

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Catalog Term: 2025-2026

### PRE-PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS (prerequisites)

- ➡ Must be complete by the end of **spring semester** prior to program start date.
- ➡ Grade of C/2.0 required in each course.

#### SCIENCE PREREQUISITES

- Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, and Nutrition courses taken **more than 10 years ago must be repeated.**
- Pharmacology taken **over 5 years ago must be repeated.**

	COURSE #	CREDITS	GRADE	SEM/YR	COLLEGE
CHEM 103* Intro Chemistry/Lab		5			
BIOL 223* or HS 290* Human Anatomy & Physiology/Lab		5			
BIOL 220* or 330 Microbiology/Lab		4/5			
HS 301 Clinical Pharmacology		3			
PHS 331 Dietetics and Nutrition		3			

#### ADDITIONAL PREREQUISITES

	COURSE #	CREDITS	GRADE	SEM/YR	COLLEGE
ENGL 101 College English I*		3			
ENGL 102 College English 2*		3			
COMM 111 Public Speaking**		3			
MATH 111 College Algebra*		3			
PSY 111 General Psychology*		3			
SOC 111 Intro to Sociology*		3			
MLS 203/303 Medical Terminology		2-3			
Additional general education & elective hours (if needed: see pages 2-3)					

\*These courses *may* apply toward general education curriculum.

\* Interpersonal communication courses taken during or after summer 2015 at a Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) public institution can satisfy the communications requirement for both Wichita State's general education and Dental Hygiene programs. However, interpersonal communication courses completed at Wichita State or at non-KBOR institutions **will not** meet the communications requirement for Wichita State's general education program, except in the cases where a student then completes the Kansas Systemwide General Education curriculum at a KBOR institution outside of Wichita State and the transcript is notated as such.

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The General Education Program at Wichita State follows the 34-35 credit-hour KBOR systemwide GE program framework. Kansas transfer students who have the “KS Systemwide General Education Completed” notation on their transcript do not need additional general education courses (outside of pre-program requirements) at Wichita State. **Additional credit hours (open electives) to fulfill graduation requirements (see below) may be necessary.**

The general education coursework below is waived for students who have earned a prior bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.

DISCIPLINE AREA (BUCKET)	COURSE #	CR HR	GRADE	SEMESTER	COLLEGE
<b>English</b>					
ENGL 100 or 101 College English I		3			
ENGL 102 College English 2		3			
<b>Communication</b>					
COMM 111 Public Speaking		3			
<b>Math &amp; Statistics</b>					
MATH 111 College Algebra or MATH 112 Pre-Calculus Math		3			
<b>Natural &amp; Physical Sciences (must include lab)</b>					
CHEM 103 Intro Chemistry/lab		5			
<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences: 6 credit hours, 2 subjects</b>					
PSY 111 General Psychology		3			
SOC 111 Intro to Sociology		3			
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities: 6 credit hours, 2 subjects</b>					
First Subject		3			
Second Subject		3			
<b>Additional General Education Requirements</b>					
Diversity-Designated Course <sup>1</sup> or other Gen Ed		3			
First-Year Seminar <sup>2</sup> or other Gen Ed		3			

<sup>1</sup> If a diversity-designated course is complete, select another general education course (your choice) to fulfill “other Gen Ed”.  
(Additional dental hygiene prerequisites may complete requirement.)

<sup>2</sup> If you are not required to take a first-year seminar, select another general education course (your choice) to fulfill “other Gen Ed”.  
(Additional dental hygiene prerequisites may complete requirement.)

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- ☛ Earn credit for 120 cumulative hours.
- ☛ Earn a minimum of 45 credit hours of upper-division coursework (numbered 300 or higher) at a 4-year institution (university).
- ☛ Complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Wichita State.
- ☛ Complete all general education requirements.
- ☛ Maintain an overall GPA **and** WSU GPA of 2.00 or higher.
- ☛ Your last 24 of 30 credits **or** last 50 of 60 credit hours must be taken at Wichita State.
- ☛ Complete an [Application for Degree](#) two semesters before you plan to graduate.
- ☛ All transcripts of other college work must be sent to Wichita State before a degree is posted, even if these courses are not needed to meet degree requirements.

## PROGRAM APPLICATION AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Dental Hygiene program starts a class of 38 students every fall.

Admission is **competitive**.

Admission decisions are made by the Department of Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee.

Visit [www.wichita.edu/dh](http://www.wichita.edu/dh) for application, instructions, and more information.

Visit [www.wichita.edu/chpinfosessions](http://www.wichita.edu/chpinfosessions) to find upcoming dates for Dental Hygiene information sessions.

**Application Deadline: First Friday in November.** Application available September 1.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Admission to Wichita State as a degree-bound, active, undergraduate student.
- Minimum overall GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- If courses taken at Wichita State, Wichita State GPA must be 2.0 or higher.
- A minimum letter grade of C/2.0 in each prerequisite course.
- **All prerequisite courses** must be complete by the **end of the spring semester prior to starting the program.**
- No more than **6 credits of general education or elective hours** left to complete after the spring semester prior to starting the program.
- Clinical observation: complete a minimum of 8 hours shadowing a registered Dental Hygienist in clinical practice.

**Professional Dental Hygiene program = 58 credits**

**Dental Hygiene prerequisites + General Education courses + Electives = 62 credits**

**Total = 120 credits**

### SELECTION CRITERIA

See Dental Hygiene program website for additional information: [www.wichita.edu/dh](http://www.wichita.edu/dh)

The following criteria are considered when selecting applicants:

- **Overall GPA.** Competitive GPA is 3.6 or higher.
- **Repeats of science courses impact application.**
- **Health care related direct patient care work experience.** (Six months or more, 20 hours per week.)  
Examples: Dental Assistant, CNA, EMT, Medical Assistant, Massage Therapist
- **Previous associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or CDA (Certified Dental Assistant) from an accredited institution.** Speak with your CHP Advisor about earning an Associate of Arts through Wichita State.
- **Survey Questions.**
- **Interview with Dental Hygiene faculty.** Top 72 applicants are selected for interview.

**Please note: Accepted applicants, at their own expense, must pass a background check prior to beginning the program.**

**Although not required for admission, students are required to have a social security number to apply for licensure in the state of Kansas.**

## MODEL PLAN (DEGREE MAP)

This plan reflects one possible path toward completion of degree requirements. Your CHP Academic Advisor can assist you in creating your own personalized plan.

FRESHMAN					
FALL			SPRING <sup>±</sup>		
ENGL 101 College English I		3	ENGL 102 College English II		3
MATH 111 College Algebra		3	COMM 111 Public Speaking		3
CHEM 103 Intro Chemistry with Lab		5	HS 290 Human Anatomy & Physiology with Lab		5
First-Year Seminar or Open Electives		3	MLS 303 Medical Terminology		3
			PSY 111 General Psychology		3
Total Credit Hours:		14	Total Credit Hours:		17
SOPHOMORE					
FALL			SPRING		
HS 301 Pharmacology		3	BIOL 220 Microbiology with Lab		4
PHS 331 Dietetics and Nutrition		3	Fine Arts or Humanities Gen Ed		3
SOC 111 Intro to Sociology		3	Diversity Gen Ed or Open Electives		3
Fine Arts or Humanities Gen Ed		3	Open Electives		3
Open Electives		3	Open Electives		3
Total Credit Hours:		15	Total Credit Hours:		16
JUNIOR					
FALL		SPRING		SUMMER	
DH 311 Preclinical Dental Hygiene	5	DH 314 Intro to Periodontics	3	DH 333 DH Clinic II	2
DH 317 Clinical Radiology	4	DH 331 DH Concepts I	3		
DH 318 Oral Anatomy, Histology, & Embryology	3	DH 332 DH Clinic I	3		
		DH 334 Evidence-Based Practice	2		
DH 319 Dental Materials	3	DH 335 Gen & Oral Pathology	3		
		HS 315 Head & Neck Anatomy	2		
Total Credit Hours: 15		Total Credit Hours 16		Total Credit Hours: 2	
SENIOR					
FALL			SPRING		
DH 410 Community Oral Health Mgmt I		3	DH 407 Ethics & Jurisprudence		3
DH 416 Pain Management		2	DH 432 DH Concepts III		3
DH 431 DH Concepts II		3	DH Clinic IV		4
DH 434 DH Clinic III		4	DH 440 Community Oral Health Mgmt II		3
Total Credit Hours:		12	Total Credit Hours:		13

<sup>±</sup>Consider taking courses over the summer to keep credit hours per semester around 12-14 during first year.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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