

Frequently Asked Questions - Dental Hygiene Program

What are the course requirements I need to complete before applying?

The following requirements need to be fulfilled by the end of the fall semester, prior to the December 31st application deadline. Applications must be most post marked December 31st.

1. MATH 0700 or equivalent or higher completed with a grade of "C" or above, or take Normandale's course readiness exam and **place** into Math 1100 or above.
2. ENGC 1101 or equivalent with a grade of "C" or above
3. CHEM 1050 or equivalent with a grade of "C" or above
4. BIOL 2041 human anatomy/lab or equivalent with a grade "C" or above
5. BIOL 2042 human physiology/lab or equivalent with a grade "C" or above or proof of spring semester registration.
6. BIOL 2204 Microbiology/lab or equivalent with a grade of "C" or above. Note: To increase science ranking points on an application, students are strongly encouraged to complete this course prior to program application, although it may be completed during the first year of the dental hygiene program. Continuation through the program is contingent on completion of the course with a grade of "C" or above. You must also have cumulative **grade point average of 2.75 or higher**.

When do I apply?

When you have fulfilled the requirements listed above, you may apply for the dental hygiene program during fall semester. The application deadline is December 31st each year.

What will improve my chances of being admitted?

The majority of the students who are offered seats in the DH program have completed all their science and liberal requirements prior to applying. PRIMARY ADMISSION FACTORS into the DH program are your grades and all required science courses completed and overall cumulative grade point average. SECONDARY ADMISSION FACTORS are your grades in liberal arts portion of the general education requirements and any other chemistry or biology courses completed before the December 31st application deadline date.

How can I get a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene?

Great News for Dental Hygiene Applicants: We now have a Baccalaureate degree completion pathway through a new "dual enrollment" opportunity with Metropolitan State University. Partnering with Metropolitan State, we now offer the AS/BSDH dual admission program with simultaneous admission to Normandale Community College's Associate Degree (AS) program and Metropolitan State University's Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) program. This unique partnership offers students the opportunity to take specific bachelor's level degree completion courses along with associate program coursework on Normandale's campus. This opportunity provides dental hygiene students flexibility in their educational and career planning. For those who are anxious to obtain a BSDH degree this may be accomplished within one or two semesters after completion of the Associate Degree Program. Completing this application automatically enrolls you at both institutions (cost saving application fees) and provides you with a new career laddering option. (see application)

How many applicants are admitted who fulfill the requirements?

Normandale accepts 20 applicants. The remaining qualified applicants who fulfill the requirements will be considered as alternates. If your alternate status does not change to a fulltime DH student, you must reapply to the DH Program for the following year.

Is there a waiting list?

NO, there is no waiting list but an alternate list. Normandale accepts 20 applicants, based on the applicants PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ADMISSION FACTORS. If you are not accepted into the program on the alternate status, you must **reapply** for the following year and meet the current program requirements.

What is the length of the dental hygiene program?

The degree program is four semesters (two years) starting each fall semester. Most students complete their liberal education and science courses prior to applying.

May I file an academic petition for my dental assisting courses?

Yes, only if you are accepted into the dental hygiene program. The Dental Hygiene Department Chair and Dean of Health Sciences will review your Normandale academic petition.

When are official transcript(s) due?

All official transcripts from accredited institutions must be mailed to Normandale by January 15th after the December 31st application deadline.

Do I need to be a registered or certified dental assistant?

No. This has no bearing on acceptance into the DH Program

Should I include recommendations letters and resume?

No, they are not considered at all. Your admission is based on the primary and secondary admission factors listed above.

What will my schedule be like once I am in the dental hygiene program?

The Dental Hygiene curriculum includes lecture, laboratory, and clinical requirements. In your second year of the program, there are some late afternoon and evening clinics. Refer to a current class schedule. Some students may need to take microbiology or an elective along with the dental hygiene schedule. All other general education courses should have been completed prior to admission to the program.

I have a disability. Whom do I contact?

Refer to Normandale catalog Student Services Office for Students with Disabilities 952-358-8625. Also refer to the "Tech Standards" link to review the required abilities for effective performance in the dental hygiene program.

Information Sessions

Contact Normandale Office of Admissions for Information Session schedules at 952-358-8201 or visit our website at www.normandale.edu/visit/.

Where can I find out career information about Dental Hygiene?

For an overview on this career regarding skills, abilities, knowledge, wages and benefits go to <http://www.iseek.org/> Minnesota's gateway to career, education, employment and business information.

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