The Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene is offered through the Division of Dental Hygiene in the School of Dentistry. The program consists of at least one year of preprofessional coursework followed by three years in the professional program. Requirements for application include at least a 2.00 grade point average (GPA) (cumulative, science and preprofessional coursework), and evidence of plans for completion of the prerequisite coursework before proposed entry. However, a GPA well above a 2.0 is usually necessary for admission to the program.

All preprofessional courses must be taken A/F

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<td><strong>Anatomy</strong> (select one)</td>
<td>- Anat 3001 (f,s) ( \text{(was InMd 3001)} )</td>
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<td><strong>General Biology</strong></td>
<td>- Biol 1009 (f,s) or PSTL 1131 (formerly GC 1131)</td>
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<td><strong>Chemistry</strong></td>
<td>- Chem 1011 (f,s) or Chem 1021 (f,s)</td>
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<td><strong>Writing Practice</strong></td>
<td>- EngC 1011 or equivalent (f,s)</td>
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<td><strong>Nutrition</strong></td>
<td>- FScN 1112 (f,s)</td>
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<td><strong>Physiology</strong></td>
<td>- Phsl 3051 ( \text{(Phsl 1001 is NOT acceptable)} )</td>
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<td><strong>Liberal Education Requirements</strong></td>
<td>Students seeking bachelor's degrees also need to complete Liberal Education requirements. For specific information refer to the liberal education section in the Class Schedule or request a degree audit from your advising office.</td>
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*Chemistry and/or Biology grade must be on transcript submitted for application
**It is strongly recommended that students complete Writing Practice, and Psychology and/or Sociology, prior to application deadline so grade is on transcript submitted for application.

- Please use this planning sheet with your degree audit. Bring your planning sheet with you to your advising appointments.
- Care must be taken in scheduling courses; they may not be available every semester. The class schedule is available on the web at http://onestop.umn.edu/ Look under “Quick Links” for the class schedule.
- **Course requirements and prerequisites may change; please consult with an adviser on a regular basis.**
- This document is available in alternate formats upon request.
- It is preferred that the UMTC (liberal education) requirements be completed prior to entering the program. If not, remaining liberal education courses need to be completed during May or summer sessions.

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The following courses may be taken prior to admission to the professional program:
(*if taken prior to admission, must be taken within 5 years of entry into program)

*Microbiology (MicB 4001 or VBS/MicB 2032)
*Statistics (Stat 1001 or higher)
*Biochemistry (BioC 1001)
*Personal and community Health (PubH 3001)

Liberal Education requirements (any remaining after 1st year)

Application/Admission Information

- Application forms for the Dental Hygiene Program are due February 1, 2007.
  - **U of M Students** – “Request for Change of College” form; 200 Fraser Hall, 130 Coffey Hall, or West Bank Skyway. Available on-line at OneStop http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Registration/Changing_Colleges_Within_the_University.html
  - **Non-U of M Students** – “Application for Admission to the University” form; 240 Williamson Hall.
- Supplemental packet sent by Dental Hygiene after they receive Application or Change of College form.
- Dental Hygiene portion of application--application deadline: February 1, 2007 for Fall 2007.
- Applicants must submit transcripts of all high school and college coursework completed as well as ACT or SAT/PSAT scores.
- Non-native English speakers must submit internet-based TOEFL scores as well (minimum score – 79 TOEFL® iBT).
- It is required that all high school preparation requirements be completed prior to entry into the professional program.
- Approximately 36 students are admitted to the program annually for fall semester. Admission is based on grades, test scores, and the written application.
- Applicants must have a C or better in all prerequisite courses and a minimum cumulative, science, and prerequisite GPA of 2.0. However, admission is competitive. Students admitted to the program typically have a GPA of at least 3.0.
- Admitted students must successfully complete a criminal background check to comply with the Vulnerable Adults Act: Stat. 144.057.
- For more information, students should call the Dental Hygiene Program at (612) 625-9121. All interested students can call this number to sign up for the program, “Exploring Careers in Dental Hygiene,” offered throughout the year. Dates and times are posted on the Health Careers Center web site http://www.healthcareers.umn.edu/ Look for “Upcoming Events” and “Future Events.”

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Qualified applicants are evaluated and ranked based on the following:

- **Primary Factors**: Grade point averages (cumulative, preprofessional, science, minimum 2.0 GPA in each category), ACT Composite score, TOEFL (if applicable), challenging pattern of course work, consistent level of performance or pattern of steady improvement, completion of or plans for completion of preprofessional requirements, and communication skills as evidenced in personal statement.

- **Secondary Factors**: Evidence of personal achievement, aptitude or personal accomplishment not related to academic record; evidence of overcoming extenuating circumstances; presence of diversity factors; psychomotor ability/interest; course work in related field; work experience in related field; and experience in observation/shadowing dental hygienist.

- **Additional criteria are listed on the web site, see below.** These include a criminal background check, CPR certification, immunizations, and English proficiency.

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http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/prosstudent/Bs_Dental_Hygiene3.html