

PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISEMENT WORKSHEET - OUHSC 2009-2010

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The potential applicant must contact the department of interest to secure formal approval of the evaluation.

OUHSC REQUIRED COURSES	OSU Equivalent	Course at Another Institution	Grade	Hours
CORE AREA 1: Symbolic and Oral Communication				
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1113 English Composition I	ENGL 1113 or 1313	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1213 English Composition II	++ENGL 1213 or 1413	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 1113 or 2613 Speech	SPCH 2713	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> **Foreign Language (2 college semesters or 2 high school years of the same foreign language)		_____	_____	_____
CORE AREA 2: Math (Only choose one of the following):				
<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 2003 or COMM 2513 Statistics or ECON 2843	++STAT 2013 or ++STAT 2023 or ++PSYC 3214	_____	_____	_____
CORE AREA 3: Natural Sciences				
<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 1315 General Chemistry w/ lab	++CHEM 1314	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> MBIO 2815 Intro to Microbiology w/ lab	++MICR 2123 & 2132	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> HES 2823 or NS 1823 Nutritional Sciences	++NSCI 2114	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ZOO 2255 Human Anatomy	++ZOO 2104 (spring only)	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ZOO 2124 Human Physiology	++ZOO 3204	_____	_____	_____
CORE AREA 4: Social Sciences				
<input type="checkbox"/> PSC 1113 Intro to Political Science	POLS 1113	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 1113 Intro to Psychology	++PSYC 1113	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> SOC 1113 Intro to Sociology	SOC 1113	_____	_____	_____
CORE AREA 5: Humanities				
<input type="checkbox"/> HIST 1483 or 1493 Survey of American History	HIST 1103	_____	_____	_____
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS				
<input type="checkbox"/> **Understanding Art Forms (3 hours)	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> **Western Civilization (3 hours)	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> **Non-Western Culture (3 hours)	_____	_____	_____	_____

Additional prerequisites for courses above include **BIOL 1114, ZOO 1604, CHEM 1515, MATH 1513**

** Indicates additional general education courses required for students beginning their college education in Fall 1990 or after and those who have not earned a bachelor's degree from any United States institution or an Oklahoma Associate's of Art & Sciences Degree (excludes applied science). See OUHSC website for general education: <http://checksheets.ou.edu/tetables.htm>

++ A Foundational Grade Point Average (FGPA) is computed and used in the selection process:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English II • General Chemistry • Human Anatomy • Human Physiology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microbiology • Nutrition • Psychology • Statistics |
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DENTAL HYGIENE-OUHSC

The dental hygienist (RDH) is a licensed member of the oral health care team responsible for providing preventive measures in the treatment of dental and oral disease. The oral health services include oral examination and charting, removal of hard and soft deposits from teeth, application of fluoride therapy and sealants, and exposing and processing oral radiographs. The dental hygienist is also responsible for educating patients in techniques needed to prevent dental caries, periodontal disease, and other oral conditions. These services are usually rendered in the private dental office, but dental hygienists can be found in numerous other settings: nursing homes and long-term care facilities, hospitals, corporate health facilities, school systems, research centers, state and federal agencies and public health clinics. The baccalaureate RDH may also be employed as an educator, a research who conducts clinical studies and analyzes scientific data, a corporate representative, and as a provider of continuing education seminars. Dental hygienists may provide care in dental clinics for the underprivileged, participate in mission trips, or provide educational and preventive services to schoolchildren as allowed by state laws.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics has projected that employment in the profession of dental hygiene will grow much faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2016. Although there are opportunities for dental hygiene practice in other practice settings, the majority of dental hygienists are employed within general dental practices. About 70% of general dentists employ a dental hygienist, with many dentists employing more than one, which contributes to excellent employment opportunities. The dental hygiene field has a great deal of stability; the average length of employment for a hygienist working in the same practice is 5.5 years. The 2007 median hourly wage was \$31.21 nationally and \$27.78 in Oklahoma. There is considerable freedom for hygienists to select their number of workdays and hours; therefore, annual salaries for part-time practitioners vary.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Dental Hygiene Program is competitive. Selection is based on the applicant's post-secondary **academic record, life experiences**, and the **potential for success** in a baccalaureate program of study. Oklahoma residents are given preference, but well-qualified non-residents are also considered for admission. New students are admitted for the Fall semester only. To be considered for admission, students must meet the following requirements:

1. All application materials must be submitted by January 15 Spring 2010 for Fall 2010 admittance.
2. Be in good standing with the last college or university attended.
3. Take the ACT or SAT and provide individual component scores and composite score.
4. Minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and a grade of "C" or better on all required coursework.
5. Have a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework from an accredited college or university.
6. Ideally, applicants should have completed the FOUNDATIONAL coursework (see pre-requisite courses) before the January 15 application deadline. Acceptance is based upon completion of foundational coursework by the end of the spring semester prior to admission.
7. ALL pre-requisite courses, excluding foundational, must be completed by the time the Fall semester begins.
8. Applicants must investigate dental hygiene as a career prior to application by spending a minimum of **40 hours observing a dental hygienist. Observation of a dentist does NOT meet this requirement.** Please complete the 40-hour shadowing form.
9. Complete a written career statement.
10. Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with applicant's success or potential for successful completion of the program.
11. Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended.
12. Submit a completed University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center application on-line that includes the prioritized site(s) for which the applicant wishes to be considered. <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uok-dent>
13. If English is the student's second language, the national standardized TOEFL examination is required, with a minimum score of 550 (paper-based), 230 (computer-based) and 79 (internet based).
14. If you receive an offer of acceptance into the program, it is contingent upon meeting the required "C" in all remaining pre-requisite coursework and a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

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For more information about Dental Hygienists and Dental Hygiene programs: www.adha.org/.

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OU College of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene Site. Includes application information and packets: <http://dentistry.ouhsc.edu/> Select "For Prospective Students," then "Programs Offered," then "Dental Hygiene," then "Baccalaureate Program." It is recommended that you review the Web site prior to contacting OU College of Dentistry.