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

If you took the TOEFL prior to 12/31/2025, you may use a legacy scoring system. If you took the TOEFL on or after 1/1/2026, you must use the new scale scoring system.

TOEFL Test (if required)	**Grade Point Value**	**Score** (blank, use to track your score)
Passing Overall Score	• A minimum legacy score of 81 total is required or • A minimum scale score of 4.5 is required	
Minimum Speaking Score	• A minimum legacy score of 24 total is required or • A minimum scale score of 5 is required	

Section 2: Pre-Admission Courses

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that official transcripts from all previously attended institutions are sent to Ozarks Tech Admissions. (Students receive a notification and Delivery ID number from Ozarks Tech when their transcripts are received.) Transcripts must then be verified and fully reviewed prior to the program application deadline. (Verification and review can take 6-8 weeks to complete. After your official transcripts are processed, you'll receive a Transfer Evaluation Report in myOTC.) Failure to meet this requirement by the application deadline may result in ineligibility for program consideration.

Course Name	**Grade Point Value**	**Total** (blank, use to track your earned points)
BCS 165 Human Anatomy (4 credit hours w/lab)	• A: 4 points • B: 3 points • C: 2 points • Below a C: ineligible to apply	
BCS 205 Human Physiology (4 credit hours w/lab)	• A: 4 points • B: 3 points • C: 2 points • Below a C: ineligible to apply	
BCS 200 Microbiology (4 credit hours w/lab)	• A: 4 points • B: 3 points • C: 2 points • Below a C: ineligible to apply	
MTH 128 or higher Contemporary Mathematics (3 credit hours)	• A: 4 points • B: 3 points • C: 2 points • Below a C: ineligible to apply	
CHM 101 or higher Chemistry (4 credit hours)	• A: 4 points • B: 3 points • C: 2 points • Below a C: ineligible to apply	

Total your Pre-Admission Score (all courses from Section 2):

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)
Option 1 *– if you have a current Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) license (Passed the DANB exam)*	• 4 points will be awarded if already a Certified Dental Assistant	
Option 2 *– if you have Dental Work Experience (minimum of 2 years)*	• 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 dental work experience requirement is met.	
Option 3 *– Clinical observation / job shadowing (24 hours required in a general dental office)*	• 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	

Total your CDA/Work Experience/Clinical Observation Points from Section 3:

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

Earn points in this section from one testing option. Use the option that matches when you tested. Points from both options can't be combined.

- **Option 1:** You completed the Bennett, Wonderlic, and Peg Board tests before November 1, 2026. Use the Option 1 table.
- **Option 2:** Starting November 1, 2026, all applicants must take the HESI. Use the Option 2 table.

Both options are worth up to 11 points.

Option 1: Bennett, Wonderlic, and Peg Board (completed before November 1, 2026)

Test Name	**Points**	**Total** (blank, use to track your earned points)
Bennett Test Score *(The "Number Correct" out of "Number Attempted" is how points should be calculated)*	• >43: 4 points • 42 – 39: 3 points • 38 – 32: 2 points • 31 – 28: 1 point	
Wonderlic Test Score	• >25: 4 points • 24 – 22: 3 points • 21 – 19: 2 points • 18 – 16: 1 point	
Peg Board Test Average *(time of both hands is used for points.)*	• 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	

Option 2: HESI Admission Test (required starting November 1, 2026)

Test Name	**Points**	**Total** (blank, use to track your earned points)
HESI-Required Admission Test	• 95%-100%: 11 points • 90%-94.99%: 9 points • 85%-89.99%: 7 points • 80%-84.99%: 5 points • 75%-79.99%: 3 points • 74.99% or below: 0 points	

Total your Test Score Points from Section 4 (11 points possible):

Section 5: Additional Required Point-Bearing Criteria

Points-Bearing Criteria	**Points**	**Total** (blank, use to track your earned points)
Cumulative GPA *(Includes all courses taken at OTC and all courses taken at other colleges.)*	• 4.0 – 3.5: 4 points • 3.4 – 3.0: 3 points • 2.9 – 2.5: 2 points • 2.49 and below: 0 points	

Total your Additional Required Point-Bearing Criteria:

Calculate total points received (39 points possible):