

Qualification Policy for Dental Hygiene

2025-2026

Each of our academic programs have specific classes, grades, and GPA requirement which a student must meet to apply for the clinical phase of the program.

- All qualifying Math & Science courses must be met in two attempts. Any transfer courses equivalent to the FSU requirement is counted as an attempt.
- Unsuccessful attempts include not meeting the grade requirement listed below, receiving a “W” (withdrawal), or a grade of “I” (incomplete) not converted to the required grade or higher by the end of the next semester.
- Prerequisite course like CHEM 103, ENGL 074, MATH 010 are not tied to the grade or attempt requirement.
 - *Example: A student needs to take MATH 010 prior to taking MATH 110 and earns a C-. The grade for MATH 010 does not count as an unsuccessful attempt for qualifying to the dental hygiene program.*
- Qualified students must apply **each February** (during the 15-day window) to be considered as an applicant for the program. If not accepted to the program, you must apply each year.
- Placement into the clinical portion of the program is based on the following:
 1. Qualification semester (Semester successful completion of the qualifiers - listed below).
 2. Number of earned Ferris credits
 3. Overall (GPA)

****Students who complete their qualifying classes the earliest will get a seat ****
- Your program of study must be declared prior to or during your qualifying semester.

****Qualification semester may not be earlier than the first time you declared dental hygiene as your major****

DENTAL HYGIENE ADMISSION POLICY:

- The following qualifiers must be met for the student to apply to the program:
 - MATH 110, equivalency must be completed with a C or higher or proficiency (Math New SAT of 400 or higher)
 - BIOL 108 - Microbiology, must be completed with a C or higher
 - BIOL 251 – Human Anatomy, must be completed with a C or higher
 - BIOL 252 – Human Physiology, must be completed with a C or higher
 - COHP 100 – Medical Vocabulary, must be completed with a C or higher
 - COHP 102- Safety in Health Care, must be completed with a C or higher
 - CHEM 114- Introduction to General Chemistry, must be completed with a C or higher
 - COMM 105 (Interpersonal Communication) or COMM 221 (Small Group Decision Making), must be completed with a C or higher
 - PSYC 150- Introduction to Psychology, must be completed with a C or higher
 - SOCY 121- Introduction to Sociology, must be completed with a C or higher
 - Cultural Enrichment Elective (3 credits) must be completed with a C or higher
 - ENGL 150 must earn a letter grade of a C-
 - Student must have an overall 2.5 GPA at the time of application

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The clinical application is only open once a year for the upcoming academic year. Students must apply in the application window begins the first Monday in **February** and is open for 15 days. To keep your qualification semester, students must maintain your GPA requirement. If not accepted, you must reapply to FSU and your program the following year for consideration. We do not maintain a waitlist. Students must qualify and apply yearly for consideration.

Once a student is accepted in the clinical program, they will have a new set of standards set for the clinical classes.

(Print Name)

(Student Signature)

(Student FSU ID Number)

(Date)