



Dental Hygiene Prerequisites

Name: _____

Major: _____

ID: _____

Primary Advisor: _____

- These are the classes required/recommended to apply to a DH program. Consult with your primary academic advisor regarding your major requirements.
- The shaded boxes are typically recommended courses but may be required by some DH programs; non-shaded boxes are the standard prerequisites.
- Most DH programs are about 2 years long, sometimes less.
- Students will earn either an AAS degree (Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene) or a BASDH (Bachelor of Application Science in Dental Hygiene). Many prerequisites are listed according to their respective DH school- use the Transfer Course Search Tool to check the equivalent at WSU.

SUBJECT	COURSE	SEM/YR	GRADE	CREDITS
Biology -usually a year-long intro series -BIOL 106/107 are prerequisites for BIOL 353 NOTE: BIOL 102 General Biology is a biology course for students not majoring in life sciences and may not be accepted by DH programs	[BSCI] BIOL 106 Intro Biology: Organismal -Includes lab -Standard Prerequisite			4
	[BSCI] BIOL 107 Intro Biology: Cell -Includes lab -Standard Prerequisite			4
	[BSCI] BIOL 140 Intro to Nutritional Science <u>OR</u> [BSCI] BIOL 333 Human Nutrition & Health -Standard Prerequisite			4
	BIOL 220 Medical Terminology -Strongly Recommended			2
Chemistry -usually a year-long intro series -can complete 101/102 <u>OR</u> 105/106	[PSCI] CHEM 101 Introduction to Chemistry -Includes lab -Standard Prerequisite			4
	CHEM 102 Chemistry Related to Life Sciences -Includes lab -Standard Prerequisite			4
	[PSCI] CHEM 105 Principles of Chemistry I -Includes lab -Standard Prerequisite			4
	CHEM 106 Principles of Chemistry II -Includes lab -Standard Prerequisite			4
	CHEM 345 Organic Chemistry I -Includes lab -Strongly Recommended			4
Microbiology	[BSCI] MBIOS 101 Introductory Microbiology -Includes lab -Standard Prerequisite			4
Human Anatomy -some programs may accept KINES 262 or Anatomy & Physiology I&II from a CC	[BSCI] BIOL 315 Gross and Microanatomy -Includes lab -Standard Prerequisite			4
Human Physiology	BIOL 251 Introductory Human Physiology <u>OR</u> BIOL 353 Advanced Human Physiology -Standard Prerequisite			4
English Composition -More programs are requiring an English class above the required intro level - Check specific ENGL requirement at each school	[WRTG] ENGL 101 College Composition <u>OR</u> [HONORS] ENGL 298 Writing & Research -Standard Prerequisite			3
	[WRTG] ENG 201 Writing & Research <u>OR</u> [WRTG] ENG 301 Writing & Rhetoric <u>OR</u> [WRTG] ENG 402 Technical Writing -Strongly recommended			3
	[QUAN] STATS 212 Intro to Statistical Methods <u>OR</u> [QUAN] PSYCH 311 Elementary Statistics (Psych Majors) -Standard Prerequisite			4

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Communications -COMM classes/requirements differ by school -Check each DH program	[COMM] COMM 102 Public Speaking in the Digital Age -Standard Prerequisite			3
	[HUM] COMM 105 Global Communication <u>OR</u>			3
	[H_D] COMM 205 Developing Effective Communication Skills <u>OR</u>			4
	[COMM] COMM 210 Multimedia Content Creation -Strongly recommended			3
Social Sciences	[SSCI] PSYCH 105 Introductory Psychology -Standard Prerequisite			3
	[SSCI] SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology -Standard Prerequisite			3

***DH programs typically require prerequisites with a C or better; some require prerequisites with a B or better.**

Semester/GPA	Fall__/__	Fall__/__	Fall__/__	Fall__/__	Fall__/__
	Spring__/__	Spring__/__	Spring__/__	Spring__/__	Spring__/__

*** Programs typically require 20 or more dental observation hours**

Experiences: (be sure to log all your experiences: date, hours, supervisor, and a reflection)

- Dental Experience:** Either paid or unpaid work in a dental field where you observed patient care, interacted with practitioners, or had responsibility for patient care.
- Dental Shadowing:** Time spent officially following and observing a dental professional at work. Aim for 20+ hours with a general dentist.

* Visit the [ADHA website](#) to view available entry-level programs around the country

* Some universities, like [Eastern Washington](#) and [Clark College](#), offer a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene. WSU does not offer a major in dental hygiene.

- Use this [link](#) for other DH programs available in Washington state:

<http://wsdha.com/index.php?submenu=DentalHygienePrograms&src=gendocs&ref=DHprograms&link=DHprograms>

* Pre-DH students do not need to complete their bachelor's degree to apply to DH programs; however, some prefer a BA or BS when applying and as such is recommended.