1</th>
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<td>Int. Anat/Phys I (HTHS 1110)</td>
<td><strong>Recommended to finish Patho as soon as possible</strong></td>
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<td>Int. Anat/Phys II (HTHS 1111)</td>
<td><strong>Students are encouraged to take Patho Lab (HTHS 2231)</strong></td>
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<td>Pathophysiology (HTHS 2230)**</td>
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<td>Human Anatomy (Zoology 2100)</td>
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<td>3 credits of Physical Science</td>
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<td>Human Physiology (Zoology 2200)</td>
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_____ To be eligible to apply, you must be able to check four (4) of the following Support courses, showing you have completed the course with a grade of ‘C’ or higher. All Support courses must be completed prior to starting the Dental Hygiene program:

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<td>English 1010</td>
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<td>Math ***</td>
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<td>Psychology 1010</td>
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<td>Nutrition 1020</td>
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<td>Sociology 1010 or 1020</td>
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<td>Communication 1020 or 2110</td>
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<td><strong>Math needs to be one of the following:</strong></td>
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<td>Information Literacy: Library 1704 or HTHS 2904 or Web 1504</td>
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_____ Submit or postmark a complete application by January 15th. Applications are available during the month of October by visiting weber.edu/dentalhygiene/degrees/applications.html or by contacting the DCHP Admissions Advisement Office at 801.626.6136 or HealthProfessions@weber.edu.

Once I am qualified, how do I improve my chances of getting accepted?

- Students who have all courses complete within one of the Science Options and all of the Support courses complete with a grade of ‘C’ or higher - prior to the application deadline - will be given additional consideration. The average GPA of accepted students is 3.5.
- Obtain Dental Experience! Accepted students have at least 50+ volunteer hours which is good. Paid experience that is even better. Or having a Dental Assisting Certificate from an accredited dental assisting program is the best.
  - It is MANDATORY to have experience prior to starting the program. Students will not be allowed to begin the program if they have no experience in the field.
- Complete an AS/AA or BS/BA degree from any regionally-accredited institution.
- Although first-time applicants may be accepted into the program, additional consideration will be given to previously qualified applicants who have completed all of the Science and Support Courses.
- Additional consideration will be given to students with diverse backgrounds. Be sure to fill out the diversity information on the application.
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**How do my credits transfer from other institutions?**
You may visit our online transfer guide at [weber.edu/transferguide](http://weber.edu/transferguide) for a list of courses from other regionally-accredited colleges/universities and show how those courses transfer to Weber State University.

**Is there a time limit to how old my courses can be?**
Science Option courses must be completed within five years from the start date of the program. There is no expiration for any other prerequisite courses; however, if students stop at Math 0950, 0990, 0970, or 1010, and do not fulfill Math Quantitative Literacy (QL), Math will expire after two years per WSU policy. Once a student completes the Math QL requirement, there is no expiration.

Math QL is the state requirement for math. To fulfill Math QL, students need to complete either Math 1030, 1040 or 1050 with a grade of ‘C’ or higher.

**I have completed all of my Science Option and Support courses, what should I take while waiting for acceptance into the program?**
You may complete requirements for an Associate of Science degree in Health Sciences or General Studies. Also, you may start working on upper-division courses (3000-4000 level courses) for the Bachelor’s degree in Dental Hygiene (See the DCHP Admissions Advisement Office for a list of courses).

**How many students apply and are accepted each year?**
Traditionally, there have been between 130-140 applicants each year for 30 positions.

**Is there a wait-list?**
No, there is no wait-list for the Dental Hygiene program; however, the program is competitive-based. Your GPA from all prerequisite/support courses, GPA from the Science Option courses, dental experience, and how much you have completed are used for determining selection into the program.

**Do I need letters of recommendation?**
No, the department does not ask for letters of recommendation with the application.

**Do I need an ACT score?**
We no longer use the ACT score in our selection process. Your college grades and courses completed will be looked at in the selection process.

**Are there night courses available?**
The prerequisite courses may be done at night or online; however, the Dental Hygiene program is taught during the day. It is a full-time program; you need to be available from 8:00-5:00 Monday thru Friday, once you are accepted for the program.

For additional questions on application requirements or any other Pre-Dental Hygiene concerns, please contact the Dumke College of Health Professions Admissions Advisement Office. An advising video is also available online that reviews the applicant checklist: [weber.edu/CHP-College_Pages/Dental_Hygiene.html](http://weber.edu/CHP-College_Pages/Dental_Hygiene.html)

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