



DARTON COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION

# **Dental Hygiene Program Application Packet**



**Dear Prospective Student:**

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Hygiene Program at Albany State University's Darton College of Health Professions. Please note the DH program has a selective admissions process, therefore due to the competitive nature, careful preparation of the application and all requirements is highly recommended.

The DH program is made up of 2 phases: (1) the pre-professional phase and (2) the professional phase. The pre-professional phase is considered the time required to complete prerequisite coursework, DH core curriculum, and application requirements for the program. While in the **pre-professional** phase, students at ASU's Darton College of Health Professions and students transferring from another institution should list the degree of Health Science as the primary major with pre-DH listed as the secondary major. Transfer students should refer all questions concerning **transfer credit equivalency** of courses to the Registrar's office (229-500-2035) to make sure the courses they wish to transfer to ASU are equivalent to the courses required for the DH program. After the student has applied and been selected to the **professional** phase, the primary major will then be changed to the professional phase of the DH program.

The DH program admits one class of up to 20 students per year that begins each fall semester. The deadline to apply is **June 1** of the year the student wishes to enter the professional phase. The professional phase is completed over a time of 5-semester (Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall, and Spring) with the student graduating in May of the second Spring semester. Upon successful completion of the five-semester program (including one summer of study), students will be eligible to take the comprehensive National Board Dental Hygiene Exam, and a state or regional clinical examination. Upon passing these examinations and receiving licensure, graduates will then be qualified for employment in private dental offices, hospitals, military dental clinics, local or state health departments, or may transfer the A.S. in Dental Hygiene toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene.

The deadline for applying (June 1) occurs during the summer semester prior to the fall semester start date. A student may apply to the program if they are taking prerequisite coursework during spring semester, however **all prerequisite coursework must be successfully completed prior to the June 1st deadline.**

Please note that due to the competitive nature of the application process and the high volume of applicants, taking the prerequisite coursework, as well as meeting all of the minimum requirements, **does not guarantee** acceptance into the professional phase of the program.

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229-500-2236

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

To be considered for admission to the Dental Hygiene program, the applicant must:

1. **Apply and be fully admitted to Albany State University before May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.**

- [Click here to apply online.](#)
- A \$20 application fee (subject to change) is required at the time you apply to the institution.
- Declare Health Science as your primary major and Pre-Dental Hygiene as the secondary major.
- Please do not send the ASU application or the application fee to the DH Program. The two application processes are separate and no additional fee is required when submitting the DH Program application.
- It is recommended that students apply to the University at least 1 month prior to the application deadline, as admission processes may take up to 4 weeks to complete (including articulation of transfer evaluations.)
- For transfer students, official transcripts from **all** colleges or universities ever attended must be submitted to the ASU Registrar's Office and must be received by the **June 1** deadline.
- Students who have previously attended Albany State University and have not been in attendance for a semester of more (excluding Summer) are required to file an application for readmission by the deadline date of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Students must be eligible to enroll in the same academic department in which they were last registered. Additionally, students are required to comply with the provisions of the [Academic Standing Policy](#). The application for readmission to ASU, can be found at the following link: <https://www.asurams.edu/enrollment-management/admissions/readmission.php>
- Please note that the application process for Albany State University and Dental Hygiene are two separate processes and applications. Acceptance to ASU **does not** ensure admission to the DH program.

2. **Electronically submit your FASFA application for Financial Aid before May 1<sup>st</sup> each year.**

For information on completing your FASFA application, please visit [Albany State University's Office of Financial Aid webpage at https://www.asurams.edu/enrollment-management/admissions/readmission.php](#)

3. **Submit the completed online DH application packet and requirements by the June 1 deadline.**

- The student must complete a Dental Hygiene Application and all required forms. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all application material has been completed by utilizing the checklist at the end of the application.**
- Any submitted incomplete application will not be given full consideration.

4. **Observation Hours**

- Must complete a minimum of **16** observational hours in **two separate general dentist** office locations.
- The hours must be documented and verified/signed by a dentist or registered dental hygienist.
- Observation hours should be spent observing a **registered dental hygienist (RDH)** performing direct patient care procedures.
- An Observational Hours Form is located within the application packet.
- Observation hours are considered applicable for a period of two years.

5. **Essay**

- Please include a **hand-written** essay describing a personal experience that encouraged or motivated you to be a dental hygienist. The essay should be a minimum of one full page in length and a maximum of two page in length.

6. **TEAS Testing**

- Include an unofficial copy of your TEAS Score Report
- The TEAS **must be an in-person proctored exam**. DH does not accept the online version.
- You must list ASU as an institution for us to access your score.
- Please refer to the "TEAS Information" section of this application packet for more information.

7. **Dental Hygiene Admission Orientation**

- Students will be required to sign an [acknowledgement form](#) stating he/she will have to attend the mandatory virtual Dental Hygiene Admission Orientation. This orientation is usually held 3-4 weeks prior to the start of fall semester only for those accepted into the professional phase. The orientation will be held online via Webex.

**8. Completion of courses required for program admission.**

- See below for a complete list of required general education courses that are **required** for Dental Hygiene program admission.
- **A minimum of a 2.5 GPA on DH general education courses is required for program admission is mandatory.**
  - While it is strongly advised that all general education courses be completed prior to application to the professional phase of the program, it is not mandatory.
  - **THE FOLLOWING COURSES ARE PRE-REQUISITE COURSES AND MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> APPLICATION DEADLINE: [MATH 1111](#); [BIOL 1100K](#) OR [BIOL 2411K](#) and [BIOL 2412K](#); [CHEM 1151K](#) AND [BIOL 2211K](#).**
    - Science courses must not be older than 10 years at the time of program application.
    - The courses required for program admission must be completed *or* in progress for spring semester of the year of application. These pre-requisite courses must be successfully completed by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline with a grade of a C or better.
    - Potential students should be advised that while a “C” is an acceptable passing grade for general education courses, too many “C’s” will not achieve the required 2.5 GPA of general education core curriculum for dental hygiene.
    - The Dental Hygiene GPA is calculated strictly on required general education courses required for DH program admission.
    - **EACH** course attempt will be included in the calculation of the GPA. (If a course is taken for a second time, the two course grades are average together and figured into the GPA.)
    - Students who have completed all of the courses required for program admission will likely have higher scores in the competitive admission process.

**PRE-PROFESSIONAL PHASE COURSES**

While in the pre-professional phase, a student shall work towards the following DH general education curriculum:

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM: PRE-PROFESSIONAL PHASE COURSES	
Course	Credit Hours
<b>ASU 1101:</b> First Year Experience	1 credit hours
<b>*BIOL 1100:</b> Human Anatomy and Physiology for the Health Care Professional	4 credit hours
<b>*BIOL 2211K:</b> Introduction to Microbiology	4 credit hours
<b>*CHEM 1151K:</b> Survey of Chemistry I	4 credit hours
<b>COMM 1000:</b> Cultural Diversity in Community <b>OR</b> <b>COMM 1110:</b> Public Speaking	2 – 3 credit hours
<b>ENGL 1101:</b> English Composition I	3 credit hours
<b>Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (ART 1100, MUSC 1100, <u>OR</u> THEA 1100)</b>	3 credit hours
<b>*MATH 1111:</b> College Algebra ( <i>or higher level math</i> )	3 credit hours
<b>POLS 1101:</b> American Government	3 credit hours
<b>PSYC 1101:</b> General Psychology	3 credit hours
<b>SOCI 1101:</b> Introduction to Sociology	3 credit hours

\* **BIOL 1100K, BIOL 2211K, CHEM 1151K, and MATH 1111** must be taken **prior to acceptance** into the program and are considered pre-requisites. Additionally, although BIOL 1100K is acceptable, the BIOL 2411K **and** BIOL 2412K series (Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II) may be taken in lieu. BIOL 1100K may not transfer to other institutions or career programs. Students who are considering transfer to a Bachelor’s degree program are encouraged to take the 2-semester sequence.

## PROFESSIONAL PHASE COURSES

After acceptance into the program, the student will complete the following DHYG professional coursework:

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM: PROFESSIONAL PHASE COURSES	
<b>Fall Semester Courses</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
DHYG 1101: Orofacial Anatomy	4 credit hours
DHYG 1121: Dental Hygiene Lecture I	3 credit hours
DHYG 1131: Dental Hygiene Clinic I	2 credit hours
<b>Spring Semester Courses</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
DHYG 1110: Nutrition	1 credit hours
DHYG 1114: Radiology	3 credit hours
DHYG 1122: Dental Hygiene Lecture II	2 credit hours
DHYG 1132: Dental Hygiene Clinic II	3 credit hours
DHYG 2100: Periodontics	2 credit hours
<b>Summer Semester Courses</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
DHYG 1133: Dental Hygiene Clinic III	2 credit hours
DHYG 2150: Pharmacology	3 credit hours
<b>Fall Semester Courses</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
DHYG 2550: Dental Specialties & Materials	2 credit hours
DHYG 2210: Dental Hygiene Lecture IV	1 credit hours
DHYG 2250: General and Oral Pathology	3 credit hours
DHYG 2310: Dental Hygiene Clinic IV	4 credit hours
<b>Spring Semester Courses</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
DHYG 2220: Dental Hygiene Lecture V	1 credit hours
DHYG 2320: Dental Hygiene Clinic V	4 credit hours
DHYG 2400: Community Dental Health	3 credit hours

## SELECTION PROCESS

After the June 1 deadline, the DH Selection Committee reviews and scores each application.

Applicants are scored based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA for general education courses required for dental hygiene
- Completion status & GPA of coursework required for program admission (Pre-requisites)
- Number of completed dental hygiene general education courses
- Number of hours observed in dental hygiene settings
- Possession of a previous college degree
- Results of the TEAS exam.
- Quality of the hand-written essay

After applications are reviewed and scored, the top 20 applicants will be selected. Applicants will be notified via email no later than **June 20**. Correspondence of acceptance or regret will be made via email and should be received no later than **July 15**. Instructions for acceptance will be included along with a \$25 acceptance fee. The ASU DH program does not utilize a waiting list and those who are denied acceptance must reapply the following year.

Please do not call to inquire about the status of an application. The DH Program Director or faculty/staff will not return calls or emails regarding the status of an application (with the exception being after **July 15th** and the applicant never received a letter). Therefore, if you wish to know the application was received, please send the application email so that you receive a confirmation that it was delivered. You may also hand-deliver or mail the application via the US postal service to the ASU Dental Hygiene Program.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

**Mission:** The ASU Darton College of Health Professions Dental Hygiene Program strives to graduate students who will be able to:

- Competently and ethically perform those functions delegated to the dental hygienist by the practice act of the State of Georgia.
- Contribute to the improvement of the oral health status of society by providing instructions to diverse populations in a variety of settings.
- Seek professional growth and excellence throughout their careers, incorporating advances in scientific concepts to address the changing needs of society.

**Degree:** Upon successful completion of the program, students will earn an Associate of Science degree and will be academically eligible to sit for licensure by examination.

**Accreditation:** The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and has been granted the accreditation status of approval. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Albany State University is committed to equal opportunity, a culture of inclusion, and an environment free from discrimination and harassment in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Albany State University prohibits discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, age, veteran status, gender, or sexual orientation in its programs and activities, including admissions and employment, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and their implementing regulations.

The faculty of the Dental Hygiene program acknowledges Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and PL 103-336, **The Americans with Disabilities Act** and will consider for admission, progression, and graduation candidates who demonstrate the ability to perform the essential abilities listed below. These standards are admission guidelines and are subject to continuing revision and improvement.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

To progress successfully through the curriculum and function as a practicing dental hygienist after graduation, the individual must have:

- Visual acuity with or without corrective lenses to read an instrument calibrated in mm and to detect subtle dental stains;
- Hearing with or without auditory aids to measure blood pressure using an aneroid sphygmomanometer and to obtain a medical/dental history by interview;
- Physical ability to operate equipment (unit, stool, x-ray machine, etc.)
- Manual dexterity to perform the fine motor functions associated with intra-oral instrumentation.

## LEGAL LIMITATIONS

Individuals who have a criminal record may not be eligible for licensure. If convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, it is recommended that you contact the dental board in the state where he or she plans to seek licensure to verify eligibility for licensure.

[Click here for the Georgia State Board of Dentistry](#)

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid is available for students who qualify.

Albany State University  
Financial Aid Department  
Ram Central (Building C)  
2400 Gillionville Road  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229)-500-4358

[Click here to learn more about Financial Aid at ASU](#)

Also, visit the [ADHA \(American Dental Hygiene Association\)](#) for information regarding scholarships and financial aid.

## COSTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

In addition to your tuition fees, the following list is a “ballpark” of your estimated expenses for the dental hygiene program at Albany State University and are subject to change. **Some of these fees may or may not be covered by financial aid:**

- Books – \$1,200.00
  - Instruments and Clinic Supplies – \$3,500.00\*
  - Uniforms – \$255.00
  - Shoes – \$75.00
  - Liability Insurance \$39.00
  - HBV (Hepatitis-B Vaccinations) and Titer – \$200.00
  - SADHA Dues – \$85/year or \$150 for 2 years
  - Dental Hygiene National Board Exam – \$600
  - ADEX Clinical Board Exam – \$1,600
  - State of Georgia License – \$75.00
  - Review Course for National Board (*optional cost, but strongly recommended*) – \$495.00
- \*Students will have a deadline to purchase assigned kits prior to the beginning of the semester. Failure to purchase these kits may forfeit continuation in the program.

## STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

It is the policy of the University System of Georgia (USG) that all students of Health Science Programs are required to have student health insurance that meets the minimum standards as set by the USG. Students who are not covered by a policy held by a parent, spouse, company or organization on the approved waiver list or if the policy does not meet the minimum standards must purchase the USG SHIP policy. Students who are already covered by an insurance policy can easily opt out of the plan through a secure on-line process. Once the information has been verified, all changes will be waived. Students who fail to submit creditable health insurance information will automatically be enrolled in and billed for the system-wide student health insurance plan. This is done after the semester starts and must be repeated each semester.

[For additional information regarding this University System of Georgia requirement, click here.](#)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### **“How do I go about getting the required observational hours?”**

All applicants must complete a **minimum of 16 hours** of observation in any two different general dentistry offices or facilities by **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>**. This requirement is designed to give the applicant a better understanding of the role of the dental hygienist. Applicants who currently work in a dental setting may complete 8 hours at that facility, however, they must be directly under a registered dental hygienist observing patient care and not part of the secretarial staff or assisting the dentist.

This is not a service performed by the college. **The applicant must independently seek out a dental hygiene setting and speak with the appropriate staff/personnel regarding observational hours.** There are many dental providers to choose from, check out your local yellow pages or internet. Call the providers in your area; explain that you are applying to a DH Program and that you would like to observe a dental hygienist at their facility. All observations hours must be verified using the proper form found in the application packet. Observational hours must be completed within 2 years of submission of the application.

**“Can I work and still go thru the program?”**

It is possible for a student to work part-time while in the program, however, it is definitely **not advised** due to the intense nature of the program. Each semester, the student will have a full load of coursework and a grade of 75 or higher must be achieved in order to pass each class. Course and clinical/lab schedules will not be changed to accommodate a work schedule and a work excuse will not be acceptable for any absence. The program also requires mandatory courses and seminars that are scheduled each semester in addition to regularly scheduled classes and clinic/lab times.

**“What are the typical hours while in the program?”**

DH program classes are full-time and vary on days and times each semester. Some semesters of the program, expect to be in class Monday thru Friday 8+ hours per day. Hours may start as early as 7:15 am & end as late as 5:30pm.

**“How long is the program?”**

The Associates Degree for Dental Hygiene is to be completed in 5 semesters; fall, spring, summer, fall, and spring.

**“I want to eventually become a dentist, but am I right in using the DH program as a stepping-stone to achieving this goal?”**

No, the DH program is NOT a stepping-stone to dental school and acceptance into the ASU DH program are not used as such. Students wishing to become a dentist must first complete a 4-yr. B.S. degree and then apply for admission to a dental school. Obtaining an Associate’s Degree in DH is not necessary to pursue a dental degree.

**“Where can I learn more about dental hygiene?”**

Information on dental hygiene can be found at the [American Dental Hygiene Association website](#).

**“How do I sign up to take the TEAS?”**

Please refer to page 14 of this application packet for more information.

**“Do I have to take Anatomy & Physiology I & II or may I substitute those 2 courses with the one course offered from ASU (Anatomy & Physiology for the Healthcare Professional)?”**

The DH program accepts BIOL 1100K to meet this program requirement, however it is recommended to take the sequence courses if you plan to transfer to another institution or career program, as they may not accept this course.

**“How will I know if my application was received?”**

Please do not call to inquire about the status of an application. The DH Program Director or faculty/staff will not return calls or emails regarding the status of an application (with the exception being after July 15th and the applicant never received a letter). Therefore, if you wish to know the application was received, please send the application as certified mail so that you receive a confirmation from the postal service that it was delivered or hand-deliver the application.

**“When and will I be contacted if I am accepted or regretted?”**

Applicants will be notified via US Postal Service no later than **June 20**. Correspondence of acceptance or regret will be made via US Postal Service and should be postmarked no later than **July 15**. Instructions for acceptance will be included. The ASU DH program does not utilize a waiting list and those denied acceptance must reapply the following year.

**“Will I receive more consideration into the program if I already possess a dental assistant certificate or another college degree?”**

Yes, if you have graduated from a dental assisting program and/or have obtained another associate’s level or higher degree, you will receive more points in the scoring process of selection for admission.

**“Can I register for other courses while in the Dental Hygiene Program?”**

Once you have been accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program, you are now a Dental Hygiene major. Not all semesters in the dental hygiene program have a full 12+ hours of credit hour coursework. We cannot register you for courses that are not required for your AS Degree in Dental Hygiene. This information comes from our Financial Aid Department. These policies are **federal financial aid regulations** and we have to adhere to them. Please take this into account when planning for future semesters in Dental Hygiene. If you have questions, please contact the ASU Financial Aid Department at 229-500-4359.

**“Will I be getting my teeth cleaned while in the Dental Hygiene Program?”**

Yes, all students are expected to be “patients” during peer experiences. This includes but is not limited to local anesthesia practice injections and competency injections, sealants, radiographs and impressions.



# DARTON COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

## Dental Hygiene Program Program Application

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Preferred Name (if different)	Date of Birth
Current Street Address, Apartment Number, or P.O. Box			City, State	Zip Code
Permanent Street Address, Apartment Number, or P.O. Box			City, State	Zip Code
E-mail (please provide the one most frequently checked)			Cell Phone Number	ASU Ram ID # <b>900</b> _____

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School Name	City, State	Date of Graduation or GED
(1) College/University Name	City, State	Degree Received? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dates Attended	Degree and Major (if applicable)	
(2) College/University Name	City, State	Degree Received? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dates Attended	Degree and Major (if applicable)	
(3) College/University Name	City, State	Degree Received? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dates Attended	Degree and Major (if applicable)	

### OBSERVATIONAL HOURS

A minimum of 16 hours must be completed before June 1 in two separate general dentistry offices/facilities. Please summarize your observational hours as indicated below. Be sure to include the verified/signed documentation of hours with the application. You should observe in professional attire and professional conduct. Observation hours are considered applicable for a period of 2 years.

Name of Facility/Office	Facility/Office Location (City and State)	Number of Hours in EACH Setting (be specific)
<b>TOTAL OBSERVATIONAL HOURS</b>		

## TEAS SCORE

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) measures basic academic preparedness in the content area domains of Reading, Mathematics, Science, English and Language usage. To be valid for the DHYG program, the TEAS may only be taken twice with a minimum of 6 weeks between the first and second attempts. Scores are considered applicable for a period of 2 years. **An unofficial copy of your score report/s should be included with the application.**

## ESSAY

Please include a hand-written essay describing a personal experience that encouraged or motivated you to be a dental hygienist. The essay should be a minimum of one full page in length and a maximum of two pages in length.

## LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DHYG ADMISSION ORIENTATION

Please sign the letter of acknowledgement included in this application packet. There is a mandatory online orientation that will be held late summer prior to the start of fall semester. Failure to comply will result in being dismissed from acceptance into the program.

## SIGNATURE

Have you previously applied to the ASU/Darton State College DHYG program?  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for admission to the DH Program for Fall Semester 20\_\_\_\_ and certify this application is both correct and complete. I have read the application packet, including the essential abilities required and understand the application and selection processes. I further understand that any failure on my part to comply with these processes will result in the cancellation of my application. I am aware of the competitive nature of the application process for the DH program and understand that meeting all minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Observation Hours Form

- The Observational Hours Form within this packet is required. It must be signed by a dentist or registered dental hygienist in the facility.
- All hours must be completed prior to the application deadline of June 1.

### TEAS Score Report (Information can be found in the "TEAS Information" of this application)

- Include an unofficial copy of your TEAS Score Report.

### Hand-Written Essay

### Letter of Acknowledgement of Pre-Admission Orientation

- Include your letter of acknowledgement that you understand and will attend the mandatory online orientation in late summer.

### Completed Application (May be submitted online, mailed or hand-delivered before the deadline of June 1)

- Send as certified mail if you want confirmation of receipt.
- If mailing the completed application with all required documents please sent to the address below:

**Albany State University  
Darton College of Health Professions  
c/o Dental Hygiene Program  
2400 Gillionville Road  
Albany, GA 31707**



**DARTON COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**  
**Dental Hygiene Program**  
**Observational Hours Form**

*Please include a separate form for each office/facility you are observing*

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant's Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Clinician:** The above named is applying to the Dental Hygiene program at Albany State University's Darton College of Health Professions. The clinical observation hours are designed to give the applicant a better understanding of the role of the **registered dental hygienist** in patient care. *Please feel free to contact our Program Director, Tammy Deese, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this student at 229-500-2236.*

**The applicant named above has completed \_\_\_\_\_ hours of observation in this office on the following date(s):**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**List the type of procedures observed:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments (optional):**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name(s) of Dental Hygienist(s) Observed:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Address:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Telephone Number:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Verifying Dentist or Hygienist:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Professional Title

*Thank you for your contribution to the future of our profession and taking time out to assist us in our educational journey.*



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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments (optional):**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name(s) of Dental Hygienist(s) Observed:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Telephone Number:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Verifying Dentist or Hygienist:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature  
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 Professional Title

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**DARTON COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**  
**Dental Hygiene Program**  
**Letter of Acknowledgement**

In the case that I, \_\_\_\_\_(your name), am accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program beginning Fall of 20\_\_\_\_, I understand that my attendance of the mandatory Dental Hygiene Admission Orientation is necessary to keep my seat in the program.

This orientation will be held during late summer, before fall classes begin. It will be help via Webex and is mandatory that I attend this session. I understand that if I do not attend or view this orientation, then my seat in the program will be forfeited. I understand that this orientation is only intended for me, my parents, financial supporters of my education, and/or spouse. Specific details of time, date, and location will be announced when and if I am accepted.

By signing this Letter of Acknowledgement, I agree that I have read the ASU Dental Hygiene Application and agree with the criteria stated within the application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



## **DARTON COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

### **Dental Hygiene Program**

### **TEAS Information**

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), formerly HOBET V from ATI is a multiple-choice assessment measuring basic academic preparedness in Reading, Math, Science, English, and Language usage. The objectives assessed in the test are those that allied health educators deem most relevant for measuring entry level skills and abilities of program applicants.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is used as part of the admissions process by Nursing and Allied Health schools nationwide.** The TEAS exam is an important factor in the competitive selection process for Dental Hygiene applicants. **There is no minimum set score that is acceptable before applying for the selection process, but students who score 60 or higher will be given first consideration for admission.** The cost of the exam is approximately \$120.00. Check the ATI TEAS website for verification of the cost. The DHYG Program does **not** coordinate testing dates and times or make decisions about cancellations at a testing site. The applicant is responsible for contacting and coordinating with testing sites. **The ASU Dental Hygiene Program only accepts the in-person proctored exam type.** You may take the TEAS exam at any given ATI Testing Center, however you must choose the Allied Health version and list Albany State University under institutions to share you results with.

*TEAS scores must be within 2 years of submission of the application.*

**Go to [ATI's website](#) in order to create an account and register for the exam.**

#### **TEAS FAQ**

**“Can I take the TEAS more than once?”**

YES. Twice. You may take the TEAS no more than two times for the DHYG Program. However, there must be a minimum of 6 weeks between the attempts. We will use the score that yields the highest rating.

**“When is the TEAS offered?”**

Multiple TEAS dates are offered January, February, March, April, and May. Details regarding location, dates/time, etc. may be found on the ATI website.

**“Do I have to take the TEAS at Albany State University?”**

NO. If the TEAS was not taken at ASU, applicants must arrange to have official TEAS scores sent by atitesting.com to ASU as well as an unofficial copy with the application. If you do not take the TEAS at ASU, be sure to select Albany State University as the school in order for us to verify your official TEAS score.

**“What is the deadline for the TEAS results?”**

The TEAS results must be included in the application packet which is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.