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Admissions

1. Official college transcripts, plus official high school transcripts, if fewer than 18 semester hours of college work have been completed.
2. SAT (or equivalent ACT) scores for Dental Hygiene are encouraged, but not required for admission. If no scores are presented, or if presented and if less than 430 verbal and 470 quantitative on the SAT (less than 19 English and 18 mathematics on the ACT), the student must take the Collegiate Placement Examination.
3. Students requiring learning support course work must complete the required coursework prior to admission to the Dental Hygiene program.
4. Evaluation on an individual basis by the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee.
5. A minimum of a 2.5 GPA on previous coursework.
6. College Algebra, Anatomy and Physiology coursework and **EITHER** Survey of Chemistry 1 **OR** Essentials of Microbiology completed within the last 10 years. If this course work is older than 10 years, it will be evaluated by the Program Director.
7. Proof of Hepatitis B immunization prior to first patient contact.
8. Proof of CPR certification (American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Card) prior to first patient contact.
9. Readmission of returning students: Any student who must interrupt enrollment must re-apply to the Dental Hygiene Program and, if accepted, placement will be determined after previous course work has been evaluated by the Program Director. The evaluation may result in repeating a course previously completed successfully for continuity of skill acquisition and/or professional knowledge. Dental Hygiene courses more than two years old must be repeated. Students who fail a Dental Hygiene clinical course must repeat both the clinical course and the concurrent lecture course.
10. To progress successfully through the curriculum and function as a practicing dental hygienist after graduation, the individual must have:
 1. Visual acuity with or without corrective lenses to read an instrument calibrated in mm and to detect subtle dental stains;
 2. Hearing with or without auditory aids to measure blood pressure using an aneroid sphygmomanometer and to obtain a medical/dental history by interview;
 3. Physical ability to operate equipment (unit, stool, x-ray machine, etc.);
 4. Manual dexterity to perform the fine motor functions associated with intra-oral instrumentation.



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