



Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

PROGRAM DETAILS

The Dental Hygiene Program provides an education that is highly responsive, scientific and professional, in a learning environment that is dynamic and student-centered. Small-group and case-based learning is used to foster an environment that encourages collaboration with peers and faculty. The Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene is a **three-year** full-time program. Applicants must complete **at least one year** of university-level coursework before admission.

A career in dental hygiene:

- offers flexible working schedules in pleasant and safe surroundings;
- offers above-average remuneration in a respected health care profession;
- offers the chance to practice internationally;
- can be enjoyed in a variety of professional settings, in private practice, at Universities and other educational institutions, research, industry, government and health agencies;
- plays a primary role in health promotion and prevention in a dynamic and changing health care system.

QUOTA: The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene is limited to 46 students yearly where 42 seats are available for Alberta Residents and up to four for non-Alberta Residents. This includes international applicants on student visas. There is no limitation on the number of seats for qualified Indigenous applicants.

RECOMMENDED ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL COURSES (OR EQUIVALENT)

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2
- Chemistry 30
- Biology 30

PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirement for admission is the satisfactory completion of 30 units of transferable postsecondary work (5 full-year course equivalents or 10 half-year course equivalents), of which, 27 units (9 half-year course equivalents) must be taken during one Fall/Winter academic year. A Fall/Winter academic year is September to April inclusive.

The pre-professional course requirements are:

Course Requirement	Accepted UAlberta Courses
*3 of General Chemistry	CHEM 101 <u>or</u> 103
*3 of Organic Chemistry	CHEM 261 <u>or</u> 264
*3 of Cell Biology	BIOL 107
*6 of English	Any ENGL or WRITE ENGL 150 and WRS are NOT accepted
*3 of Statistics	STAT 151 <u>or</u> equivalent
*3 of Sociology	SOC 100 <u>or</u> equivalent
*3 of Psychology	PSYCH 104 <u>or</u> 105 <u>or</u> equivalent
*6 of options in any Faculty	Any 2 half-year university transferable courses

In order to be competitive, applicants should strive for a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. Students with an overall GPA of less than 2.7 will not be considered for admission.

Overall GPA (OGPA) is comprised of all transferable postsecondary work completed as a full-time student. Full-time study is equivalent to a minimum of 18 units taken during Fall/Winter terms or 12 units taken during Spring/Summer terms. For applicants who have completed four or more years of full-time transferable post-secondary work, the Overall GPA is calculated with the deletion of the lowest GPA period, provided it is not the most recent full-time period or the only Fall/Winter where 27 units were taken.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Requirements:** All applicants must meet the [English Language Proficiency and Spoken English requirements](#).
- Casper Test (CSP-10202):** Only valid for the current application year. Typically offered between September and December in the year of application. The Casper test results must be received by **January 2** in the year admission is sought.
- Personal Experiences Form:** Highlights employment, leadership and/or volunteer experiences, life experiences and achievements, and personal highlights. Forms are available following the submission of an application. Deadline is **November 1 11:59 PM MST**.
- Personal Interview:** Interview selection is based on interim GPA, including current Fall grades, and Casper test score. The interview will assess maturity, motivation, initiative, ability to communicate, personal qualities and interests. Applicants who fail to submit the required documents by **February 1** cannot be evaluated for interview selection.

POST ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. [Police Information Check \(PIC\)](#) with [Vulnerable Sector Check](#)
2. Medical Testing and Immunization
3. [Basic Life Saving CPR for Healthcare Professionals](#)
4. Proof of Residency Status may be required

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Applications Open: July 1, 2026

Applications Close: November 1, 2026

Notification of Acceptance: May - July 2027

IMPORTANT DATES

Submit Personal Experiences forms: November 1, 2026

Unofficial Transcript including Fall/Winter registration Deadline: November 15, 2026

Casper Results Deadline: January 2, 2027

Unofficial Transcript including Fall grades and Winter registration Deadline: February 1, 2027

Final Official Transcripts with Fall/Winter grades Deadline: June 15, 2027

FAQ

Frequently asked questions can be found [here](#), and you can use our [Admissions Checklist](#) to help in the application process.

ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER

Notification of Acceptance: May-July, 2027

Deposit: Upon notification of acceptance, applicants will be required to confirm their admission and intention to register by submitting a nonrefundable tuition deposit of \$500 within the time specified in the letter of acceptance. The deposit will be credited toward payment of tuition upon completion of registration.

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