



DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM **Academic Year 2026-2027**

To Prospective **Dental Hygiene** Students:

Dental Hygiene is an exciting career for an individual to pursue. As a member of the oral health team, the dental hygienist has the unique opportunity to participate in a challenging and rewarding field providing preventive, therapeutic, and educational services. The employment opportunities available to dental hygienists are numerous. They may choose to pursue a career in a variety of clinical settings that include private practices, large clinics, specialized areas of dentistry, and government agencies. The graduates may also further their education through advanced degree programs to prepare for a career in teaching, public health, or research.

The Dental Hygiene Program at Daytona State College is a two-year Associate of Science Degree program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. It includes course content in general education, biomedical sciences, dental and dental hygiene sciences, and clinical dental hygiene. During clinical sessions, students are taught to remove deposits from tooth surfaces, polish tooth surfaces, obtain radiographic images, provide oral health education, and perform preventive procedures.

The goal of the Dental Hygiene Program is to educate students to possess the knowledge and skills necessary to provide quality patient-centered care to various population groups in a variety of health care settings. Students are also prepared to recognize the need for personal and professional growth by participating in professional activities, contributing to community projects, and attending professional meetings.

The Dental Hygiene Program begins every Summer Term A (term starts in the middle of May) and is offered on the DeLand Campus. Applications are submitted and accepted once a year during the month of January. Completed applications can only be submitted to Melissa Brown-Mack, Academic Advisor. Her office is in Building 320, Room 549 on the Daytona Beach campus. Applicants may mail their application to: Melissa Brown-Mack, Academic Advisor, Daytona State College, P.O. Box 2811, Daytona Beach, Florida 32120-2811. There are sixteen (16) dental hygiene students accepted each year. Applicants will be notified by the end of March for acceptance into the class starting in May.

Please find enclosed additional information that outlines the Program's curriculum. Check for updates and requirements for admission into the Program on the School of Dental Sciences' webpage <https://www.daytonastate.edu/dental-sciences>. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (386) 785-2093 or Jennifer.McCann@daytonastate.edu. Prospective students may also contact Melissa Brown-Mack, Academic Advisor at (386) 506-3052 for further questions.

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Hygiene Program at Daytona State College.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer McCann, D.H.Sc., C.R.D.H., C.D.A.
Chair, School of Dental Sciences

Frequently Asked Questions and Supplemental Information

1. What are the employment opportunities for dental hygienists?

The employment opportunities for dental hygienists in Volusia and Flagler Counties are excellent. There is an increasing demand for dental hygienists in both general and specialized areas of dentistry. Job placement for graduates from this Program is very good.

2. What is the average salary that one can earn upon graduating from this program?

The average salary for an entry-level dental hygiene position is approximately between \$36.00 to \$43.00 per hour in Volusia and Flagler Counties.

3. What are the typical working hours for this profession?

Most dental practices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition, there are some private practices and dental clinics open during evening hours and on Saturday.

4. Is there a board examination that one must take upon completion of this program?

There are two examinations the student must take to practice dental hygiene. The first examination is the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) and the second examination is for state licensure. Students must pass the NBDHE before taking most state/regional licensure examinations. The NBDHE is a computer-based examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. Students take the NBDHE during their last semester prior to graduation. The cost for this board examination is approximately \$600.00.

5. Is licensure required for employment for this profession?

A license is required to practice dental hygiene in the State of Florida as well as in most states. There are two parts to state licensure examinations that consist of a written and a clinical/practical section. A candidate must pass both sections of the licensing board exam to obtain a dental hygiene license.

The Florida ADEX licensure examination for Dental Hygiene is usually scheduled in April/May/June and November. Students usually take the licensing examination in April/May/June, right before or right after they graduate from the program and successfully pass the NBDHE. The total fee, which includes the clinical and written portions, is approximately \$1,500.00.

6. What are the hours of the Dental Hygiene program?

The hours of the Dental Hygiene Program are typically from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

7. How much does the program cost? Are there additional costs such as books, lab fees, uniforms, and supplies?

The tuition and fees for Florida residents is approximately \$9,687 and for non-residents is \$35,200. Additional costs that should be budgeted are approximately \$17,708. The approximate cost for tuition and fees (based on FL residents) and miscellaneous is \$21,395 as outlined.

Program Costs

Pre-Requisite Courses: \$2,657

TEAS Test	\$115
Tuition and Fees	\$1,867
Textbooks	\$450
Lab Fees	\$225

General Education Courses: \$2,591

Tuition and Fees	\$1,971
Textbooks	\$540
Lab Fees	\$80

Approximate Miscellaneous Costs Prior to the Fall Semester: \$325

Physical Examination	** (depends upon applicant's physician)
Hepatitis B Vaccination Series	\$200
PPD, Tetanus, and Immunizations	\$75
BLS (CPR) Certification	\$50

FIRST YEAR

Summer Term B: \$893.00

Tuition and Fees	\$356
Textbooks	\$143
Dental Model	\$304
FDLE/FBI Background Check	\$90

Fall Semester: \$5,180

Tuition and Fees	\$1,140
Textbooks	\$568
Lab Fee	\$192
*Uniforms and Shoes	\$320
*Protective Eyewear	\$15
*Name Badge	\$20
*Instrument Kits and Supplies	\$2,700
*Laboratory Supplies	\$110
SADHA Membership Dues	\$115

**Please do not rely on financial aid to purchase these items.*

Spring Semester: \$1,936

Tuition and Fees	\$1,189
Textbooks	\$367
Lab Fee and Liability Insurance	\$330
Clinical Supplies	\$50

Summer Term A: \$1,674

Tuition and Fees	\$1100
Textbooks	\$179
Lab Fees	\$345
Clinical Supplies	\$50

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester: \$1,992

Tuition and Fees	\$1,204
Textbooks	\$290
Lab Fees and Liability Insurance	\$333
SADHA Membership Dues	\$115
Clinical Supplies	\$50

Spring Semester: \$4,147

Tuition and Fees	\$860
Textbooks	\$262
Lab Fees	\$350
Clinical Supplies	\$50
National Board Review Course	\$450
National Board Examination Fee	\$600
Class Pin	\$40
Class Picture	\$35
Florida Licensure Exam Fee	\$1,500

8. Is there a physical examination and/or immunizations required prior to the start of this program?

Students are required to undergo a physical evaluation, to be immunized against tetanus-diphtheria, and tested for tuberculosis **prior** to the start of the Dental Hygiene Program. They are also encouraged to be immunized against other infectious diseases such as, mumps, measles, and rubella. Students are required to provide documentation of having begun the Hepatitis B Vaccination series **before** the first day of First Year Fall semester courses. If a student is medically at risk, they will be required to sign a declination form. The Dental Hygiene Program does not discriminate against applicants or students with infectious diseases in accordance with federal and state law and regulations.

9. Are there any occupational hazards with this occupation?

Dental hygienists are exposed to several occupational hazards working in the dental field. Dental hygienists could be exposed to infections such as HIV and Hepatitis, radiation, musculoskeletal problems, dermatitis, respiratory problems, and/or eye injuries.

10. Is a background screening required prior to the start of this program?

Students are required to complete a Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Level II background screening and drug screening prior to enrolling in the program. The cost of this background check is approximately \$90.00. An instruction sheet will be provided to students once they have been accepted into the program.

11. What are the application requirements?

- **Observation Hours:** an applicant must complete eight (8) observation hours of a dental hygienist in a general dentistry or periodontal practice; and not in the practice in which they are currently employed. The accepted Observation Hours documentation form is attached to this packet.
- **TEAS:** an applicant must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). The TEAS test is a standardized, multiple-choice exam. For more details visit <https://www.daytonastate.edu/testing-center/placement-testing.html>. Complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a minimum composite score of 65%. Minimum scores must be met in one attempt; combining scores from multiple tests is not allowed.
May test a total of four times within a calendar year.
TEAS scores are good for three years from test date.
As of July 1st, 2025, only TEAS scores taken at DSC will be accepted. TEAS Tests taken via an online ATI Proctor or at another institution will **ONLY** be accepted if the test was taken prior to July 1st, 2025, and is less than 3 years old.

12. What courses must be taken prior to starting the program?

Before taking the prerequisite courses, an applicant may be required to take the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT). Applicants who are exempt from any placement testing are:

- Applicants who **started** high school in the 9th grade in 2003 or after at a **Florida Public** high school **AND graduated** from a Florida Public high school with a standard high school diploma
- Applicants serving as an active-duty member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Services

Applicants who have successfully completed college level English and/or Math may be exempt as well. All other applicants will be required to take the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) and be at the 10th grade level for reading, language, and arithmetic. If you have any questions about your exemption status, contact an Academic Advisor for assistance. Applicants **must** have a **combined** cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better to be eligible to apply.

There are **five** prerequisite courses applicants **must** take and **complete before applying**. These courses are:

ENC 1101	Introduction to Composition
MGF 2130*	Mathematical Thinking
BSC 1085C	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab
BSC 1086C	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab
CHM 1025C	Introduction to Chemistry and Lab

**MAC 1105 College Algebra or MGF 2106 Survey in Mathematics would be accepted.*

There are general education courses that prospective students **may** take before starting the Dental Hygiene Program. These courses are:

HUN 1201	Human Nutrition
MCB 1010C	Microbiology and Lab
PSY 1012	General Psychology
AMH 2020	US History 1865 to Present <u>OR</u> POS 2041 American Federal Government
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology
**	Humanities Core Elective

***Please see the Dental Hygiene Program Guide for the list of accepted elective courses.*

13. If one has taken previous courses, will they count in this program?

Applicants who have taken the prerequisite courses and/or general education courses may receive credit. Course work in these areas will be considered for transfer credit at the discretion of the College's respective department chairperson for that discipline. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Daytona State College's respective department chairperson for course substitution if applicable.

Applicants who have completed a dental assisting program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) may receive credit for **DES 1100C Elements of Dental Materials and Lab**. This dental assisting program must be CODA accredited prior to the Dental Hygiene Program's admission window. The Chairperson of the School of Dental Sciences will consider this course for transfer credit **ONLY** if the applicant has taken this course within a **two-year** timeframe at a dental assisting program that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. It is **strongly recommended** that prospective students who are accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program give serious consideration toward taking this course.

Applicants who are transferring dental hygiene courses from a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) may receive credit for some courses. The Chairperson of the School of Dental Sciences will consider these courses for transfer credit **ONLY** if the applicant has taken these courses within **one-year** of being accepted into the DSC Dental Hygiene Program. Dental Hygiene clinical courses are **not** eligible for transfer credit.

14. Is there a clinical component required for this program?

During the first year, students begin providing dental hygiene care to patients in the Spring Semester. First year students are in clinical sessions eight hours per week, and second year students are in clinical sessions twelve hours a week. Students are required to maintain current Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (CPR) certification while participating in patient care activities during preclinical and clinical sessions. Students are required to complete the CPR requirement **before** entering the Dental Hygiene Program in August.

15. How does one apply for admission to this program and when does it begin?

The Dental Hygiene Program admits sixteen (16) students each year. Classes begin in the beginning of May; Summer Term A. Applications are accepted **once** a year during the month of January. Applications must be **received** by the last business (working) day in January. The applicant **must** have **completed: eight (8) observation hours** of a dental hygienist in a dental practice where they are not currently employed; the **TEAS Test** and met the minimal Composite score; and the **five prerequisite courses before** submitting the application packet for it to be received. The applicant must request official transcripts from other educational institutions attended to be sent to Daytona State College's Admissions Department. These official transcripts **must** be received by the College's Admissions Department by the end of February for the application to be considered for program entry.

Applicants will be notified by the end of March for acceptance into the class starting in May. Applications are to be submitted to Melissa Brown-Mack, Academic Advisor. Her office is in Building 320, Room 549 on the Daytona Beach Campus. Her email address is: Melissa.Brown-Mack@DaytonaState.edu

Applicants may also mail their application to Ms. Brown-Mack at the following address:

Daytona State College
Melissa Brown-Mack, Academic Advisor
College of Health and Public Services
P.O. Box 2811
Daytona Beach, FL 32120-2811

16. Is the selection process based on a points system?

Yes, since this program is a **Limited Access Program**, students are selected based on the following criteria. The sixteen (16) applicants with the highest cumulative points are the sixteen (16) students accepted into the program.

CRITERIA	POINTS DERIVED FROM	POSSIBLE POINTS
TEAS Scores	Completion of the ATI TEAS with minimum Composite score of 65%. Tests may not be combined to show minimum score achievement. Applicants may test a total of four (4) times within a calendar year (Jan-Dec). Only scores taken at DSC are accepted.	Required - no points awarded
Observation Hours	Completion of a minimum of eight (8) observation hours of a dental hygienist in a general dentistry or periodontal practice in a dental practice where applicant is not currently employed	Required - no points awarded
GPA in Prereq. Courses	Points are awarded for the grade point average (GPA) in the five prerequisite courses	4
Gen. Ed. Courses	A point is awarded for each general education course (in the Dental Hygiene Program of Study) that is completed with a "C" or higher	6
GPA in Gen. Ed. Courses	Points are awarded for the grade point average (GPA) in the general education courses (in the Dental Hygiene Program of Study)	4
Residency	Volusia or Flagler County Resident	1
Dental Assisting Experience	Points are awarded for one of the following areas:	
	Currently enrolled in a CODA accredited dental assisting program in good standing. Applicants must submit a letter from the Program Manager stating the applicant is in good standing and is expected to graduate from the program.	1
	Graduate of a CODA accredited dental assisting program	2
	Active DANB dental assisting certification (CDA)	1
	1 – 3.5 years dental assisting work experience (involving direct patient care) with a minimal of 30 hours per week	1
3.5+ years dental assisting work experience (involving direct patient care) with a minimal of 30 hours per week	2	
MAXIMUM CUMULATIVE POSSIBLE POINTS		17

Note: Prospective students, who are accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program, are required to adhere to a dress code as well as to practice proper methods of infection control and disposal of biomedical waste. Applicants wishing to obtain copies of the School of Dental Sciences' Policies on Bloodborne and Infectious Diseases may contact the School of Dental Sciences at (386) 785-2067.

Dental Hygiene Program Guide

Associate of Science Degree - Code 203600 (Limited Access Program)

Dr. Jennifer McCann, Chairperson
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Mission

The mission of the Dental Hygiene Program is the development of professional, ethical, and competent members of the oral health team who provide quality, patient-centered care to various population groups in a variety of health care settings. The Dental Hygiene Program is committed to excellence in teaching and learning, emphasizing student success.

Description

Students are taught to remove deposits from tooth surfaces; provide methods of oral physiotherapy; obtain and analyze dental digital radiographic images; provide oral health education as well as acquire knowledge in methods of infection control practices. Dental hygienists are licensed professionals who, under the supervision of a licensed dentist, provide preventive, therapeutic, and educational services. During the last semester of this program, students are eligible to take the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination. Upon successfully passing the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination and graduating from the program, graduates are eligible to take state/regional licensure examinations.

Program Accreditation

The Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements". The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. The Commission's web address is <http://www.ada.org/en/coda>.

College Accreditation

Daytona State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and bachelor's degrees. Questions about the accreditation of Daytona State College may be directed in writing to SACSCOC at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

Outcomes

Graduates of the program will be able to:

1. Apply the dental hygiene process of care and problem-solving strategies to provide dental hygiene care for patients of all age groups, medically compromised, and all types of periodontal disease classifications.
2. Demonstrate interpersonal and communications skills to effectively interact with various population groups.
3. Apply ethical, legal, and regulatory concepts to the provision and/or support of oral health care services.
4. Apply self-assessment skills to prepare for life-long learning as a foundation for maintaining competency and quality assurance.
5. Evaluate current scientific literature as a basis for life-long learning, evidence-based practice and as a foundation for adapting to changes in health care.

Financial Aid

This program is eligible for federal financial aid and state Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Financing Option: All students are encouraged to apply for federal and state student financial assistance by completing

the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.gov>. For more information on grant, loans, and work program available please see the Financial Aid webpage at <http://www.daytonastate.edu/finaid>. Students are also encouraged to apply for one of the many Daytona State College Foundation scholarships offered each semester. For more information see: <http://www.daytonastate.edu/scholarships>.

Approximate Additional Costs

Program Tuition and Distance Learning Fees	\$9,250*
Access Fee	\$112.64 (\$1.28 per credit hour)
Assessment Fee (first semester only)	\$34
Lab Fees (including liability insurance)	\$1,550
Textbook Estimate	\$2,709
Uniforms and Supplies	\$345
Instrument Kits, Clinical Supplies, and Dental Model	\$3,500
American Dental Hygienists' Association Student Membership	\$230
National Board Dental Hygiene Review Course	\$450
National Board Dental Hygiene Examination	\$600
Class Pin and Composite Picture	\$75
Florida Dental Hygiene Licensure Board Examination	\$1,500
Health Screening and Immunizations	\$275 (depends upon applicant's physician)
Basic Life Support Certification	\$50
Florida Department of Law Enforcement/FBI Background Check	\$90

**In-state tuition only; out-of-state tuition will be higher*

Additional Admission Requirements

- This is a Limited Access Program. Continuing enrollment approval will be required to enroll in program specific courses based on a selection process after completing the required general education courses.
- Applicants must have a standard high school diploma (or GED) and be at least 18 years of age to enroll.
- Applicants who **started** high school in the 9th grade in 2003 or after at a **Florida Public** high school **AND graduated** from a Florida Public high school with a standard high school diploma are exempt from any placement testing. Active-duty military applicants are also exempt from any placement testing. Those applicants who have successfully completed college level English and/or Math may be exempt as well. All other applicants will be required to take the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) and be at the 10th grade level for reading, language, and arithmetic. Contact an Academic Advisor for assistance.
- Completion of health screening to include: recent physical examination; verification of immunization against tetanus-diphtheria, measles, mumps, rubella and Hepatitis B; and a negative PPD test (or chest x-ray if indicated) for tuberculosis are required **prior** to the start of Fall semester program specific courses.
- Basic Life Support (BLS) certification for the Health Care Provider, to include adults, infant, children, and automatic external defibrillator (AED); through the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross is required **prior** to the start of Fall semester program specific courses.
- Admission into the program will be contingent on the satisfactory completion of both a drug screen and background check consisting of a fingerprint check of state and federal criminal history information conducted through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This must be completed **prior** to the first day of program specific courses (Summer Semester A).
- Program prerequisite, general education and dental hygiene courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- Students will be held accountable for the policy and procedures of the Dental Hygiene Program as outlined in the Dental Hygiene Student Policy Handbook, as well as the College Student Handbook.

Additional Completion Requirements

- Submit completed School of Dental Sciences application for continuing enrollment to the Academic Advisor in the College of Health and Public Services only during the month of February.
- Student selection for continuing enrollment is based on specific admission criteria and a points system. Selection is made once per year. The Program starts annually in May.
- Combined cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better is required to apply for continuing enrollment.
- Completion of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better is **required before** submitting an application for continuing enrollment: ENC 1101 Introduction to Composition; MGF 2130 Mathematical Thinking (MAC 1105 College Algebra or MGF 2106 Survey in Mathematics also accepted); BSC 1085C Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab; BSC 1086C Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab; and CHM 1025C Introduction to Chemistry and Lab.
- Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) with minimum Composite score of 65% is **required before** submitting an application for continuing enrollment. Tests may not be combined to show minimum score achievement. Applicants may test a total of four (4) times within a calendar year (Jan-Dec). Only TEAS scores taken at DSC will be accepted. Minimum scores must be met in one attempt; combining scores from multiple tests is not allowed. TEAS scores are good for three years from test date. As of July 1st, 2025, only TEAS scores taken at DSC will be accepted. TEAS Tests taken via an online ATI Proctor or at another institution will ONLY be accepted if the test was taken prior to July 1st, 2025, and is less than 3 years old.
- Completion of a minimum of eight (8) observation hours of a dental hygienist in a general dentistry or periodontal practice, where you are not currently employed, is **required before** submitting an application for continuing enrollment.
- Applicants for continuing enrollment who have graduated within a **two-year** time frame from an accredited (Commission on Dental Accreditation) dental assisting program may receive credit for DES 1100C Elements of Dental Materials and Lab. **Transfer of credit for this course will be at the discretion of the Chairperson.**

Prerequisite Courses

ENC1101	Introduction to Composition	3
MGF 2130	Mathematical Thinking	3
BSC 1085C≠	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab	4
BSC 1086C≠	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab	4
CHM 1025C≠	Introduction to Chemistry and Lab	4

General Education Courses

HUN 1201	Human Nutrition	3
MCB 1010C*≠	Microbiology and Lab	4
PSY 1012≠	General Psychology	3
AMH 2020	US History 1865 to Present	3
	OR	
POS 2041	American Federal Government	3
SYG 2000≠	Introduction to Sociology	3
.....≠	Humanities Core – CHOOSE ONE	3
ARH 1000	Art Appreciation	
HUM 2020	Introduction to Humanities	
LIT 2000	Literature and Culture	
MUL 1010	Music Appreciation	
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	
THE 1000	Theatre Appreciation	

Program Specific Courses

DEH 1002C	Preclinical Dental Hygiene and Lab	4
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DEH 1133	Orofacial Anatomy and Physiology	3
DEH 1602*	Periodontology	3
DEH 1800	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	2
DEH 1800L	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	2
DEH 1802	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	2
DEH 1802L	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	2
DEH 2300	Pharmacology	2
DEH 2400	General and Oral Pathology	2
DEH 2702C	Community Dental Health and Lab	3
DEH 2804	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	2
DEH 2804L	Dental Hygiene Clinic III	3
DEH 2806	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	2
DEH 2806L	Dental Hygiene Clinic IV	3
DES 1010	Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DES 1054	Pain Control and Anesthesia	2
DES 1100C	Elements of Dental Materials and Lab	3
DES 1200C	Dental Radiography and Lab	3
DES 1832L	Expanded Functions for the Dental Hygienist	2
DES 1840	Preventive Dentistry	2
DES 2600	Medical and Dental Emergencies	2

Sample Program of Study – Catalog Year 2026-2027

FIRST YEAR

Summer Term A – Six Weeks

DEH 1133	Orofacial Anatomy and Physiology	3
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Fall Semester

MCB 1010C	Microbiology and Lab	4
DEH 1002C	Preclinical Dental Hygiene and Lab	4
DES 1010	Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DES 1200C	Dental Radiography and Lab	3
DES 1840	Preventive Dentistry	2

Spring Semester

HUN 1201	Human Nutrition	3
DEH 1602	Periodontology	3
DEH 1800	Clinical Dental Hygiene I	2
DEH 1800L	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	2
DES 1054	Pain Control and Anesthesia	2
DES 1832L	Expanded Functions for the Dental Hygienist	2

Summer Term A – Six Weeks

DEH 1802	Clinical Dental Hygiene II	2
DEH 1802L	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	2
DES 1100C	Elements of Dental Materials and Lab	3

Summer Term B – Six Weeks

AMH 2020	US History 1865 to Present	3
	OR	
POS 2041	American Federal Government	3

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology	3
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DEH 2300	Pharmacology	2
DEH 2400	General and Oral Pathology	2
DEH 2804	Clinical Dental Hygiene III	2
DEH 2804L	Dental Hygiene Clinic III	3
DES 2600	Medical and Dental Emergencies	2
Spring Semester		
PSY 1012	General Psychology	3
.....	Humanities Core Elective	3
DEH 2702C	Community Dental Health and Lab	3
DEH 2806	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	2
DEH 2806L	Dental Hygiene Clinic IV	3

Note: Sequence of courses may vary. Check catalog course descriptions for requisite requirements.

It may be necessary for the student to enroll in a college preparatory English, math, or reading course depending upon College Placement Test scores.

**DEH 1602 meets the graduation requirement for the basic computers for this program.*

**MCB 1010C fulfills general education requirements for AS degree programs only.*

≠Course requires a pre or corequisite. See course description in the current College catalog.

Daytona State College

School of Dental Sciences – Dental Hygiene Program

Application Submission Checklist

- Apply for admission to Daytona State College (if not already a **current** DSC student)
- Request official transcripts from any other educational institutions attended and have them emailed to Admissions@DaytonaState.edu or mailed to:
Daytona State College
Admissions Office
1200 W. International Speedway Boulevard
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

NOTE: Official transcripts must be received in DSC's Admissions Office by the end of February for the application to be considered for program entry.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure DSC's Admissions Office has received all official transcripts.

- Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and meet the minimum scores to qualify for admission. Minimum scores must be met in one attempt; combining scores from multiple tests is not allowed. May test a total of four times within a calendar year. TEAS scores are good for three years from test date. As of July 1st, 2025, only TEAS scores taken at DSC will be accepted. TEAS Tests taken via an online ATI Proctor or at another institution will **ONLY** be accepted if the test was taken prior to July 1st, 2025, and is less than 3 years old.
- Completed a minimum of eight (8) observation hours of a dental hygienist in a general dentistry or periodontal practice in which you are not currently employed. The form is included in this packet.
- Successfully completed all prerequisite courses and has minimum GPA:
 - ENC 1101 Introduction to Composition
 - MGF 2130 Mathematical Thinking (MAC 1105 or MGF 2106)
 - BSC 1085C Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab
 - BSC 1086C Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab
 - CHM 1025C Introduction to Chemistry and Lab
 - Combined cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better
- Complete the School of Dental Sciences **2026-2027** Application and meet with an advisor on the campus nearest you to have your assessment results interpreted and application reviewed and signed.
- Submit the completed application packet to the Academic Advisor, Melissa Brown-Mack in Building 320, Room 549 on the Daytona Beach Campus. Application packets can also be mailed or emailed to Melissa.Brown-Mack@DaytonaState.edu.

The following items are to be submitted with the application:

- School of Dental Sciences Application
- Unofficial Copy of Most Recent College Transcripts
- Copy of TEAS Test Score Sheet
- Observation Hours Form
- Dental Assisting Work Experience Form (if applicable)
- Copy of Prior Degree(s), i.e., Dental Assisting Certificate (if applicable)
- Current CDA Credentials (if applicable)
- Letter from Dental Assisting Program Manager (if applicable)

Needs Transcript Evaluation (Official Use)

Daytona State College School of Dental Sciences 2026-2027 Admission Application

- Application submission does not guarantee program acceptance.
- Applicants must have a **current** DSC application on file prior application submission.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED at the time of application submission.

Check the program you are applying to:

- Dental Assisting Program
 Dental Hygiene Program*

** Applications are ONLY accepted in the month of January for the following May class.*

Please Print Clearly

Name		Student ID	
DSC Email			
Address			
City		State	Zip
Phone		Alternate Phone	
Alt Contact Person		Phone	
**Please list other colleges you have attended			

**** Official transcripts *must* be received in the Daytona State College Admissions Office and an unofficial copy of your transcript *must* be submitted with this application.**

Dental Hygiene Applicants: Official transcripts must be received in the College's Admissions Office by the end of January for the application to be considered for program entry. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure DSC Admissions Office has received the official transcripts.

Dental Assisting Applicants

Some applicants may be exempt from placement testing. Please contact an Academic Advisor to see if you qualify for exemption.

Scores must be at "Exit" level for program entry. Test scores are only valid for two (2) years.

AE-CASAS Scores Reading _____ Math _____

OR

PERT Scores Reading _____ Writing _____ Math _____

Dental Hygiene Applicants

Complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a minimum composite score of 65%. Minimum scores must be met in one attempt; combining scores from multiple tests is not allowed.

May test a total of four times within a calendar year.

TEAS scores are good for three years from test date.

As of July 1st, 2025, only TEAS scores taken at DSC will be accepted. TEAS Tests taken via an online ATI Proctor or at another institution will ONLY be accepted if the test was taken prior to July 1st, 2025, and is less than 3 years old.

TEAS Score Composite (65%) _____

Signatures

Test scores and/or qualifying coursework must be checked and signed by an Academic Advisor.

- **AE-CASAS/PERT test scores** are only valid for two (2) years.
- **TEAS test scores** are only valid for three (3) years. Beginning July 1, 2025, the TEAS Exam will only be accepted if taken at DSC. TEAS Tests taken via an online ATI Proctor or at another institution will ONLY be accepted if the test was taken prior to July 1st, 2025, and is less than 3 years old.
- A **current** Daytona State College application is on file.

This student has been advised as to the programs criteria and/or admission process.

Advisor Signature

Date

Submitting Your Application

Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Applicants

The completed application **must** be submitted to Melissa Brown-Mack, Academic Advisor, in Building 320, Room 549. Ms. Brown-Mack can be contacted at (386) 506-3052 or Melissa.Brown-Mack@DaytonaState.edu. Applications require additional application materials to be submitted with the application. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Complete applications may also be mailed or emailed to:

Daytona State College
Melissa Brown-Mack, Academic Advisor
College of Health and Public Services
PO Box 2811
Daytona Beach, FL 32120-2811
Melissa.Brown-Mack@DaytonaState.edu

Dental Hygiene Applicants Only

Applications will only be accepted during the month of January and must be received by the last business (working) day of January.

I understand that I must meet all general admission requirements of the College. I certify that I have received and read a copy of the current Program Guide for the program to which I am applying. I understand that I must comply with all requirements, including prerequisite courses, prior to being considered for admission to the program. I also understand that my initial acceptance is provisional (contingent upon my background check).

Applicant Signature

Date

After Admission

Prior to the first day of class, Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider certification from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross, completed physical examination, and immunization forms are to be submitted to the Chairperson/Program Manager. A Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)/Level II background screening, finger printing, and drug testing report is also to be received.

Daytona State College prohibits discrimination and provides equal opportunity in employment and education services to all individuals without regard to age, ancestry, belief, color, disability, ethnicity, genetic information, gender, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE - TEAS Exam Information Sheet for DENTAL HYGIENE, LPN, RN and RADIOGRAPHY

The TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is required for application to the Dental Hygiene, Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN), Associate Degree in Nursing (RN-ADN), Transition to Professional Nursing, and Radiography programs at Daytona State College.

PREPARATION

The TEAS on-line practice assessment and study guide are available from Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) at [atitesting.com](https://www.atitesting.com). Information about the test format as well as how to prepare for the test is available on the web site. In addition, the Academic Support Center (ASC) can be utilized for tutoring and study materials.

Please plan to start your test a minimum of 4 to 4.5 hours before the Assessment office closes. See the Assessment Services website for hours of each campus. If you have any questions please, contact Daytona State College Assessment Services (Testing Office) at assessment@daytonastate.edu or call 386-506-3067.

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Prior to the exam, students **must** create an account online with ATI at [atitesting.com/teas](https://www.atitesting.com/teas)

See instructions on the back of this handout. This log in information will be required to take the TEAS test with Assessment Services at Daytona State College.

Step 2: Prepare to spend 4-4½ hours from beginning to end for registration and testing. Students must arrive to start their TEAS test 4 to 4.5 hours before the Assessment office closes. Testers must have a valid photo ID, debit or credit card to pay ATI for the TEAS exam and their receipt for payment of DSC proctor fee. A valid photo ID is **required** to take the TEAS.

Step 3: Pay the \$15 DSC Proctor Fee (\$30 for non-DSC students) to Student Accounts on campus or over the phone at 386-506-3024. Testers must bring either a printed copy of their receipt or they can show it electronically on their mobile device. **There is an additional cost of \$70 to purchase the test through ATI once at the testing center.** Students will have to have a debit or credit card to purchase the test through ATI during Step 4.

Step 4: Assessment Services will place the student in a testing room where they will use their ATI log-in information from Step 1 to pay for their TEAS Exam through ATI online. Once this is complete and verified, the student will then begin the test. The test is timed and can take 4 hours to complete. Questions will cover topics of Mathematics, Reading, Science, and English/Language Usage. Calculators are built into the test when allowed. **Handheld calculators are NOT allowed when taking the TEAS test.**

For the ATI TEAS, the following criteria must be met for **ALL PROGRAMS**:
Adjusted Individual Total Score (AITS) 65th percentile or better

- Examinees may test a total of four (4) times within a calendar year (Jan-Dec).
- As of July 1st, 2025, only TEAS scores taken at DSC will be accepted. TEAS Tests taken via an online ATI Proctor or at another institution will ONLY be accepted if the test was taken prior to July 1st, 2025, and is less than 3 years old.
- Retesting can be administered after a 30-day wait (on the 31st day). Students who wish to retest on the TEAS must pay the current DSC and ATI test fees each time.
- Scores are good for 3 years.

If you do not receive a passing score in each category, it is recommended that you utilize the **Academic Support Center (ASC)** for tutoring (see ASC website for further information).

Assessment Services

<https://www.daytonastate.edu/testing-center/placement-testing.html>

Academic Support Center (ASC) <https://www.daytonastate.edu/library-and-tutoring/academic-support-center/resources.html>

How to Create an Account with ATI for TEAS Exam

Go to atitesting.com/teas and scroll down to click on "CREATE ACCOUNT"



STEP 1 - Create a Username and Password, enter an email address. Click Continue. **This is very important, you will need this information to take the TEAS Exam in Assessment Services. We recommend using a username, password, and email that is easy to remember.**

STEP 2 – Complete the 3 Security Questions. Click Continue.

STEP 3 – Enter your Personal Information. Click Continue.

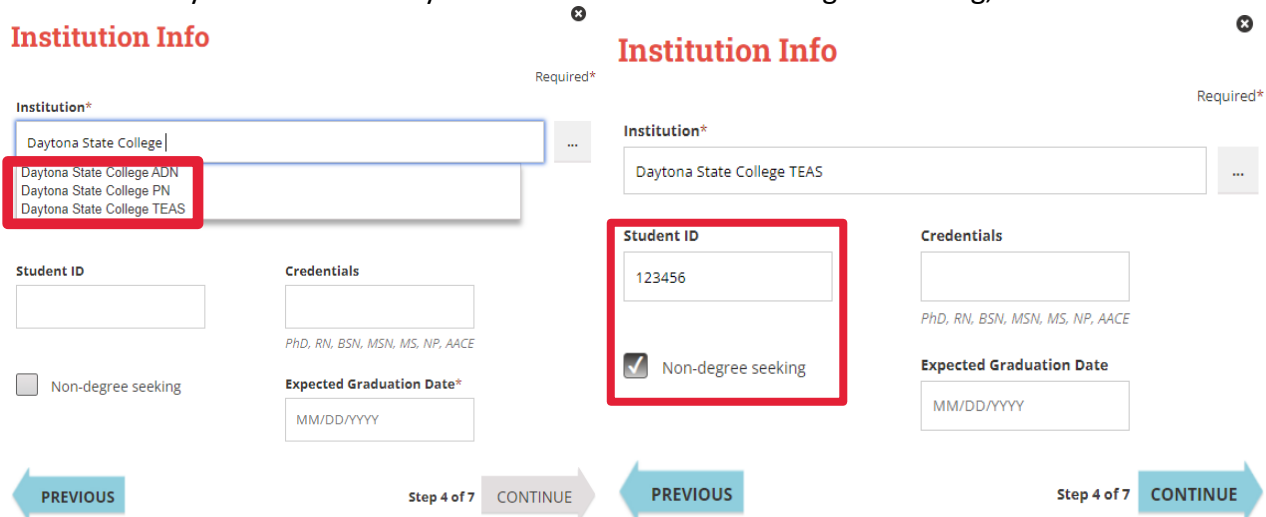
STEP 4 – Here you will pick your testing Institution.

Select "Daytona State College ADN" if you are a **RN/ADN/Transition** student.

Select "Daytona State College PN" if you are a **Practical Nursing (PN/LPN)** student.

Select "Daytona State College TEAS" if you are a **Radiography or Dental Hygiene** student.

Enter your Student ID if you have one and click Non-degree seeking, click Continue.



STEP 5 – Complete the Demographic Information, only required field is Date of Birth. Click Continue.

STEP 6 – Subscription, Updates & Notes – Select the checkbox if you would like to receive communication, students do not have to select yes to continue. Click Continue.

STEP 7 – Read the User Terms and Conditions, select the checkbox, students must select Yes in order to complete registration. Click Register.

Congratulations you have completed creating your Username and Password for ATI. Don't forget to have your Username and Password information ready when you come to Assessment Services to take the TEAS Exam. Testers will **NOT** pay or register for the test through ATI's website when they create their ATI account, once you have created your account **STOP**. TEAS exam will be purchased once you sit for your exam at the DSC Assessment Services testing room.



Observation Hours Documentation

School of Dental Sciences – Dental Hygiene Program

Applicant Instructions

- Please use a **separate** form documenting your observation hours of a dental hygienist for **each General Dentistry or Periodontal** practice you have completed observation hours.
- Observation can only be completed in a dental practice in which you are not currently employed.
- You must have a **minimum of 8 observation hours** completed and documented prior to submitting an application to this program.
- These hours must have been **completed within one year** of applying to the Dental Hygiene Program.
- You may make copies of this form.

This is the official form that must be used to document observation hours. There are **no** substitutions used when accounting for these hours.

Applicant Name			
Dental Practice Name			
Dental Hygienist's Name			
Office Address			
City			
State		Zip Code	
Office Phone			
Date of Observation		Number of Hours Observed	

Signatures

I certify that this Dental Hygiene Program applicant has observed a dental hygienist in this dental practice on the date above and for the number of hours indicated above.

Dentist or Dental Hygienist Signature

Date



Applicant Instructions

- Please use a **separate** form documenting your dental assisting work experience for **each** dental practice that you have worked in.
- You must have worked at **least 30 hours** per week as a dental assistant, involved with direct patient care, for each dental practice that completes this form.
- You may make copies of this form.

This is the official form that must be used to document observation hours. There are **no** substitutions used when accounting for these hours.

Applicant Name			
Dentist Name			
Office Address			
City			
State		Zip Code	
Office Phone			

Work Experience

Please indicate the number of years and/or months the applicant was directly involved with patient care.

Applicant's dental assisting work experience:		Years		Months
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Signatures

I certify that this Dental Hygiene Program applicant worked in my dental practice as a **dental assistant** for a **minimal of 30 hours per week** for the number of years and months indicated above.

Dentist Signature

Date

This form must be signed by the dentist (employer) and/or an office stamp to be accepted.