Dental Hygiene

Associate Professor and Chair
Department of Dental Hygiene
University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry
Dental Hygienist defined:

Licensed healthcare professional, oral health educator, and clinician focused on providing preventive, educational, and therapeutic services to promote patients’ oral health and total health.
Career Paths

- Clinician
- Corporate
- Public Health
- Researcher
- Educator
- Administrator
- Entrepreneur
Employment prospects are expected to remain excellent.

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http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292021.htm
Fluoride Concentration in Bottled Water
D. Bartels, K. Haney, S. Khajotia

OUHSC OKC
24 students/year
Distance Education

SOTC/Ardmore: 6/year

WTC/Weatherford: 6/yr

TCTC/Bartlesville: 10/yr
Distance Sites

- On-site laboratory, clinic, classrooms
- Distance faculty have dual appointment
- OUCOD lectures delivered by interactive videoconferencing
  - Real time
  - Professors and students see & hear students at other sites
All Sites have the SAME...

- Entry requirements
- Application/selection process
- Professors
- Educational standards
- Course requirements
- Graduation requirements
- Degree - BSDH
Entry Requirements
Requirements

• **2 + 2 Program**
  • *Minimum 60 hours, including prerequisite courses*

• **Minimum GPA 2.5 on 4.0 scale**

• **ACT or SAT**
Requirements, cont.

- OUHSC application/fees (online)
- 40 hours observation (form online)
- Career statement (form online)
- 2 letters of recommendation
# Foundational Courses

- ZOO 2124 Human **Physiology**
- ZOO 2234 Human **Anatomy**
- MBIO 2815 Introduction to **Micro** (with Lab)
- HES 2823 Introduction to **Nutrition**
- PSY 2003 Understanding **Statistics**
  - or COMM 2513 Intro to Statistics
- ENGL 1213 Principles of **English Comp II**
- PSY 1113 Elements of **Psychology**
- CHEM 1315 General **Chemistry** (with Lab)
Requirements

- FOUNDATIONAL COURSES
  - Must be completed by May prior to August start of school
  - Repeat courses are averaged

- ALL prerequisite courses must be completed prior to entering the program
Timeline

• Application deadline - **January 15**
  • Send items to **HSC Admissions and Records**
    • Online application/fees
    • Official Transcripts (including HS)
    • ACT/SAT scores
  • Send items to **Dental Hygiene Department**
    • 2 letters of recommendation
    • 40 hour shadowing form
    • Statement of career goals

• Accepted applicants are notified by letter no later than **mid-April**
Selecting Sites for Application

Can apply to one or more sites:

- Oklahoma City
- Bartlesville
- Ardmore
- Weatherford
Application

Downloadable Information Packet:

http://dentistry.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/ProgramsOffered/DentalHygieneProgram/BaccalaureateProgram.aspx
Selection is **Competitive**

- Cumulative 2.5 GPA *opens door only*

Admission is based on:
- Averaged Foundational GPA
- Last 60 hours GPA
- ACT/SAT scores
- Coursework completed status
- Interview score
- Writing sample scores
Admission Score

- **Academic Score**
  - Top 72 academic applicants granted an interview

- **Interview Score**
  - Knowledge, Life Experience, Service, Communication Skill, Professionalism

- **Writing Score**
  - Grammar, spelling, logic, articulation, depth
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QUESTIONS?

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