

# B.S. Dental Hygiene

## Program Admissions Requirements

Formal application for admission to the dental hygiene program must be submitted before January 15 of the year the student wishes to enter. Applicants must complete prerequisite courses and complete specific requirements for consideration. Applicants must have a minimum Cumulative Core and Natural Science Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.8. Dental hygiene program information regarding current admission criteria and procedures can be obtained from the Dental Hygiene website at <https://isu.edu/dentalhygiene/>, or directly from the department. Application materials are submitted through the American Dental Education Association Centralized Dental Hygiene Application Service (<http://www.adea.org/dhcas.aspx>).

Admission to Idaho State University is a separate procedure and **must** be completed prior to application to the dental hygiene program. Students must provide verification of current CPR certification and vaccinations prior to beginning the program within the specified application year.

## Academic Standards

To enroll in upper division courses with a dental hygiene prefix (DENT), students must be accepted for admission to the dental hygiene program. Each student is responsible for completing the required course work in proper sequential order. To be eligible for graduation and progression in the dental hygiene program, the student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.25. Course work for which the student receives a grade below "C-" (C minus) will not be accepted as fulfilling requirements for the Department of Dental Hygiene. The department chairperson must approve any deviation from these standards.

## Academic Advising

Transcripts will be evaluated by the ISU Registrar to determine courses fulfilling the general education requirements for B.S. degree requirements. Transfer students who have met the Idaho State Board of Education core subject requirements have fulfilled General Education requirements; however, MATH 1153 is a prerequisite to DENT 4401 Research Methods. Students who earned a baccalaureate degree have fulfilled the General Education requirements.

Transcripts will be evaluated by Dental Hygiene Transfer Coordinator to determine courses meeting the dental hygiene entry-level requirements. An individualized program of study will be developed in collaboration with the transfer coordinator and approved before beginning coursework.

For more information on transfer credit limits, please review the university degree requirement page at <http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/degreerequirements/>

## General Education Requirements

Transfer students with an *Associate of Science or Associate of Arts and Sciences* degree as the entry-level dental hygiene degree from a U.S. academic regionally accredited institution have completed ALL of the General Education requirements; however, MATH 1153 is a prerequisite to DENT 4401 Research Methods.

Transfer students with an *Associate of Applied Science* degree as the entry-level dental hygiene degree from a U.S. academic regionally accredited institution **AND** who have met the Idaho State Board core subject requirements have fulfilled the B.S. degree General Education requirements; however, MATH 1153 is a prerequisite to DENT 4401 Research Methods.

Transfer students with an *Associate of Applied Science* degree as the entry-level dental hygiene degree from a U.S. academic regionally accredited institution must complete any General Education Objectives not already completed. See the General Education Requirements (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation/>) in the Academic Information section of this catalog.

Credits awarded for an *Associate of Applied Science* degree as the entry-level dental hygiene degree granted by a U.S. academic institution not accredited by a regional accrediting agency cannot be applied to a B.S. degree at Idaho State University.

## Prerequisite Core Courses

### (Pre-Dental Hygiene)

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 1101 & 1101L	Biology I and Biology I Lab (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 5)	4
BIOL 2221 & 2221L	Introductory Microbiology and Introductory Microbiology Laboratory	4
BIOL 3301 & 3301L	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 Lab	4
BIOL 3302 & 3302L	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 and Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Lab	4
CHEM 1101	Introduction to Chemistry (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 5)	3
CHEM 1102 & CHEM 1103	Essentials of Organic and Biochemistry and Essentials of Organic and Biochemistry Laboratory	4
COMM 1101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (Satisfies General Education Objective 2)	3
DENT 2201	Principles of Dental Hygiene	2
ENGL 1101 or ENGL 1101P	Writing and Rhetoric I (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 1) Writing and Rhetoric I Plus	3-4
ENGL 1102	Writing and Rhetoric II (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 1)	3
NTD 2239 or NTD 3340	Nutrition (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 5) Nutrition for Health Professionals	3
MATH 1153	Statistical Reasoning (Satisfies General Education Objective 3)	3
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 6)	3
SOC 1101	Introduction to Sociology (Partially satisfies General Education Objective 6)	3

**IN ADDITION:**

- Any university General Education Objectives (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation/>) not yet completed, plus any additional Objective courses required to bring the General Education credit total to a minimum of 36.
- Elective course INFO 1101 is highly recommended as an elective for those individuals without computer skills and it may be chosen to satisfy General Education Objective 8.
- Elective course DENT 2220 is highly recommended for pre-dental hygiene students without dental office experience.

## Dental Hygiene Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
DENT 3307	Prevention and Management of Dental Emergencies	3
DENT 3308	Oral Histology and Embryology	2
DENT 3309	General and Oral Pathology	3
DENT 3311	Tooth Morphology	2
DENT 3312	Head and Neck Anatomy	3
DENT 3313	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	3
DENT 3313C	Clinical Dental Hygiene I Clinic	3
DENT 3314	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	2
DENT 3314C	Clinical Dental Hygiene II Clinic	3
DENT 3315	Preventive Dentistry	2
DENT 3316	Dental Materials	2
DENT 3318	Oral Radiology	2
DENT 3318L	Oral Radiology Laboratory	1
DENT 3319	Preclinical Restorative Procedures	2
DENT 3320	Pain Management	2
DENT 3321	Periodontology	2
DENT 4401	Research Methods	2
DENT 4402	Advanced Periodontology	2
DENT 4403	Advanced Clinical Theory I	2
DENT 4403C	Advanced Clinical Practice I Clinic	4
DENT 4404	Advanced Clinical Theory II	2
DENT 4404C	Advanced Clinical Practice II Clinic	4
DENT 4405	Dental Hygiene Seminar	1
DENT 4408	Ethical and Legal Principles	2
DENT 4411	Application of Restorative Therapies	2
DENT 4411C	Restorative Care I	1
DENT 4412C	Restorative Care II	1
DENT 4413	Community Health and Special Needs Populations	3
DENT 4414	Community Outreach Experiences	2
DENT 4421	Leadership and Health Policy	2
DENT 4422	Educational Strategies and Applied Methods	2
DENT 4424	Principles of Interprofessional Practice Management	3

## Additional Required Course

Code	Title	Credits
PPRA 3314	Basic and Applied Pharmacology for Dental Hygiene	2

## Dental Hygiene Electives

Code	Title	Credits
DENT 3330C	Interim Clinic	2
DENT 3340C	Enhanced Strategies in Clinical Care	1
DENT 4481	Independent Studies in Dental Hygiene	1-3

## Graduation Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite courses (department requirements and general education)		46
Required dental hygiene courses		74
Other courses (including general education)(minimum of 12 cr)		12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>132</b>