

Dental Hygiene Candidate Selection Form

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Overview

This rubric outlines the criteria and points used to evaluate applicants for the Dental Hygiene program. Applicants are scored on academic performance, readiness indicators, experience, and required milestones. Candidates must meet eligibility thresholds where indicated.

Section 1: English Language Proficiency

TOFEL Test (if required)	Score (blank, use to track your score)
Passing Score (81 total)	
Minimum Speaking Score (24 total)	

Section 2: Pre-Admission Courses

Course Name	Grade Point Value	Total (blank, use to track your earned points)
<i>BCS 165 Human Anatomy (4 credit hours w/lab)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A: 4 points • B: 3 points • C: 2 points • Below a C: ineligible to apply 	
<i>BCS 205 Human Physiology (4 credit hours w/lab)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A: 4 points • B: 3 points • C: 2 points • Below a C: ineligible to apply 	
<i>BCS 200 Microbiology (4 credit hours w/lab)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A: 4 points • B: 3 points • C: 2 points • Below a C: ineligible to apply 	
<i>MTH 128 or higher Contemporary Mathematics (3 credit hours)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A: 4 points • B: 3 points • C: 2 points • Below a C: ineligible to apply 	
<i>CHM 101 or higher Chemistry (4 credit hours)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A: 4 points • B: 3 points • C: 2 points • Below a C: ineligible to apply 	
Total your Pre-Admission Score (All Above Classes):		

Section 3: CDA/Work Experience/Clinical Observation Criteria

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria options to be eligible for the program.

Criteria	Points	Total (blank, use to track your earned points)
<p><i>Option 1 – if you have a current Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) license (Passed the DANB exam)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 points will be awarded if already a Certified Dental Assistant 	
<p><i>Option 2 – if you have Dental Work Experience (minimum of 2 years)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are not currently certified as a Dental Assistant, you can have a minimum of 2 years' experience working at a general dental office. Must have worked as a dental assistant, dental hygiene assistant, or dental sterilization technician. 4 points will be awarded if work experience requirement is met. 	
<p><i>Option 3 – Clinical observation / job shadowing (24 hours required in a general dental office)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are not currently certified as a Dental Assistant or you do not have a minimum of 2 years' work experience, you can complete clinical observation/job shadowing hours. 2 points can be awarded if completed 	

If applicants do not meet requirements for option 1, option 2, or option 3 the applicant will not be eligible for the program.

Section 4: Test Score Point-Bearing Criteria

<i>Bennett Test Score</i> (The “Number Correct” out of “Number Attempted” is how points should be calculated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• >43: 4 points• 42 – 39: 3 points• 38 – 32: 2 points• 31 – 28: 1 point	
<i>Wonderlic Test Score</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• >25: 4 points• 24 – 22: 3 points• 21 – 19: 2 points• 18 – 16: 1 point	
<i>Peg Board Test Average</i> (time of both hands is used for points.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 minute or less: 3 points• 1.1 – 1.5 min: 2 points• 1.6 – 2.0 min: 1 point• Greater than 2.1 min: 0 points	

Section 5: Additional Required Point-Bearing Criteria

<i>Cumulative GPA</i> (Includes all courses taken at OTC and all courses taken at other colleges.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4.0 – 3.5: 4 points• 3.4 – 3.0: 3 points• 2.9 – 2.5: 2 points• 2.49 and below: 0 points	
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- **Total your Additional Required Point-Bearing Criteria:**
- **Calculate total points received (39 points possible):**