

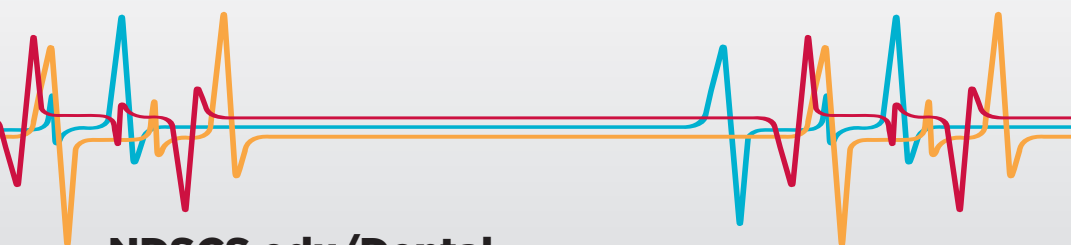


DENTAL HYGIENE

Program Information and Selection Process Booklet



FALL 2023



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INTRODUCTION

Dear Dental Hygiene Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in our Dental Hygiene Program at NDSCS! You have selected an exciting and rewarding career as a licensed member of the dental health team!

The Dental Hygiene Program is a selective enrollment program and has *specific criteria for selection*. Points are awarded for each criterion with applicants being selected according to their total score. This process is ongoing until the deadline of **March 1st** for selection to the *Fall 2023* class. The selection committee will then send letters to all applicants informing them of their status via email.

Applicants must ensure that all requirements outlined in this booklet, are complete and on file with the Dental Hygiene program by **March 1st**. After that date, incomplete files will be disqualified from the selection process.

If you also wish to apply for the Dental Assisting program, you must notify the Dental Assisting program prior to the deadline date and submit all selection requirements for that program.

To submit selection criteria and check on file completion, call 1-800-342-4325 ext. 32333 (701-671-2333) or email ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Stacy Owens
Dental Hygiene Program Coordinator | Allied Dental Education Department

PROGRAM SELECTION DETAILS

Please review all sections of this booklet to familiarize yourself with Dental Hygiene selection process. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure a complete selection file.

Program Selection Details

Steps for Selection

Scheduling and Taking Admissions Assessment Examination

Frequently Asked Questions

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Selection Process Checklist

Required Forms

Additional Program Information

Essential Functions for Allied Dental Students

Additional Program Requirements (Accepted Students)

The NDSCS Dental Hygiene Program is a limited enrollment program that has specific selection criteria required for acceptance into the program. Applicants will be selected based on a point system. Once program capacity has been reached, an alternate list will be established, also based on points. Acceptance to the college does not constitute acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program.

A scheduled visit to the college and meeting with a Dental Hygiene Program faculty member is recommended. It is also highly recommended that the applicant checks in with the program to ensure that all selection requirements have been received prior to the deadline date. Incomplete files will not be considered for selection.

The deadline for submission of all selection criteria for this program is **March 1st**. All applicants will receive notification of the status (acceptance, alternate status, or non-acceptance) within two weeks of the deadline. Notification will be made by email, and it is the applicant's responsibility to have their current email on file with the program.

Applicants who apply after the March 1st deadline (*NDSCS Application is dated after March 1st*), can complete the selection process and be placed on a waiting list. A late applicant will not be part of the first-round selection process. Late applicants may be selected based on points, if an opening occurs, and if all alternates have been selected. This could occur at any time up to the first day of classes.

STEPS FOR SELECTION

1. Complete the NDSCS Admission process and submit an official high school transcript and all official college transcripts to the Office of Admission.

New Student/Transfer Student	Current Student or Continuing	Returning Student
Application	Change of Program	Re-Application
Forms can be found at www.ndscs.edu/apply		

High School Transcript (or GED)
The final *official (or in-progress) high school transcript or GED will need to be submitted to the Office of Admission.
College Transcript(s)
College transcripts must be * <u>official</u> and submitted to the Office of Admission. If the applicant is currently completing college courses, an official transcript must be submitted after semester completion. <i>Information about transfer of courses</i> can be obtained by emailing ndscs.studentrecords@ndscs.edu or www.ndscs.edu/tes

***Official transcripts are complete records of your educational background and must be sent to the NDSCS Office of Admission from the high school and/or college's you have attended. Transcripts must be signed by a school/college official and stamped with the official school/college seal. Photocopies/faxes of transcripts from the school/college attended are not considered official. The request for a transcript must be from you.**

2. Complete the **Supplemental Program Application** for Dental Hygiene.

Supplemental Application	Format
The Supplemental Application is located at www.ndscs.edu/dental click on > <i>Program Selection Process</i> and click > <i>Supplemental Program Application</i> . Indicate the <i>Dental Hygiene</i> program	Complete <u>after</u> submitting the Application for Admission to NDSCS

3. Submit to the Office of Admission an official college transcript(s) with a minimum of twelve college semester credits or a minimum GPA of 2.50.

* See Step 1 for information about College Transcript(s).

4. Complete pre-requisite courses by **January 1 and **May 15**:**

*Completed Prior to January 1	*Completed Prior to May 15
CHEM 115 Introductory Chemistry CHEM 115L Introductory Chemistry Lab BIOL 220 Anatomy and Physiology I BIOL 220L Anatomy and Physiology I Lab ENGL 110 College Composition All courses must be completed with a "C" or higher.	BIOL 221 Anatomy and Physiology II BIOL 221L Anatomy and Physiology II Lab All courses must be completed with a "C" or higher.

If the above courses have been completed at a college other than NDSCS, an official transcript must be submitted to the NDSCS Office of Admission office that reflects final grades.

5. Additional admission points will also be awarded for completing pre-requisite classes at NDSCS.

Additional admission points:
Classes completed from the Dental Hygiene course sequence of study will earn additional admission points if completed at NDSCS. Points will be determined when the applicant's transcript is reviewed.

6. Review dental career links and submit the Dental Hygiene Career Review form.

Review all links below to assist in your choice of a Dental Hygiene Career. https://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/careers-in-dentistry/dental-team-careers/dental-hygienist https://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/careers-in-dentistry/dental-team-careers/dental-assistant https://www.alliedhealthschools.com/dental-assisting/dental-assistant-vs-dental-hygienist/ Submit the signed Dental Hygiene Career Review Form. <i>*Form included in this booklet.</i>
Send form to the Selection Process Assistant for Dental Hygiene – ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu; or Mail: NDSCS, Dental Hygiene Program Selection Process, Attn: Miranda, 800 6th Street North, Wahpeton, ND 58076-0002

7. Complete the admission assessment and meet the program benchmark score of **55** or higher. The exam can be retaken once per selection process.

** See Allied Health Selection Process Assessment in this booklet for the current assessment(s) being utilized. The selection assessment(s) are subject to change. Check with the program prior to testing.*

8. Review the Essential Functions for Allied Dental Education students and submit the Essential Functions Verification form.

If you cannot meet an Essential Function, please schedule an appointment with the Dental Hygiene Program Coordinator, prior to continuing the selection process.

**Form included in this booklet*

NDSCS ALLIED HEALTH SELECTION PROCESS ASSESSMENT

The program you are applying to requires a selection process assessment. The assessment currently being utilized for this selection process is the **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS-Version 7)** by Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI).

The ATI TEAS is designed specifically to assess a student's preparedness for entering a health program. The ATI test is comprised of 170 total questions with a mix of alternate item type questions and multiple-choice questions. Applicants are given 209 minutes to complete the exam.

TEST DETAILS	READING	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE USAGE
Number of Questions	39	34	44	33
Time Limit (Minutes)	55 minutes	57 minutes	60 minutes	37 minutes
Specific Content Covered	Key ideas & details, craft & structure, integration of knowledge & ideas, pre-test questions	Numbers & algebra, measurement & data, pre-test questions	Human anatomy & physiology, life & physical sciences, scientific reasoning, pre-test questions	Conventions of standard English, knowledge of language, vocabulary acquisition, pre-test questions

For information on preparing for your TEAS, visit www.atitesting.com

You can take the ATI TEAS Exam through one of two ways:

- TEAS – at an approved institution testing center
- TEAS at ATI – an online exam using ATI Remote Proctors

****If you wish to take the 'TEAS at ATI' {an online exam using ATI Remote Proctors} please use this link: <https://atitesting.com/teas/register>. From the drop-down menu select either ATI Remote Proctor- Nursing or ATI Remote Proctor- Allied Health**

STEPS FOR BOOKINGS/SCHEDULING TEAS AT NDSCS:

Schedule Assessment

Complete the NDSCS College Application process to an Allied Health program.
Testers must have a current NDSCS application on file to schedule a TEAS test at this site.

To book a testing appointment at the NDSCS Test Centers (Wahpeton or Fargo)

Please use this link to take you to the TEAS Test bookings page:
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/NDSCSTestCenter@ad.ndus.edu/bookings/>

You must schedule your test PRIOR to the selection deadline for the program you are applying to. There are numerous testing dates/times available each month. Once you book, you will get a email confirmation with reminder messages bringing a photo ID and credit card payment on the day of testing. You will also get reminders 1 day and 1 hour prior to testing. Testers needing to cancel or reschedule will be able to do this through Bookings.

Accommodation Requests

Requests for testing accommodations and supporting documentation should be submitted 3 weeks in advance. Contact the NDSCS Accessibility Coordinator Mindi Bessler at 701-671-2623 or mindi.bessler@ndscs.edu .

Day of Testing {only if testing in person at NDSCS}

Arrive 15 minutes prior to start time.

The examinee should have an ID which is government-issued with a current photograph and examinee's signature and permanent address.

Test is payable via credit card by the applicant the day of testing. The current cost of the assessment is **\$65.00** (subject to change-verify with program prior to testing).

Calculators are not allowed. If a calculator is required for a question, one will appear on the testing screen.

Food or drinks are not allowed in the testing room.

Benchmarks

The benchmark for the TEAS test, for the program you are applying to, is listed on the Program Factsheet, and is also listed in this booklet. Benchmarks are not the same for all programs. *Benchmark means you must meet this score (or above) to apply to the program.*

TEAS Score

You will receive your TEAS score immediately after testing in your ATI account. You can visit, email or call the program contact to review your score, discuss possible retakes and review your selection file to ensure all requirements are complete. If you wish to meet with a *program advisor* that day, please schedule the appointment *prior* to your testing day.

Retakes

One retake is allowed per selection process (maximum of two TEAS within a calendar year). It is highly recommended scheduling your assessment date well in advance of the application deadline to allow time for a retake, if needed. There is a minimum of **two weeks** between testing dates for retakes.

Previous TEAS Results

If you have already completed a TEAS 7 Assessment and met the benchmark for the program you are applying, you can use the score for this selection process. An official transcript must be ordered and sent to the program via ATI. Go to www.atitesting.com to order an official transcript. *If you completed this assessment at NDSCS for a different selection process, an official transcript does not need to be ordered. Contact the program to have the assessment moved into the current selection process.

Version of TEAS Assessment

The current version of the test is **ATI TEAS Test (Version 7)**. If you have a previous TEAS test and it is not this version, you will need to retake the assessment. Please check with the program.

Frequently asked questions

When is the deadline to apply?

March 1

How do I apply to NDSCS and where do I find the Supplemental Application to the Dental Hygiene Program?

www.ndscs.edu/become-wildcat/apply

<https://www.ndscs.edu/academics/academic-departments-programs/dental/program-selection-process>

What is the difference between a Dental Hygienist and a Dental Assistant?

The biggest difference between the dental team members is that a dental assistant provides direct aid to dentists, conducting office tasks, and small, supervised procedures in the patient's mouth, while the dental hygienist works one-on-one with the patient providing treatment.

Can I apply for the Dental Hygiene Program and the Dental Assisting Program?

Yes, just indicate an interest in both programs on your NDSCS Application for Admission, Supplemental Program Application and contact the program to ensure your application is part of both programs' selection processes.

What admission requirements do I send to the NDSCS Office of Admission?

- Application for admission and the \$35 fee
- Official final high school transcript
- Official college transcripts for all colleges attended
- Twelve college semester credits with a minimum GPA of 2.50 or higher

What requirements do I send to the Dental Hygiene Program?

- Submit Dental Hygiene Career Review form
- Supplemental Program Application
- Essential Functions Verification form

I completed some of my courses at a different college. How do I know which courses transfer to NDSCS?

Email enrollment records at ndscs.studentrecords@ndscs.edu or call 701-671-2521 or visit www.ndscs.edu/tes

What happens to my grade if I retake a course?

If you retake a class, the most **recent** grade will be recorded on your transcript, which will then be used by the program to award admission points.

What are the pre-requisite courses for the Dental Hygiene Program?

Must be complete by January 1 (passed with a "C" or higher):

- Introductory Chemistry (CHEM 115 and CHEM 115L)
- Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 220 and BIOL 220L)
- College Composition I (ENGL 110)

Must be complete by May 15 (passed with a "C" or higher):

- Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOL 221 and 221L)

What is the Basic Entrance Test and when do I take it?

The Test of Essential Academic Skills for Allied Health (ATI TEAS) measures basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of reading, mathematics, science, and English and language usage. It is a 4-section multiple-choice exam consisting of 170 questions.

The test must be taken by **March 1st**. The cost of the exam is **\$65.00** payable by credit card the day of testing. A benchmark score of **55** must be achieved to apply to the program. One retake is allowed per selection process. Schedule your assessment early to allow time for a retake if needed (two weeks between testing's).

Previous TEAS test results can be utilized if it is the same version that is being given for the current selection process (or one version behind). An official transcript of the test results must be submitted by requesting the transcript directly from ATI and be sent to the program. Copies will not be accepted.

The selection assessment(s) may be subject to change. Check with the program prior to testing.

Are there study materials I can use before taking the TEAS exam?

Yes. Review the TEAS Study Manual available for purchase as a printed study manual or the new eBook. (\$25)

Additional information and study guides are also available at www.atitesting.com/teas/study-manual

Who should I contact to make sure my application file is complete?

- Contact the Office of Admission to ensure college requirements are submitted at ndscs.admissions@ndscs.edu or phone 701-671-2203.
- Contact the Dental Hygiene Program to ensure all program requirements are submitted by emailing ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu or calling 701-671-2333.

If I am not admitted, can I reapply?

Yes, you may reapply, and the selection process will begin again for the next class. You must also contact the program, in writing or by email, to have your file rolled over to the next selection process.

Is there an Enrollment Deposit if I am accepted to the program?

Yes, there is a \$300 non-refundable capacity enrollment deposit payable by **April 1st** for selected students. Payment is made to the Dental Hygiene Program. This deposit is **not** an extra charge and will be applied toward your fall semester tuition.

How much will it cost to complete the Dental Hygiene Program at NDSCS?

Visit the website at www.ndscs.edu/paying-college for current tuition/fees information. This link will also provide also information pertaining to scholarships, grants and loans.

How many classes/credits will I have each semester?

The course sequence/credits outline for the Dental Hygiene Program by semester is included in this booklet. Students will plan their individual program of study with their Dental Hygiene Faculty Advisor. Course descriptions are available via the website at www.ndscs.edu/academics (Catalogs).

How does clinical practice work?

Most clinical hours are completed in the NDSCS Dental Clinic, with patients making appointments through the clinic assistant. At various times during the program, students will recruit their own patients. Rotations will also be completed at various off-site locations which students will need to provide their own transportation to. Board patients are also recruited by students.

Note: Information regarding policies pertaining to radiation safety, infectious diseases, and bloodborne pathogens are available upon request. Please email: ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu for more information.

QUICK RESOURCES

Quick Resources		
Application to NDSCS	Website: www.ndscs.edu/apply	800-342-4325 ext. 32225 or 701-671-2225
Schedule a Campus Visit	Website: www.ndscs.edu/tour	800-342-4325 ext. 32521 or 701-671-2521
Transcripts/Transfer Credits	Email: ndscs.studentrecords@ndscs.edu Website: www.ndscs.edu/tes	800-342-4325 ext. 32521 701-671-2521
Financial Aid	Email: ndscs.fin.aid@ndscs.edu Website: www.ndscs.edu/paying-for-college	800-342-4325 ext. 2207 701-671-2207
Program Selection Process	Email: ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu	800-342-4325 ext. 32333 701-671-3233
TEAS Exam booking page	https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/NDSCSTestCenter@ad.ndus.edu/bookings/	
Information about Program/Career	Email: stacy.owens@ndscs.edu	
Program Advisement	Email: stacy.owens@ndscs.edu	

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

For Applicant Use Only

Use the checklist below to track your application requirements. Always check with the program to ensure receipt of each item, as incomplete files will NOT be considered for selection. This form does not need to be submitted.

College Requirements - NDSCS Office of Admission:

- ☐ Submit NDSCS Application for Admission
Date Submitted _____
- ☐ Submit Official High School Transcript Date Submitted _____
- ☐ Submit Official College Transcript(s) Date Submitted _____
- ☐ Submit Official ACT Scores or Date Submitted _____
Complete Placement Testing Date Completed _____

Program Requirements – Dental Hygiene:

- ☐ Submit Supplemental Application to Program Date Completed _____
- ☐ Schedule Assessment Examination (TEAS)
Date/Time _____ Score _____
- ☐ Dental Hygiene Career Review Form
Date Form Submitted _____
- ☐ Submit Essential Functions Verification Date Submitted _____

REQUIRED FORMS – SUBMIT BY DEADLINE – MARCH 1ST

Dental Hygiene Career Review Form

The application process to the North Dakota State College of Science Dental Hygiene Program requires applicants to review career videos about the program. See Steps for Selection for the career links.

(Print Name)

has review the required links (videos) as required by the Selection Process.

By signing this form below, I attest that I did review all three-video links.

(Applicant Signature)

(Email)

Please email or fax this form by **March 1**

Form **must be** submitted **by** the deadline to earn the required selection points

Email: ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu

Essential Functions Verification

I have reviewed, understand and have the ability to perform the Essential Functions, with or without accommodations, for the program I am seeking admission to. We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions about or are in need of accommodations by calling the NDSCS Student Accessibility Coordinator at 701-671-2623.

*If you do not have the ability to perform an Essential Function, with or without accommodations, a meeting with the Department Chair of the program you are applying to must be scheduled prior to continuing with the selection process.

Submit by **March 1st**

Program Applying to _____

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____ Email _____

This form must be signed and submitted to the program to complete the selection process requirements.

Submit the form by emailing ndscs.dental@ndscs.edu

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Please review the following information to familiarize yourself with the Dental Hygiene program.

Dental Hygiene Program Competencies

Essential Functions for Allied Dental Students

Additional Program Requirements for Selected Students

Dental Hygiene Program Fact Sheet

Dental Hygiene Suggested Sequence of Study

For applicants selected to begin the program fall semester, there will be an orientation session with Allied Dental faculty and staff scheduled prior to classes beginning. At that time, students will meet their advisor, review program policies and the sequence of study.

Dental Hygiene Program Competencies

At completion of the North Dakota State College of Science Dental Hygiene Program, the graduate will be competent to:

1. Collect, organize, record, and analyze patient data for a diverse population of patients.
2. Discuss and plan dental hygiene services in an effective and efficient manner.
3. Demonstrate adequate preventive and therapeutic procedures for the promotion of oral health.
4. Integrate critical thinking in the evaluation of care provided and use evaluation results to modify treatment, as necessary.
5. Promote optimum oral health through individualized education.
6. Promote optimum oral health through community involvement activities.
7. Apply self-assessment principles.
8. Evaluate scientific information and apply their knowledge and skills in the promotion of oral health.
9. Manage the ethical and professional responsibilities of the dental hygiene profession and comply with state and federal regulations governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR ALLIED DENTAL STUDENTS

Functional Ability/Activity-Attribute-Task

- **Emotional Stability**

Differentiate and establish personal and therapeutic boundaries (e.g. confidentiality/privacy)

Provide client with appropriate psycho social support

Deal with unexpected situations

Maintain attention on task

Perform multiple responsibilities concurrently

Handle strong emotions (e.g. grief, anger)

Have the emotional stability to function effectively under stress and to adapt to an environment that may change rapidly without warning and/or in unpredictable way

Maintain mature, sensitive and effective relationships with clients, students, faculty, staff, and other professionals under all conditions including highly stressful situations

Possess the emotional/mental health required for the full utilization of his or her intellectual capabilities and the exercise of good judgment necessary for working in any clinical site

Know if his or her values, attitudes, beliefs and emotions, and/or experiences affect his or her perceptions and relationships with others

Be willing and able to examine and change his or her behavior when it interferes with productive individual or team relationships

- **Analytical Thinking**

Gather data

Transfer knowledge from one situation to another

Assess and respond to change in patient's condition

Integrate information

Evaluate outcomes (e.g., effectiveness of care)

Problem solve

Prioritize care

Utilize long term memory

Utilize short term memory

Organize tasks to completion

Think critically

Takes immediate action to meet patient requests or needs

- **Critical Thinking Skill**
 - Identify cause-effect relationships
 - Synthesize knowledge and skills
 - Complete tasks in a timely manner
 - Model accountability for learning by sharing knowledge and learning from others
- **Interpersonal Skills**
 - Manage conflict between persons
 - Respect differences in clients/families/co-workers
 - Establish and maintain rapport with clients/families/co-worker
 - Treat others with respect
 - Build effective working relationships
- **Communication Skills**
 - Communicate information (e.g., teach patient, family, or groups)
 - Explain procedures
 - Give oral and written reports
 - Interact with others (e.g., effective group participation)
 - Use the telephone – communicate summary of data
 - Advocate for patient
 - Direct activities of others
 - Convey information orally and in writing (e.g., charting, reports, papers)
 - Use computer
 - Employ therapeutic communication techniques
 - Assess and respond to verbal and non-verbal communication
- **Gross Motor Skills**
 - Provide standing support to patient
 - Manipulate equipment above shoulders (e.g., dental light)
 - Reach below waist (e.g., plug(ins)
 - Assist transfer of patient (e.g., wheelchair to dental chair)
 - Maintain patient / client safety at all times
- **Fine Motor Skills**
 - Pick up objects (e.g., hand piece, instruments)
 - Grasp small objects (e.g., instruments, sealant syringe tips, burs, needles)
 - Write
 - Use a computer
 - Pinch/pick or otherwise work with fingers (e.g., dental instruments, gloving, small equipment)
 - Turn knobs with hands on door or equipment
 - Squeeze (e.g., tubes, syringe)
 - Put on caps, gown, gloves, and mask

Apply pressure to remove calculus and cement

- **Physical Endurance**

Sustain repetitive movements (e.g., CPR, instrumentation)

Work entire day

- **Physical Strength**

Lift 25 pounds (e.g., transfer client)

Move objects 10-40 pounds

Carry equipment/supplies

Use upper body strength (CPR)

Squeeze (e.g., fire extinguisher)

- **Hearing**

Hear normal speaking level sounds (e.g., to communicate with client)

Hear faint voices (e.g., elderly, oxygen deprived)

Hear faint body sounds (e.g., blood pressure)

Hear in situations not able to see lips (when using masks)

Respond to alarms (high/low frequency)

- **Visual**

Visualize objects up to 20 inches away

Visualize objects up to 20 feet away

Visualize objects more than 20 feet away

Use depth perception (e.g. injections)

Use peripheral vision

Focus quickly when move from one object to another

Focus on small objects (teeth and other oral structures)

Adequate vision in both eyes (20/20 or correction)

Distinguish color (e.g. patient secretions, and color-coded records)

Distinguish color intensity (e.g. blue complexion, redness of blood)

Respond to alarms

- **Tactile**

Feel vibrations (e.g., pulses, nerve responses, tremor)

Detect temperature of room, skin

Feel differences in surface characteristics (e.g. oral tissues)

Feel differences in sizes, shapes (e.g. palpate, perform assessment)

- **Smell**

Detect odors from patient

Detect smoke

Detect gases or noxious smells

- **Reading**

Read and understand written documents (i.e., patient charts, professional literature)

Use anatomical design/diagrams correctly

Display mathematic competence

Read digital displays

Read graphic printouts (e.g., vital signs, numbers)

Read analog and digital clock

Motor Functions

Measure time (e.g., duration)

Count rates (e.g., pulse)

Use measuring tools (e.g., probes)

Read Measurement marks (e.g., scales)

Add, subtract, multiply, divide

Use a calculator

Write numbers in records

Maintain client /patient records

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS - IMMUNIZATIONS/VERIFICATIONS

Documentation (compliance check) of the following immunizations/verifications will be due by **July 15th** (****unless specified**). Students will not be allowed to participate in clinic unless all requirements have been met. Immunizations, exams, and certifications are at the students' expense. *Students accepted into the program will receive more information on how to create and pay for an account in the clearing house utilized by the program and how to upload the requirements prior to the deadline date. DO NOT submit these requirements directly to the program.*

Health Record Requirements:

- a. documented evidence of two Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccination or Rubella positive titer.
- b. documentation of three Hepatitis B immunizations, positive titer or a waiver.
- c. documentation of two Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccinations or proof of a positive titer.
- d. documentation of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis) vaccination within the last ten years.
- e. documentation of a negative **two-step** TB Skin Test (Mantoux), QuantiFERON Gold blood test or Tspot. If positive, a copy of the lab report or a clear chest x-ray completed within the last year. *This requirement will be a yearly renewal.*
- f. *documentation of a flu shot administered during the current flu season. ****This requirement will not be due until October 1 to ensure administration of current vaccination and will be a yearly renewal.**
- g. documentation of current Health Insurance.
- h. documentation annual eye exam.

****Additional student immunizations/certifications may be required prior to clinical site placements, which could also include COVID-19 vaccinations.**

Certifications/Licensure

CPR Certification – Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider from American Heart Association (AHA) OR Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers from American Red Cross (ARC) **ONLY**

Background Check/Fingerprinting/Drug Screen:

Criminal Background Check will be required
Drug screening, fingerprinting and additional background checks may be required (dependent on clinical site requirements)

Health Insurance:

Submit documentation of current Health Insurance.

Students are required to stay current with the above requirements while in the program.

Dental Hygiene

Contact Information

Stacy Owens, Program Coordinator
Stacy.Owens@ndscs.edu
701-671-2522
Mayme Green Allied Health Center 213N

Delivery Methods

Face to Face: Wahpeton

The Dental Hygiene program is designed to prepare students as professionals in the discipline of dental hygiene. The dental hygienist, a licensed member of the dental health team, provides dental health education, promotes and encourages the preventive aspects of dental care, removes stains and deposits from teeth, exposes and processes dental radiographs, administers local anesthesia, provides many other patient treatment procedures, and assumes other responsibilities in the dental office.

Career Opportunities

Dental hygienists are typically employed in general dental practices or specialty practices. Dental hygienists also can apply their skills and knowledge in other career activities including public health, corporate dental representative, dental office management, and dental hygiene education depending on the level of education and experience they have achieved.

Dental Hygiene Curriculum

The Dental Hygiene program consists of classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences emphasizing skill development, self-assessment, and professionalism offered over five continuous semesters. The majority of the clinical experience is in the NDSCS dental clinic. Students are also assigned to off-campus affiliation sites to enhance their dental hygiene education. Students must provide their own transportation to off-campus affiliation sites. Criminal background checks will be required. A felony charge and/or conviction may affect participation in clinical experience(s), and therefore, program completion. If this issue applies, the student must meet with the department chair.

The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611-2678.

The program adheres to the NDSCS Equal Opportunity Policy as stated in the *NDSCS Catalog*. Dental Hygiene Program Competencies, Program Goals, and Essential Functions are available on the website at www.NDSCS.edu.

This program requires access to a personal laptop and printer, capable of completing the assignments/testing required by the program, with a current operating system and webcam/microphone. Tablets and Chromebooks are not compatible with online classes/testing.

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
DHYG 101	Pre-Clinic	1
DHYG 101L	Pre-Clinic Lab	3
DHYG 102	Clinic I	1
DHYG 102L	Clinic I Lab	4
DHYG 103	Clinic II	1
DHYG 103L	Clinic II Lab	3
DHYG 110	Oral Anatomy	2
DHYG 112	Oral Embryology and Histology	1
DHYG 114	Dental Radiology	3
DHYG 145	Periodontics I	1
DHYG 151L	Pre-Clinic Simulation Lab	1
DHYG 152L	Simulation Lab I	1
DHYG 153L	Simulation Lab II	1
DHYG 201	Clinic III	1
DHYG 201L	Clinic III Lab	4
DHYG 202	Clinic IV	1
DHYG 202L	Clinic IV Lab	4
DHYG 205	Dental Pharmacology	2
DHYG 209	Head and Neck Anatomy	1
DHYG 210	Local Anesthesia	1
DHYG 212	Oral Pathology	1
DHYG 220	Community Dental Health	2
DHYG 242	Dental Materials	3
DHYG 243	Dental Jurisprudence	1
DHYG 245	Periodontics II	1
DHYG 251L	Simulation Lab III	1
DHYG 252L	Simulation Lab IV	1

Related/General Education Courses

BIOL 213	General Pathology	3
CIS 101	Computer Literacy	2
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
FYE 101	Science of Success	1
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
MICR 202	Introductory Microbiology	3
MICR 202L	Introductory Microbiology Lab	1
NUTR 240	Principles of Nutrition (and Diet Therapy)	3
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
Total Required Credits		72

Admission/Selection Requirements*

Applicants will be admitted to the program following a selection process. The following requirements must be met by **March 1** to be considered for selection. Applicants that apply after the March 1 deadline can complete the selection requirements and be placed on a waiting list. Late applicants may be selected based on points if openings become available until the first day of class fall semester.

1. Complete the NDSCS Admission process and submit an official high school transcript and all official college transcripts to Enrollment Services.
2. Applicants without a United States high school transcript (four years), will be required to complete English language proficiency exam(s) and meet the benchmark score(s) prior to continuing the selection process. Contact the program to schedule the assessments if this applies.
3. Complete the Supplemental Program Application for Dental Hygiene.
4. Submit an official college transcript(s) with a minimum of twelve college semester credits and a GPA of 2.50 or higher.
5. Review career link and submit the Dental Hygiene Career Review form.
6. Complete the selection assessment examination and meet the program benchmark score of **55**. The exam can be retaken once. Check with program for current assessment(s) required.
7. Complete pre-requisite courses by **January 1**: Introductory Chemistry (CHEM 115 and 115L), Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 220 and 220L) and College Composition I (ENGL 110). Complete pre-requisite course by **May 15**: Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOL 221 and 221L) with a "C" or higher.
8. Additional admission points will also be awarded for completing classes at NDSCS.
9. Review Essential Functions for Allied Dental Education Students and submit the signed Essential Functions Verification form.

Selection process details, contact information and forms are located in the Dental Hygiene Program Information and Selection Process Booklet available at www.NDSCS.edu/Dental (click on Program Selection Process) or contact the program at AlliedHealthCareers@ndscs.edu.

The program is a limited enrollment program. Applicants will be selected on a point system. Once program capacity is reached, an alternate list will be established based on points. It is recommended that applicants stay in close contact with the program as they complete their selection requirements.

Program Selection Requirements are subject to revision. Please check the department or program website under Program Admission Requirements for current information.

For *accepted* students, specific immunizations, criminal background checks, CPR certification (Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider by American Heart Association (AHA) OR Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers from American Red Cross (ARC) ONLY), and health insurance, are required by the program. *Additional requirements could include but not limited to; drug screening/ finger printing, state background checks, and COVID-19 vaccinations dependent on clinical site-specific student prerequisites. *All requirements must remain current while in the program and will be at the students' expense.*

Licensure requirements for dental hygienists include successful completion of the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination and a regional clinical examination, i.e., CRDTS, WREB. Individual states have additional licensure requirements. A criminal background check will be required and a felony conviction may affect state licensure.

Award

Upon program completion of the required courses ("C" or higher), students will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene.

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Suggested Sequence of Study (Standard)
(Students fully admitted into the program)

Please Note: This is a suggested sequence of study. Course sequencing may be impacted by transfer credits, unsuccessful course completion, course offerings and various other factors. Please meet with your Academic Advisor to ensure correct course enrollment and sequencing each semester.

Developmental Credits Needed:

Reading ____ ASC 82 ____ ASC 84
Writing ____ ASC 86 ____ ASC 87 ____ ASC 88
Math ____ ASC 90 ____ ASC 91 ____ ASC 92 ____ ASC 93

Placement in Mathematics, Writing and English depends on placement from exam results.

If you are planning to transfer, please note: ENGL 105 DOES NOT transfer; take ENGL 120, 125 or COMM 110 for transfer credits. MATH transfer credits include MATH 103, MATH 104 or MATH 210, among others.

PREREQUISITES: CHEM 115/115L Introductory Chemistry, BIOL 220/220L Anatomy and Physiology, and ENGL 110 Composition I must be completed by January 1. BIOL 221/221L Anatomy and Physiology must be completed by May 15.

FIRST SEMESTER				
Subject/Catalog	Course Title	Credits	Comments:	
DHYG 101	Pre-Clinic	1	Full Semester	
DHYG 101L	Pre-Clinic Lab	3	Full Semester	
DHYG 110	Oral Anatomy	2	Full Semester	
DHYG 112	Oral Embryology & Histology	1	Full Semester	
DHYG 114	Dental Radiology	3	Full Semester	
DHYG 151L	Pre-Clinic Simulation Lab	1	Full Semester	
CIS 101	Computer Literacy	2	1st 8 Weeks, 2nd 8 Weeks, or Full Semester	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3	Full Semester	
FYE 101	Science of Success	1	1st 8 Weeks or 2nd 8 Weeks	

Total Credits: 17

SECOND SEMESTER				
Subject/Catalog	Course Title	Credits	Comments:	
DHYG 102	Clinic I	1	Full Semester	
DHYG 102L	Clinic I Lab	4	Full Semester	
DHYG 145	Periodontics I	1	Full Semester	
DHYG 152L	Simulation Lab I	1	Full Semester	
DHYG 205	Dental Pharmacology	2	Full Semester	
BIOL 213	General Pathology	3	Full Semester	
MICR 202	Introductory Microbiology	3	Full Semester	
MICR 202L	Introductory Microbiology Lab	1	Full Semester	

Total Credits: 16

SUMMER SEMESTER				
Subject/Catalog	Course Title	Credits	Comments:	
DHYG 103	Clinic II	1	Full Semester	
DHYG 103L	Clinic II Lab	3	Full Semester	
DHYG 153L	Simulation Lab II	1	Full Semester	
DHYG 209	Head And Neck Anatomy	1	1st 4 Weeks	
DHYG 210	Local Anesthesia	1	2nd 4 Weeks	
DHYG 212	Oral Pathology	1	Full Semester	

Total Credits: 8

THIRD SEMESTER				
Subject/Catalog	Course Title	Credits	Comments:	
DHYG 201	Clinic III	1	Full Semester	
DHYG 201L	Clinic III Lab	4	Full Semester	
DHYG 220	Community Dental Health	2	Full Semester	
DHYG 242	Dental Materials	3	Full Semester	
DHYG 245	Periodontics II	1	Full Semester	
DHYG 251L	Simulation Lab III	1	Full Semester	
NUTR 240	Princ. Of Nutrition (& Diet Th	3	Full Semester	

Total Credits: 15

FOURTH SEMESTER				
Subject/Catalog	Course Title	Credits	Comments:	
DHYG 202	Clinic IV	1	Full Semester	
DHYG 202L	Clinic IV Lab	4	Full Semester	
DHYG 243	Dental Jurisprudence	1	Full Semester	
DHYG 252L	Simulation Lab IV	1	Full Semester	
COMM 110	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3	Full Semester	
PSYC 111	Introduction To Psychology	3	Full Semester	
SOC 110	Introduction To Sociology	3	Full Semester	

Total Credits: 16

TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS FOR DEGREE: 72

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OPTIONAL: Liberal Arts Degree - Associate in Science (Additional Credits needed)

- **3 credits:** Math, Science and Computer information Systems Electives. From any course marked ND:LABSC, ND:MATH, ND:COMPSC, ND:SCI. All students must complete one lab science course, one mathematics course and one computer science course.

- **6 credits:** Humanities/History Electives. From two different prefixes within the categories marked ND:HUM or ND:HIST

- **2 credits:** Social and Behavioral Sciences Electives. From two or more prefixes within the category marked ND:SS

- **3 credits:** General Education Electives

14 total additional credits



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 - Registered Nursing (ASN-RN)
 - Registered Nursing (AAS-RN)
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 - Chiropractic
 - Clinical Laboratory Science
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