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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 (BIOI 220 and 220L) and College Composition I (ENGL 110). Complete pre-requisite course by May 15: Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOI 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.

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