

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Dear Prospective Student

Thank you for your interest in the Temple College Dental Hygiene Program. We are pleased that you are considering Temple College, and we invite you to visit our campus.

The Dental Hygiene Program at Temple College is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, American Dental Association. The Dental Hygiene Program commences in the summer semester each year and takes approximately two years of full time study to complete. The program leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene. Enrollment is limited to twelve (12) incoming students each year, and admission is competitive. Applications for admission in the Summer 2024 are currently being accepted. **Note that even if you applied in the past, you will need to *submit a new application to be considered for the class beginning in the Summer of 2024.***

Many of your questions regarding our program can be answered by reading the enclosed material. **It is required that you attend one information session before applying to our program.** . **Information Sessions are held online.** Please visit the Dental Hygiene webpage <http://www.templejc.edu/programs/health-professions/dental-hygiene/> and click on the Information Sessions tab. **We strongly urge you to attend an information session early in your preparation. Our program admission criteria are specific and require sequential planning.** You should contact Mrs. Laws, department Administrative Assistant, to check the progress of your application no later than November 15th at the numbers below.

Please feel free to call us for any additional information at (254) 298-8651 (1-800-460-4636, ext: 8651). We are happy to assist you in preparing your application.

Sincerely,

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Director, Dental Hygiene

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Enclosures

Admission to Temple College does not imply or guarantee admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. The Dental Hygiene Program uses a selective admission process. Students are selected by a Dental Hygiene Selection Committee that considers criteria such as pre-entrance departmental aptitude test, overall college grade point average, prerequisite science GPA, and interview.

The number of students admitted each year is limited because of classroom, laboratory and clinic space, regulating agency requirements, and student-teacher ratios.

The admission process is competitive and uses criteria indicative of probable success in the program. A point system is used for selection. The selection committee ranks students according to points received in the program admission criteria.

The deadline for applications each year is 12:00 PM (Noon) the second Friday of February. (2/9/2024)

All prerequisite coursework MUST be completed by the deadline.

PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants **must** meet the following requirements:

1. It is required that students attend a pre-application Dental Hygiene Program Information Session.
2. Complete the Temple College admission procedure and achieve admission to Temple College.
3. Complete a Dental Hygiene Admissions Application form.
4. Be TSI Complete in Math
5. Provide copies of all relevant transcripts: 1) high school or GED; 2) college/university; and 3) other
6. Provide official transcript of course grades. Prerequisite courses required prior to the application deadline are: BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420 or BIOL 2421, CHEM 1405 or CHEM 1411. Applicants must have a minimum of a "C" or better in each course. A minimum cumulative grade point (GPA) of 2.5 is required for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. Biological science courses must have been taken within the past five years.
7. Pass all sections of the pre-entrance departmental aptitude test; ATI TEAS
8. It is required that you observe and submit verification of **sixteen (16) TOTAL hours of Dental Hygiene** observation time in **two** different dental facilities that employ a dental hygienist.
9. Completion of the above admission criteria does not guarantee admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. The highest qualified applicants will be ranked according to scores of the program admission criteria. Twelve applicants will be accepted into the program each year.
10. Upon conditional acceptance into the program, the following must be provided:
 - Essential Qualifications & Technical Standards Document
 - Pre-entry Visual Acuity Exam
 - Online background check
 - Proof of required immunizations

Deadline for applying to the Dental Hygiene Program is **12:00 PM (Noon) the second Friday of February.** Letters of notification will be mailed by March 15th. Accepted applicants have until March 31st to notify the Program Director in writing of the applicant's intentions.

Your application *will not* be processed if any of the stated Program Admission Criteria are missing or incomplete. Please feel free to contact the Dental Hygiene Program office at 254-298-8651 for additional information. For information about residential living, contact the University Courtyard Apartments, 877-754-3555, and for information about financial aid, contact the Financial Aid office at 254-298-8321.

INFORMATION SESSION – MANDATORY

Information Sessions are held online.

Please visit the Dental Hygiene webpage <http://www.templejc.edu/programs/health-professions/dental-hygiene/> and click on the Information Sessions tab. There will be a video presentation and a short test afterward. You will be required to submit the certificate of completion in order to receive an application for the program. Information packets and Observation forms may be downloaded from the Application Procedures tab located on the Dental Hygiene webpage.

Applicants will receive an application at the conclusion of the information session.

Prospective students are allowed to apply for the program a maximum of three (3) times.

ATI TEAS EXAM

Applicants must take a pre-entrance departmental aptitude test, the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS). The score on the ATI TEAS will be factored in the applicant's composite score. Information about ATI TEAS is provided at the information session. **ALL SCORES MUST COME TO THE DEPARTMENT IN A SEALED AND STAMPED ENVELOPE IF THE TEST WAS NOT TAKEN AT TEMPLE COLLEGE. SCORES ARE ONLY GOOD FOR ONE APPLICATION CYCLE.**

TEMPLE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

Applicants must file a Temple College Admissions Application with the Admissions & Records Office. The application must be complete and contain the applicant's current mailing address. Refer to Temple College Catalog for more information.

Prospective students will receive an application at the conclusion of the information session.

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

Applicants must file a Temple College Dental Hygiene Admissions Application with the Dental Hygiene Program Director. The application must be complete and contain the applicant's current mailing address. **Prospective students are allowed to apply for the program a maximum of three (3) times.**

OBSERVATION HOURS

It is important for our applicants to have a full understanding of the role of the dental hygienist in the dental practice setting. Therefore, it is required that you observe and submit verification of **sixteen (16) TOTAL hours of Dental Hygiene** observation time in **two** different dental facilities that employ a dental hygienist.

OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

Applicants must order official transcripts to be sent to the **Temple College Admission & Records office and the Dental Hygiene Program**. Transcripts from **all** colleges/universities, or other educational institutions should be included.

Official transcripts must include the satisfactory completion of Dental Hygiene Program prerequisite courses. Applicants must have a minimum grade of "C" or better in each course. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 is required for admission.

All science courses must have been taken within the past five years.

All prerequisite courses must be completed PRIOR to the application deadline.

Your application will not be processed if any of the stated Program Admission Criteria are missing or incomplete.

TESTING

The Commission on Dental Accreditation and the American Dental Association requires all students admitted to a dental hygiene program take and pass a standardized test, *even if you are TSI-exempt*. The Dental hygiene Program **DOES NOT ACCEPT** high school exit examination scores, Compass, Asset, “B or better” developmental courses, prior military service or existing degree exemptions. Scores must come from the institution where the assessment was taken.

The standardized test required for application to the program is:

- **Summer 2024 admission: scores counted only if taken between July 2023-February 8, 2024.**
- **ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS)** – The ATI TEAS is available at the Temple College Testing Center. The test is available on a walk-in basis. Please visit the testing center website at www.templejc.edu/admissions/testing-center for dates and times or call the Testing Center at (254) 298-8586. **The applicant must achieve a composite score of at least 60 to qualify for the Dental hygiene Program.** Students are allowed to retest one additional time during each application period if they do not achieve the minimal score on their first attempt. The cost of the test is \$65.00 Study guides are available for the ATI TEAS at the Temple College Bookstore, located in the Arnold Student Center. The ATI website (<https://www.atitesting.com/teas-prep.aspx>) is also a good source of information. Test scores are only good for one application cycle.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

Grades are *extremely* important in the calculation of your total points. You must have an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and a “C” or better in each prerequisite course. In addition, your prerequisite science GPA will be calculated and added as a separate score.

Prerequisite courses required prior to applying to the program:

BIOL 2401	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4 semester hours
BIOL 2420	Microbiology or BIOL 2421	4 semester hours
CHEM 1405	Introductory Chemistry I or CHEM 1411	4 semester hours
BIOL 2402	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4 semester hours

Additional points will be given for completed general academic requirements.

Applications received by the Dental Hygiene Program are reviewed by the Selection Committee. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission to the program.

INTERVIEW

The top applicants will be asked to interview with the Dental Hygiene Selection Committee. The purpose of the interview is to determine which applicants will be offered positions in the incoming class and which will be placed on the alternate list. An interview does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Each interview will be scheduled for 20 minutes. The interview will include a writing component and manual dexterity component. The interview score will be added to the applicant’s preliminary score.

The 12 applicants with the highest composite scores will be offered positions in the incoming class. All applicants will be notified of their status by March 15th.

CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

Upon conditional acceptance into the program, the following must be provided:

- Essential Qualifications & Technical Standards Document
- Pre-entry Visual Acuity Exam
- Online background check
- Proof of required immunizations

ALTERNATE STATUS

Alternate status is awarded to some applicants who meet all requirements but do not rank in the top 12. In the event of a vacancy, the alternates will be notified according to their ranking on the alternate list.

REAPPLICATION

If you are not selected for the Dental Hygiene Program, you may re-apply to the Program. **Prospective students are allowed to apply for the program a maximum of three (3) times.** You will not be required to repeat the information sessions or observation requirement; however, you will need to submit a new application, ATI TEAS score and updated transcripts. All prerequisite courses must be taken within five years of the application deadline.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for applying to the Temple College Dental Hygiene Program is 12:00 Noon the second Friday of February. **All paperwork must be physically in the Dental Hygiene office (NOT postmarked) by 12:00 Noon the second Friday of February.** By March 15st the Program Director will send a notice of acceptance, alternate status, or rejection to each applicant who has submitted all necessary Program Admission Criteria. Accepted applicants will have until March 31st to notify the Program Director in writing of the applicant's intention.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

Students must complete a criminal background check prior to entry into the program. Students with any infractions that would prohibit state licensure will not be accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program. The cost of the background check is approximately \$40.00

COMPLIANCE WITH BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN STANDARDS AND OTHER REGULATORY POLICIES

Temple College Dental Hygiene Program complies with all institutional, local, state, and federal regulations involving blood borne pathogens and infectious diseases, ionizing radiation, and hazardous materials. Students in the Dental Hygiene Program will follow all CDC, OSHA, and other infectious disease policies to protect themselves and their patients from occupational exposures to these potential hazards. The applicant should be aware that the profession of Dental Hygiene is classified as an OSHA Category I risk level for blood borne pathogens.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Employment opportunities for the registered Dental hygienist are subject to current economic and population conditions. Graduates are not guaranteed employment following graduation. To date, all Temple College graduates have found employment opportunities available, although not necessarily full time employment.

Temple College is committed to nondiscrimination practices based upon race, gender, gender identity and expression, disability, age, religion, national origin, genetic information, or veteran status. The Dental Hygiene Program is obligated to maintain the highest standards of care and professionalism that are consistent with the public's expectations of the health professions with regard to protection of the privacy and confidentiality of students, patients, faculty and staff.

Policies and Procedures Relating to Individuals with Bloodborne Infectious Disease(s)

These policies pertain to Faculty, Staff, Students, Patients and Applicants

Temple College Dental Hygiene Program is obligated to maintain standards of health care and professionalism that are consistent with the public's expectations of the health profession. The following guidelines are established and practiced by all dental hygiene program personnel (faculty, staff and students) while as an employee, volunteer or student with the dental hygiene program.

1. All dental personnel are obligated to provide patient care with compassion and respect for human dignity, respecting the rights of privacy and confidentiality of patients with infectious diseases.
2. Dental personnel will not refuse to treat or discriminate in any way against a patient solely because the patient has an infectious disease or is at risk of contracting an infectious disease. This includes any disease process such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), or hepatitis infections. The one exception to this policy is a patient with active tuberculosis. Those individuals will not be treated in the dental hygiene clinic or assigned to clinical procedures until treatment is completed and the medical doctor responsible for the TB management gives a clearance.
3. In the event that a student and/or employee contracts an infectious disease, it is the intent of the college by means of this policy to strike a balance between the right of a student and/or employee having an infectious disease to an education and/or continued employment and the right of students and college employees to be free from the risk of exposure to an infectious disease which may affect their health, safety and/or welfare. In the occurrence of an infected student, the Rules & Regulations established by the State board of Dental Examiners (SBDE) state that the health care provider must notify patients and obtain their written consent thus completing clinical educational requirements may be difficult. In the event that the student completes the program, the SBDE may deny licensure.
4. Temple College is obligated to protect the privacy and confidentiality of any faculty member, student or staff member who has tested positive for an infectious disease. Dental personnel who pose a risk of transmitting an infectious disease must consult with appropriate health-care professionals to determine whether continuing to provide professional services represents a material risk to the patient.
5. Each incident of infectious disease shall be dealt with on an individual case-by-case basis and the determination of the course of action to be taken by the college will be made by a team consisting of appropriate health care professionals (board of health and/or physician), appropriate college personnel and with current federal, state, and/or local guidelines.
6. Students are aware through orientation procedures that they are responsible for themselves and must demonstrate proof of immunity, which includes MMR, hepatitis B, current tetanus and TB skin test.

All dental personnel must demonstrate proof of immunity to hepatitis B or be immunized. Dental personnel will adhere to the established protocol for infection control and blood borne pathogen training that is provided at initial employment and/or admission and through periodic updates. These protocols are in compliance with current OSHA and CDC guidelines and meet current federal, state, and local guidelines.

ESTIMATED COST OF DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION
Does Not include Room & Board -- All Costs Are Approximate

	In District	Out of District	Out of State
<i>First Year*</i>			
Tuition, fees, etc.	\$4,545	\$6,115	\$7,779
Textbooks** (Summer)	830	830	830
Pre-entry visual exam & vaccinations (Summer)	300	300	300
CPR Certification (Summer)	65	65	65
Certified Background Check (Summer)	35	35	35
Smart Training HIPAA & Blood Borne Pathogens (Summer)	40	40	40
Uniforms (3 uniforms with 2 gowns) (Summer)	250	250	250
Instrument kits/supplies (Fall)	3,000	3,000	3,000
Loupes (Fall)	1,000	1,000	1,000
Membership In Student Association (Fall)	85	85	85
Pattison Institute Video Streaming (Fall)	100	100	100
Instrument kits/supplies (Spring)	450	450	450
Student Conference/activities (Spring)	300	300	300
First Year Total	\$11,000	\$12,570	\$14,234
<i>Second Year</i>			
Tuition, fees, etc	\$3,474	\$4,674	\$5,938
Textbooks**	575	575	575
CPR Certification	65	65	65
Instrument kits/supplies (Summer)	1,000	1,000	1,000
Uniforms (1 uniform with 1 gown) (Summer)	150	150	150
Annual Membership in Student Association (Fall)	85	85	85
Student Conference/activities (Spring)	275	275	275
Review for National Boards (Spring)	400	400	400
National Board Examination (Spring)	425	425	425
CDCA-WREB-CITA (Spring)	1,100	1,100	1,100
Texas Jurisprudence Examination (Spring)	60	60	60
Second Year Total	\$7,609	\$8,809	\$10,273
TWO-YEAR TOTAL	\$18,609	\$21,379	\$24,507

*First Year **does not** include the cost of prerequisite courses.

Dental Hygiene textbooks only; **does not include the cost of general academic textbooks

- There is no graduation fee if sophomores make application on time. The late graduation fee is \$30.

- Professional pins cost about \$60 and are at students' expense; precious metals are available at a higher cost.



2023-2024 GUIDED PATHWAY

Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene

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PREREQUISITES	NOTES	SCH	COMPLETED
CHEM 1405 or CHEM 1411		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOL 2420 or BIOL 2421		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOL 2401 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOL 2402 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total SCH		16	

SUMMER I	NOTES	SCH	COMPLETED
DHYG 1301 - Orofacial Anat., Hist., and Embryology		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
DHYG 1227 - Preventive Dental Hygiene Care		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total SCH		5	

FALL I	NOTES	SCH	COMPLETED
DHYG 1304 - Dental Radiology		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
DHYG 2201 - Dental Hygiene Care I		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DHYG 1331 - Preclinical Dental Hygiene		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPCH 1311, 1315, 1318, or 1321		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total SCH		11	

SPRING I	NOTES	SCH	COMPLETED
DHYG 1260 - Clinical Dental Hygienist I		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DHYG 1211 - Periodontology		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DHYG 1207 - General and Dental Nutrition		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DHYG 2231 - Dental Hygiene Care II		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
SOCI 1301 - Introduction to Sociology		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total SCH		11	

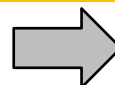
SUMMER II	NOTES	SCH	COMPLETED
DHYG 1239 - General and Oral Pathology		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DHYG 1219 - Dental Materials		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lang, Phil, Cult or Creative Arts core		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total SCH		7	

FALL II	NOTES	SCH	COMPLETED
DHYG 2361 - Clinical Dental Hygienist II		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
DHYG 1215 - Community Dentistry		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DHYG 1235 - Pharmacology for the Dental Hyg.		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
PSYC 2301 - General Psychology		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total SCH		10	

SPRING II	NOTES	SCH	COMPLETED
DHYG 2362 - Clinical Dental Hygienist III		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
DHYG 2153 - Dental Hygiene Practice		1	<input type="checkbox"/>
DHYG 2102 - Applied Community Dentistry		1	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENGL 1301 - Composition I		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total SCH		8	

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Definition of Notes

Must be completed within the last 5 years.

Course can be taken before acceptance into the program.

Come talk to an advisor about your Temple College graduation and your university transfer plans.

Program Description

The Dental Hygiene program prepares students to be primary oral health care professionals who play a key role in promoting oral health through educational, preventive, and therapeutic services. The curriculum consists of general education, biomedical sciences, dental sciences, and dental hygiene sciences all provided within a framework of academic and clinical experience.

An AAS Degree is awarded upon graduation. Students considering the Texas Woman's University dual enrollment program, to complete a BS in Dental Hygiene, must have core curriculum courses completed. The required math course for the TWU program is Math 1442- Elementary Statistical Methods.

Dental hygienists have employment opportunities in general and specialty dental practices and clinics, pharmaceutical and dental supply companies, community health agencies, education and research institutions, and management settings.

Helpful Links

[Expenses and Scholarships](#)

[Financial Aid Information](#)

[Core Curriculum Courses](#)

[DHYG Courses](#)

[DHYG Website](#)

Career Outlook

Dental Hygienist - \$54,693*
w/Associate Degree + State License

**Based on entry wages for Killeen/Temple*

You've FINISHED!