



School of Dental Health Science

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Dental Hygiene Program

The mission of the School of Dental Health Science at Pacific University is to provide an outstanding education for our students, high-quality care for our patients, and exemplary service to the community and the profession.

Pacific University offers two bachelor's degree options within the School of Dental Health Science – a dental hygiene entry-level program and a degree completion program – both leading to a Bachelor of Science in Dental Health. A Master of Science in Dental Health will be offered at Pacific University starting in fall 2008.

The dental hygiene program includes two years of dental health courses completed at Pacific University, following completion of required prerequisite coursework. Students must complete all prerequisite courses prior to beginning the dental hygiene program. Admission to this program is selective and enrollment is limited to 32 students.

The Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee will consider the following factors in the selection process:

- Strength and breadth of academic record
- Prior dental or health care experience
- Letters of evaluation
- Content of application forms and care with which they have been completed
- Quality of writing ability as demonstrated by personal narrative
- Understanding of the dental hygiene profession
- Type of community activities
- Strength of on-campus personal interview

Based on the review of the application by the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee, applicants will be invited for on-campus personal interviews. The interview is required and is a strong contributing factor in the admissions decision. It allows the Admissions Committee to assess essential skills and factors which may not be reflected in the application. In the interview, consideration is given to knowledge of the profession, motivation toward a career as a dental hygienist, ability to think clearly and logically, self-confidence, and verbal expression of ideas.

Students who complete their Bachelor of Science in Dental Health at Pacific University may receive advanced standing into the master's degree program.

Important Dates to Remember:

Preferred Application Deadline	November 15
Final Application Deadline	February 15
Candidate Interviews	March
Admission Decisions	April

Pacific University Dental Hygiene Prerequisites:

- **Natural Science – 16 semester hours**
 - Chemistry with lab – 1 course
 - Microbiology – 1 course
 - Human Anatomy & Physiology with lab – Full Year-Long Series
- **Communication – 6 semester hours**
 - English Composition or Writing – 1 course
 - Interpersonal Communication – 1 course
 - Communication Elective – 1 course (if needed to complete required hours)
- **Social Sciences – 6 semester hours**
 - Psychology – 1 course
 - Sociology – 1 course
 - Social Science Elective – 1 course (if needed to complete required hours)
- **Statistics – 3 semester hours or 3 quarter hours**
 - Statistics – 1 course (from department of psychology, sociology, statistics, or mathematics)
- **Art – 3 semester hours or 3 quarter hours**
 - Art, Music, **OR** Theater – 1 course
- **Humanities – 10 semester hours**
 - Ethics, History, Language, Literature, Media Arts, Philosophy, **AND/OR** Religion – approximately 5 courses

Transfer Guide Attached – Please Note:

- A ↑ next to a course number indicates that you may take that course or a higher numbered one to satisfy the requirement
- ALL coursework must be 100-level or higher to transfer
- Natural Science and Statistics coursework should be completed within the last 7 years
- Prior to starting the dental hygiene program, students must complete a minimum of 48 semester hours
- Prerequisite coursework may be in-progress when you apply to the program

If you are unsure whether a course will count toward a specific prerequisite area, please contact the Office of Graduate & Professional Admissions at: dhsadmissions@pacificu.edu.

Dental Hygiene Program Prerequisite Coursework

Colleges & Universities		Pacific University	Blue Mountain CC	Central Oregon CC	Chemeketa CC	Clackamas CC	Clatsop CC	Columbia Gorge CC	Eastern Oregon University
Required Coursework	Semester Credits Required	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon
Anatomy & Physiology	8	Biol224, Biol240	BI231, BI232, BI233	BI231, BI232, BI233	BI231, BI232, BI233	BI231, BI232, BI233	BI231, BI232, BI233	BI231, BI232, BI233	BIOL231/L, BIOL232/L
Microbiology	4	Biol308	BI234	BI234	BI234	BI234	BI234	BI234	BIOL234
Chemistry	4	Chem220	CHE104↑	CHE104↑	CHE104↑	CH104↑	CH104↑	CHE104	CHEM101/L↑
Writing & Composition	3	Engw201 or Engw202	WR121↑	WR121↑	WR121↑	WR121↑	WR121↑	WR121	WR121↑
Interpersonal Communication	3	MedA101 or MedA110	SP100↑	SP218	SP218	SP218	SP111↑	SP214	SP111
Communication Elective	N/A	N/A	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Psychology	3	Psy150↑	PSY101↑	PSY201↑	PSY101↑	PSY101↑	PSY101↑	PSY101↑	PSY201
Sociology	3	Soc101↑	SOC204↑	SOC201↑	SOC204↑	SOC204↑	SOC204↑	SOC204↑	SOC204↑
Social Science Elective	N/A	N/A	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	N/A
Statistics	3	Math207	MTH243	MTH243	MTH243	MTH243	MTH243	MTH243	STAT315
Art, Music or Theater	3	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Humanities	10	10 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits
Total Credits	48	48 credits	72 credits	72 credits	72 credits	72 credits	72 credits	72 credits	72 credits

**Quarter Hours ÷ 1.5 =
Semester Hours**

Dental Hygiene Program Prerequisite Coursework

Colleges & Universities		George Fox University	Klamath CC	Lane CC	Lewis & Clark College	Linfield College	Linn-Benton CC	Mt. Hood CC	Oregon Coast CC
Required Coursework	Semester Credits Required	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon
Anatomy & Physiology	8	BIOL331, BIOL332	BIO231/L, BIO232/L, BIO233/L	BI231, BI232, BI233	Not Offered	BIO212, BIO213	BI231, BI232, BI233	BI231, BI232, BI233	BI231, BI232, BI233
Microbiology	4	BIOL370	BIO234	BI234	Not Offered	BIO361	BI234	BI234	BI234
Chemistry	4	CHEM100↑	CHE104/L↑	CH112/BI112	CHEM110↑	CHE101↑	CHE112↑	CH104↑	CHE104↑
Writing & Composition	3	WRIT110↑	WR121	WR121↑	WR121↑	ELC121	WR121↑	WR121↑	WR121↑
Interpersonal Communication	3	COMM210	SP111↑	SP218	COMM315	TCC130	SP218	SP218	SP218
Communication Elective	N/A	N/A	3 credits	3 credits	N/A	N/A	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Psychology	3	PSYC150↑	PSY101↑	PSY201↑	PSY100↑	PSY101↑	PSY101↑	PSY101↑	PSY100↑
Sociology	3	SOCI150↑	SOC204↑	SOC204↑	SOAN100↑	SOC201↑	SOC204↑	SOC204↑	SOC204↑
Social Science Elective	N/A	N/A	3 credits	3 credits	N/A	N/A	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Statistics	3	MATH240	MTH243	MTH243	MATH105	MAT130	MTH243	MTH243	MTH243
Art, Music or Theater	3	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Humanities	10	10 credits	15 credits	15 credits	10 credits	10 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits
Total Credits	48	48 credits	72 credits	72 credits	48 credits	48 credits	72 credits	72 credits	72 credits

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Colleges & Universities		Oregon Institute of Technology	Oregon State University	Portland CC	Portland State University	Rogue CC	Southern Oregon University	SW Oregon CC	Tillamook Bay CC
Required Coursework	Semester Credits Required	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon
Anatomy & Physiology	8	BIO231, BIO232, BIO233	Z331/341, Z332/342, Z333/343	BI231, BI232, BI233	Bi301, Bi302, Bi303	BI231, BI232, BI233	Bi231, Bi232, Bi233	BI231, BI232, BI233	BI231, BI232, BI233
Microbiology	4	BIO345	MB230	BI234	Bi234	BI234	Bi214	BI234	BI234
Chemistry	4	CHE101/104↑	CH121↑	CH104↑	Ch104/107↑	CH104	Ch100↑	CHEM121↑	CHE104↑
Writing & Composition	3	WRI121	WR121↑	WR121↑	Wr121↑	WR121↑	Wr121	WR121↑	WR121↑
Interpersonal Communication	3	SPE111↑	COMM218	SP214	Sp218	SP100↑	Comm125	SP218	SP100↑
Communication Elective	N/A	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Psychology	3	PSY201↑	PSY201↑	PSY201↑	Psy200↑	PSY101↑	Psy201↑	PSY201↑	PSY101↑
Sociology	3	SOC204↑	SOC204↑	SOC204↑	Soc200↑	SOC204↑	Soc204↑	SOC204↑	SOC204↑
Social Science Elective	N/A	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Statistics	3	MATH243	ST201	MTH243	Stat243	MTH243	Mth243	MTH243	MTH243
Art, Music or Theater	3	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Humanities	10	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits
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Colleges & Universities		Treasure Valley CC	Umpqua CC	University of Oregon	University of Portland	Western Oregon University	Willamette University	Clark College	Columbia Basin College
Required Coursework	Semester Credits Required	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Washington	Washington
Anatomy & Physiology	8	BIOL231, BIOL232, BIOL233	BI231, BI232, BI233	ANAT311/314, ANAT312/315, HPY313/316, HPY314/317	BIO307/377, BIO308/378	BI334, BI335, BI336	BIOL246, BIOL260	BI231, BI232, BI233	BIO221/2211, BIO222/2221
Microbiology	4	BIOL234	BI234	BI330	BIO359	BI318	BIOL250	BI240	BIO260
Chemistry	4	CHE104↑	CH104↑	CH221↑	CHM207/277	CHE104↑	CHEM110↑	CHEM100↑	CHM100/1001↑
Writing & Composition	3	WR121↑	WR121↑	WR121↑	ENG107	WR115↑	ENGL201	ENGL101↑	ENG101↑
Interpersonal Communication	3	SP111↑	SP218	ALS399	CST225	SP112	RHET150	CMST211	SPE101↑
Communication Elective	N/A	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	N/A	3 credits	N/A	N/A	3 credits
Psychology	3	PSYC201↑	PSY101↑	PSY201↑	PSY101↑	PSY201↑	PSYC210↑	PSY101↑	PSY101↑
Sociology	3	SOC204↑	SOC204↑	SOC204↑	SOC101↑	SOC223↑	SOC114↑	SOC101↑	SOC101↑
Social Science Elective	N/A	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	N/A	3 credits	N/A	N/A	N/A
Statistics	3	MATH243	MTH243	MATH243	MTH161	MTH243	MATH138	MTH203	MTH143
Art, Music or Theater	3	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Humanities	10	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	10 credits	15 credits	10 credits	15 credits	15 credits
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Colleges & Universities		Eastern Washington University	Lower Columbia CC	Pierce College	Seattle Central Community College	Shoreline Community College	South Puget Sound Community College	Spokane Community College	University of Washington
Required Coursework	Semester Credits Required	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington
Anatomy & Physiology	8	BIOL232, BIOL233, BIOL234	BIOL221, BIOL222	BIOL240/241, BIOL250/251	ANP213, ANP214	BIOSC210, BIOSC211	BIOL205, BIOL206, BIOL207	A-P242, A-P243	Not Offered
Microbiology	4	BIOL301	BIOL257	MICRO201	BIO280	BIOSC215	BIOL211	MBIOL231	MICROM301
Chemistry	4	CHEM100↑	CHEM111↑	CHEM101↑	CHE101↑	CHEM101	CHEM101↑	CHEM161	CHEM120↑
Writing & Composition	3	ENGL101↑	ENGL101↑	ENGL101↑	ENG101	ENG101	WRIT101	ENG101	ENGL111↑
Interpersonal Communication	3	CMST210	SPCH104	SPCH100↑	CMN125	SP105	SPCH103	SPCH102	COM270
Communication Elective	N/A	N/A	3 credits	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Psychology	3	PSYC100↑	PSYC111	PSYCH110	PSY110↑	PSY100↑	PSYC101↑	PSYCH101↑	PSYCH101↑
Sociology	3	SOCI101↑	SOCY107↑	SOC110↑	SOC102↑	SOC110↑	SOC101↑	SOC101↑	SOC110↑
Social Science Elective	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Statistics	3	MATH380	MATH210	MATH281	MAT109	MATH108	MATH108	MATH221	STAT220
Art, Music or Theater	3	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
Humanities	10	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits
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Colleges & Universities		Yakima Valley Community College	Boise State University	Gateway Community College	Mesa Community College	Scottsdale Community College	South Mountain Community College
Required Coursework	Semester Credits Required	Washington	Idaho	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona
Anatomy & Physiology	8	BIOL230, BIOL231	BIOL227, BIOL228	BIO201, BIO202	BIO201, BIO202	BIO201, BIO202	BIO201, BIO202
Microbiology	4	BIOL232	BIOL205	BIO205	BIO205	BIO205	BIO205
Chemistry	4	CHEM109/110	CHEM101↑	CHM130/LL↑	CHM107/LL↑	CHM107/LL↑	CHM107/LL↑
Writing & Composition	3	ENGL101	ENGL101↑	ENG101↑	ENG101↑	ENG101↑	ENG101↑
Interpersonal Communication	3	SPCH180	COMM101 or COMM221	COM110	COM110	COM110	COM110
Communication Elective	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Psychology	3	PSYCH101	PSYC101↑	PSY101↑	PSY101↑	PSY101↑	PSY101↑
Sociology	3	SOC101↑	SOC101↑	SOC101↑	SOC101↑	SOC101↑	SOC101↑
Social Science Elective	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Statistics	3	Not Offered	MATH254	MAT206	MAT206	MAT172	MAT167
Art, Music or Theater	3	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
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