

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Dental Hygiene is a preventative oral health profession whose practitioners are responsible for promoting optimal oral health. Specific professional activities of the dental hygienist include initial screening, examination and charting of each patient's teeth, soft tissues, and other oral structures; removal of calculus and plaque, application of fluoride and dental sealants, etc.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

MEMPHIS, TN

Requirements and Prerequisites		Total Hours
English Composition I & II and Literature	ENG101, 102, and any literature	9
General Biology II	BIO112	4
Microbiology	BIO215	4
General Chemistry I & II & Labs	CHE121/121L & 122/122L	8
Human A&P I & II	BIO211, 212	8
Sociology	Any SOC course	3
Psychology	Any PSY course	3
Speech	COM140 or 240	3
Medical Terminology	BIO***	3
College Algebra	MAT 101	3
Nutrition	HEA121	3
US History**	HIS 221& HIS 222	6
Electives*		9
Total Semester Hour Credits		60

* Recommended: Upper level Biology, Spanish, Computer Literacy, additional courses in Psychology or Sociology. Credit hours for non-theory courses in Physical Education, Music, and Art are not acceptable as electives.

**Proof of one year of American History at the high school or college level is a requirement for graduation from UTHSC.

OTHER RECOMMENDED ELECTIVE COURSES

Before clinical activities begin during the first semester at UT Memphis, proof of current CPR certification will be required. Students are advised to obtain CPR certification prior to enrollment in the program.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? _____ YES NO

The Dental Hygiene program is a 2/2 program. It requires 2 years at an accredited college or university, followed by 2 years at UT Memphis.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

At a minimum, observation of a dental hygienist is recommended. There is no set number of hours required. Work experience in a dental practice is also considered positive and recommended by the admissions committee.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15. UTHSC uses ADEA DHCAS.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY,
Johnson City, TN**

Requirements and Prerequisites	Equivalent Courses at FHU	Total Hours
Anatomy & Physiology I & II	BIO211 & 212	8
Microbiology	BIO215	4
General Chemistry I & II & Labs	CHE121/121L & 122/122L	8
Principles of Nutrition	HEA121	3
Statistics	MAT235	3
Using Information Technology	PROFICIENCY EXAM	X

A minimum of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required. All prerequisites require a C or better within each course.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? ____ YES X NO

The Dental Hygiene program is a program where you receive your foundation classes at an accredited college or university, followed by 5 semesters at ETSU.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Completed application and all admission materials received by March 1. Please submit application materials between January 15 and March 1 to be considered for admission during the following fall semester. If you are taking a health science class during the spring semester when you apply to the program, please bring documentation of your mid-term grades to your interview. The dental hygiene program at East Tennessee State University is participating in the American Dental Education Association Dental Hygiene Centralized Application Service (ADEA DHCAS).

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE, TN**

Program Requirements	Equivalent Courses at FHU	Hours
English Comp 1	ENG101	3
Microbiology	BIO215	4
Anatomy & Physiology I & II	BIO211 & 212	8
Humanities*	ART110, MUS110, SPA131, or SPA132	3

*Other humanities classes are acceptable. These are examples of those that would fulfill the requirement.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? ___ YES X NO

The Dental Hygiene program is a split program. You would take the basic classes here and then transfer to TN State to complete the Dental Hygiene degree.

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GPA Required: 3.0 or better overall. A "C" or better on required classes. A minimum of 19 on the ACT or equivalent SAT is also required.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 15