



How to Apply?

Step 1	Complete the General Application for Admission to Normandale
Step 2	Complete Pre-Requisite Courses and other Program Admissions Requirements <i>Review the Dental Hygiene webpage for more information including the Dental Hygiene Information Packet.</i>
Step 3	Complete the Special Program Application by January 15th <i>Applications are accepted annually November 1-January 15 for a program starting the following fall semester.</i>

Minimum Requirements to be Considered for Admission:

- Completed all required pre-requisite courses with Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher
- A completed [Admission Test for Dental Hygiene \(ATDH\) Exam](#) with the official score on file by application deadline
- Current college-level math placement or completion of a college-level math course.

Required Pre-Requisite Courses (Grade of C or better and minimum 3.25 GPA required)

Course Number and Title	Course Pre-Requisites	Credits
ENG 1101 College Writing	ENG 0960/EAP 0960 or college-level English placement	4
CHEM 1050 Foundations of Organic and Biochemistry (CHEM 1061 and 1062 Principles of Chemistry 2 will also be accepted, grade for CHEM 1062 used in GPA calculation)	CHEM 1020 or complete Chemistry self-assessment for review to be placed into CHEM 1050	3
BIOL 2041 Human Anatomy	CHEM 1050 or CHEM 1061 or concurrent registration and college-level English placement or ENG 0960/EAP 0960	4
BIOL 2042 Human Physiology	BIOL 2041 and CHEM 1050 or CHEM 1061	4
BIOL 2044 Introductory Microbiology (BIOL 2043, Microbiology, will also be accepted)	BIOL 2041, or BIOL 1100, or BIOL 2042, or BIOL 1501 AND CHEM 1050 or CHEM 1061	3-4
COMM 1111 Interpersonal Communication	Recommended: College-level English placement	3
HLTH 1107 Principles of Nutrition	Recommended: College-level English placement	3
PSYC 1110 Introduction to Psychology	Recommended: College-level English placement	4
SOC 1104 Introduction to Sociology	None	3



Dental Hygiene Application Scoring:

1. **Pre-requisite GPA:** 40 points max (GPA multiplied by 10)
The pre-requisite GPA will be calculated based on the grades from the nine required pre-requisite courses listed on page one.
2. **Science Courses:** 20 points max
The four pre-requisite science courses (CHEM 1050, BIOL 2041, BIOL 2042, BIOL 2044 or accepted alternatives noted on the previous page) will earn points based on the grade range:
 - A range (Grade of A+, A, or A-): 5 points
 - B range (Grade of B+, B, or B-): 3 points
 - C range (Grade of C+ or C): 1 point
3. **ATDH Exam Score:** 50 points max (applicant score divided by 10)
Scores range from 200-500

**Note: Work experience and letters of recommendation will not be used in admission decisions.*



IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER ABOUT ADMISSIONS



This is a competitive application process.

Admission is **not** guaranteed by completing the minimum eligibility requirements.
Admissions decisions will be based on applicant scores as outlined above.

Transfer Coursework

- Please review the [Transfer Credit Evaluation webpage](#) for information about transferring coursework to Normandale Community College.
- Science courses with labs from online credit vendors, such as StraighterLine or Sophia Learning, will not be accepted to fulfill dental hygiene program requirements.
- BIOL 2041 and BIOL 2042 may be fulfilled by a completed Anatomy & Physiology I and II sequence. Students should confirm via Normandale's transcript evaluation process.
- Additional transfer information can be found in the Dental Hygiene Information Packet.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **How Many Seats Are Available?** 30 per year, beginning each fall
- **How Many Applications Are Submitted?** Over 200 per year
- **How Many Years Does It Take to Finish the Program?** 2 years once accepted into the program. Students typically spend 1-2 years completing program pre-requisites.
- **How Much Does the Program Cost?** Please visit the [tuition and fees](#) webpage for the most up-to-date information. Admitted students will also be required to purchase additional equipment prior to starting the program.
- **Does the program offer a part-time or evening option?** No