

Qualification Policy for Dental Hygiene

2026-2027

To apply for the clinical phase, students must meet specific courses, grades, and GPA requirements.

- Required Math and Science courses must be completed within 2 attempts. Transfer equivalents count as attempts.
- An unsuccessful attempt includes:
 1. earning below the required grade,
 2. withdrawing (W),
 3. or receiving an incomplete ("I") not resolved by the end of the following semester.
- Preparatory courses (e.g., CHEM 103, ENGL 074, MATH 010) do not count toward the 2-attempt limit.
- Qualified students must apply each February during the designated 15-day application window. Students not accepted must reapply in future cycles. All qualifying courses listed below must be completed by the end of the Fall semester prior to applying for the program.
- Clinical placement is based on:
 1. Qualification semester (when required courses are completed)
 2. Number of earned Ferris credits
 3. Overall GPA

****Students who complete qualifying requirements earlier receive priority for placement.****
- Students must declare their program of study before or during the first four days of their qualifying semester.
- The qualifying semester cannot precede the semester in which Dental Hygiene was first declared as the student's 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 500 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-
 - Students must have an overall 2.5 GPA at the time of application

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The clinical application opens only once a year for the upcoming academic year. The application window begins the first Monday in February and remains open for exactly 15 days. To keep your qualification for the semester, you must maintain the required GPA. Please note that we do not maintain a waitlist; if you are not accepted, you must reapply to both FSU and your specific program the following year for future 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)