



# DENTAL HYGIENE APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Weber State University | Dumke College of Health Professions

## Application Deadline:

**January 15th** of every year

## Program Begins:

Fall semester of each academic 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 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 7 years from the start date of the Dental Hygiene program:**

### Science Option 1

- \_\_\_\_\_ HTHS 1110 Int. Anat/Phys I
- \_\_\_\_\_ HTHS 1111 Int. Anat/Phys II
- \_\_\_\_\_ HTHS 2230 Pathophysiology\*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits of Physical Science

**OR**

### Science Option 2

- \_\_\_\_\_ ZOOL 2320 Human Anatomy (formerly 2100)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ZOOL 2420 Human Physiology (formerly 2200)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HTHS 2230 Pathophysiology \*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chemistry 1010 or 1130 or 1110
- \_\_\_\_\_ Microbiology 1113

\*\* Students are encouraged to take Patho Lab (HTHS 2231)

\_\_\_\_\_ 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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|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| _____ English 1010 or 1005 or 1006 & 1007          | _____ English 2010 or 2015   |
| _____ Math QL***                                   | _____ Psychology 1010        |
| _____ Nutrition 1020                               | _____ Sociology 1010 or 1020 |
| _____ Communication 1020 or 2110                   |                              |
| _____ Information Literacy: LIBS 1704 or HTHS 2904 |                              |

\*\*\*Math QL (There is no expiration for Math QL).

For more info. check out [Weber.edu/wsuiimages/placement/math-path-2023.pdf](http://Weber.edu/wsuiimages/placement/math-path-2023.pdf)

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete the Online application by **January 15th**. Applications are available during the month of October by visiting [Weber.edu/DentalHygiene/DentalAS](http://Weber.edu/DentalHygiene/DentalAS)

Ensure most recent semester grades and degree if applicable, are posted on your transcript before uploading a copy of your unofficial transcript(s) to the application. This may necessitate the need to complete the application in early-January as opposed to December.

## 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.
- **Obtain Dental Experience!** Accepted students have at least 50+ volunteer hours, which is good. Paid experience is even better. 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 a regionally-accredited institution. AS in HTHS is a little more.
- 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 Option and Support Courses.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **How do my credits transfer from other institutions?**

The best thing to do is to become a Weber State student and submit your transcript(s) for evaluation. Then you'll know exactly what they equal. There is the [Weber.edu/transferguide](http://Weber.edu/transferguide) to search for courses from other regionally-accredited colleges/universities to see how those courses *may* transfer to Weber State University.

### **Is there a time limit to how old my courses can be?**

Science Option courses must be **completed within seven years** from the start date of the program.

### **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+ level courses) for the Bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene (*See the DCHP Admissions Advisement Office for the Dental Hygiene UD list*).

### **How many students apply and are accepted each year?**

Traditionally, there have been between 120-140 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, a degree, 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?**

No, the ACT score is not used in the selection process. Your completed prerequisite courses and grades 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 through Friday, once you are accepted for the program. It's a four-semester program (Fall, Spring, Fall, Spring).

For additional Pre-Dental Hygiene questions regarding application requirements or general education requirements, please contact the Dumke College of Health Professions Admissions Advisement Office. An advising video is also available on our website, that has an advisor going over the applicant checklist, along with other videos and helpful information.

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