



**University of Detroit Mercy
School of Dentistry**

**Professional Phase of the
Dental Hygiene Program**

**Admissions Policies and Program
Information**

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Professional Dental Hygiene Program

ADMISSION INFORMATION

General Program Information

The Professional Phase of the Dental Hygiene Program offers a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. Students may apply for **Early Decision** on or before **1 November**. The final due date for consideration is on or before **February 1st**. The Dental Hygiene Program begins at the end of **May** in the **Summer Semester**. The Professional phase of the Dental Hygiene Program **does not keep a waiting list**. Admission is competitive and **starts anew each year** based on the most qualified candidates.

Whenever possible, students will be notified by **April 1st** as to their admission status. **All prerequisite course work must be completed by the end of the Winter semester prior to the start of the incoming student summer semester**; further, it is **strongly** advised that all Core Curriculum course work also be completed at this time.

Advising

All students are required to set up an advising session as soon as possible once declaring interest into the dental hygiene program. Transfer students with the intent to apply into the Professional phase of the Clinical Dental Hygiene Program should also be advised by one of the **Dental Hygiene Admissions' Co-Directors** as soon as possible to facilitate the transfer of courses to Detroit Mercy and to assure fulfillment of prerequisite and core curriculum courses. Advising can be accomplished by calling **313-494-6625** to make an appointment.

Other topics discussed during the advising appointment will include the following: students acting as partners, expenses and grant opportunities, applicant's knowledge of the DH profession, immunizations and testing related to infectious diseases, and potential DH license delay/denial due to felony convictions.

**For more information about the Professional phase of the
Dental Hygiene Program contact:**

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313-494-6625

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MANDATORY Prerequisite Courses

Core Obj. or KA	Detroit Mercy Course Number	Detroit Mercy Course Names	Credit Hours
1/A2	ENL 1310	Academic Writing	3
5B/E2	Choice of: ENL 2350, 2450, or 2650	Study of: Fiction, Poetry, or Drama	3
3A/C2	PYC 1000	Intro Psychology	3
3B/C2	SOC 1000	Intro Sociology	3
1/A1	CST 1010	Fundamentals of Speech	3
3B/C1	CHM 1015	Principles of Chemistry I	3
3B/C1	CHM 1025	Principles of Chemistry II	3
3B/C1	BIO 2300/2310	Human Anatomy & Physiology I/ LAB	3/1
3B/C1	BIO 2320/2330	Human Anatomy & Physiology II/ LAB	3/1
	BIO 2410/2420	Microbiology/LAB	3/1
	BIO 2040	Nutrition	3

MANDATORY Core Curriculum Courses for Bachelor's Degree:

OLD Core - Objectives		NEW Core - Knowledge Areas and Integrating Themes	
Objective	Course Number		Course Number
Obj. 2	Mathematical and Computer Skills	KA-B	Mathematical/Statistical Knowledge
2A	MTH 1010	B1	MTH 1010
2B	CIS 1000	B2	Statistical/Probabilistic Reasoning (Fulfilled in Major)
Obj. 4	Meaning and Value	KA-D	Religious & Philosophical Knowledge
4A	PHL 1000	D1	PHL 1000
4B	One 2000-level RELS course	D2	One 2000-level RELS course
4C	PHL/RELS elective	D3	PHL/RELS elective
Obj. 5	Diverse Human Experience	KA-E	Essential Humanities
5A	Historical Experience	E1	Historical Experience
5C	Aesthetic Experience	E3	Aesthetic Experience
5D	Comparative Experience	KA-F	Ethics and Social Responsibility
Obj. 6	Social Responsibility	F1	ETH 3580
6A	Ethics (Fulfilled in Major through Winter 2018)	IT	Integrating Themes
6B	Contemporary Social Problems (Fulfilled in Major)	IT1	Reading, Writing, Research (Fulfilled in Major)
		IT2	Critical Thinking
		IT3	Cultural Diversity
		IT4	Human Difference
		IT5	Personal Spiritual Development
		IT6	Spirituality & Social Justice

*Note: Within the OLD Core one course CANNOT count towards multiple requirements. **

*Note: Within the NEW Core one course MAY count towards multiple requirements. **

**Please speak with a DH Program Admissions Advisor for further information.*

Completion of the prerequisite and core curriculum courses does not guarantee admission into the Professional Phase of the Dental Hygiene Program.

Admissions Process

Application Process

1. Online Application

Persons interested in applying for admission into the **Professional phase of the Dental Hygiene Program** must complete an online application from the university's website at udmercy.edu/admission/apply.php.

2. Official copies of all transcripts

Official copies of all transcripts, from all colleges and universities attended, must be sent to the Admissions office on the McNichols campus. The address is: University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols Rd., Attention: Admissions, Detroit, MI 48221-3038. It is the student's responsibility to verify receipt of these materials.

*As a requirement of the University, all **Pre-Dental Hygiene** applicants with less than 24 transferable credit hours **and** who are under the age of 24 must submit ACT/SAT scores.*

3. Dental Office Observation/Experience

It is expected of the applicant to be familiar with the work environment in which most hygienists are employed. A minimum of 6 hours observation in a dental office is needed. **Written verification from the dentist or dental hygienist, on dental office letterhead, is required** for all applicants to verify either employment or observation in a dental office. Verification must be sent to the Dental Hygiene Admissions' office (address listed on Page 3).

Selection Process

1. Academic Rating

Applicants are ranked based on the academic criteria described in the section, "Admissions Criteria". A score is computed using the admissions criteria on the "Admissions Rating Form" (page 7).

2. Informational Session

The top 30-40 applicants will be required to attend an additional informational session with a member of the Dental Hygiene Admission's Committee. The session will allow questions and answers to be offered and received in order to further explain the program. The added information will assist the applicants in determining whether their personal objectives match the Professional Dental Hygiene Program's Philosophy and Goals.

3. Final Selection

The final selection of 26 qualified students is based on the admissions score computed on the "Admissions Rating Form" (page 7).

Admissions Criteria

The following are selection criteria established to aid the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee in selecting students for admission into the Professional Phase of the Dental Hygiene Program.

The applicant is ranked based on the following criteria:

- 1. Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) = 20%.** A 2.7 minimum is required to be considered; however, this does not guarantee selection.
- 2. Science Grade Point Average (GPA) = 30%.** Prerequisite science courses are computed into this GPA. A 2.7 minimum is expected; however, this does not guarantee selection.
- 3. Prerequisite Grade Point Average (GPA) = 25%.** A 2.7 minimum is expected in order to be considered; however, this does not guarantee selection. Refer to the Prerequisite Core Courses section to determine the courses included in this GPA.
- 4. Academic Record for Prerequisite and other Courses = 20%.** Academic progress is evaluated with respect to the applicant's performance in completed courses. Course grades of "D", "E", "F" and repeated courses will result in a lower point value (refer to the "Admissions Rating Form" on page 7).
- 5. Course Withdrawals from Prerequisite and other Courses = 5%.**
A maximum of 5 points will be added to the score based on the number of course withdrawals per credit hours completed (refer to the "Admissions Rating Form" on page 7).

Dental Hygiene Academic Forgiveness Policy

The purpose of this policy is to allow applicants, who previously have earned poor grades, an opportunity for academic renewal. For purposes of the dental hygiene admissions process, applicants who meet the following criteria are eligible:

- A three-year break in enrollment at a college or university, **and**
- Prerequisite courses that were repeated subsequent to the break in education; **or**
- Prerequisite courses where a "W" is reported on the transcript; **or**
- Courses receiving a "W" or "D", "E", or "F" grade were not prerequisite courses.

Deductions for "R" or "W" grades in #4 and #5 above will not be applied if the eligibility requirements are met.

Admissions criteria and the selection process may vary from year to year. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the Dental Hygiene Admissions' Office after September 15 to obtain updated admissions information.

ADMISSIONS RATING FORM

Applicant _____

Date _____

Reviewer _____

•Overall GPA (20 points)Your GPA _____ \div 4.0 = Score _____ X 20 = _____*Example: 3.0 \div 4.0 = .75 X 20 = 15.0***•Science Prerequisite GPA (30 points)**Your GPA _____ \div 4.0 = Score _____ X 30 = _____*Example: 3.0 \div 4.0 = .75 X 30 = 22.5***•General Education Prerequisite GPA (25 points)**Your GPA _____ \div 4.0 = Score _____ X 25 = _____*Example: 3.0 \div 4.0 = .75 X 25 = 18.75*

(Note: Students are responsible for discussing coursework with the Detroit Mercy Dental Hygiene Admissions Director, either in person or by telephone, to plan for the completion of all prerequisite and optional degree completion courses prior to entrance into the program. Advising by the Detroit Mercy Dental Hygiene Admissions Director should be completed as soon as possible in the student's academic preparation.)

•Academic Record (20 points) (Includes Prerequisite and other courses)**

***20 points will be added to the academic record score for academic improvement based on the absence of D, E, F grades and/or repeated courses. If conflict arises between the number of D, E, F Grades and Repeated Courses, the points will be decided by the number of D, E, F Grades.*

D, E, F grades in Courses***	Repeated Courses***	Percentage of Points
None	None or 2 final semesters of 12+ credit hrs. each with grades of B or better in repeated courses	100
None	One repeated course	80**
One	Two repeated courses	60**
Two	Three repeated courses	40**
Three	Four repeated courses	20**
Four or more	Five or more repeated courses	0**

Score _____ X .20 = _____

•Withdrawals (5 Points) (Includes Prerequisite and other courses)

Course Withdrawals*** Per Credits Completed	Points Earned
None	5
One course W per last 30 credits	5
One course W per last 25 credits	4
One course W per last 20 credits	3
One course W per last 15 credits	2
One course W per last 10 credits	1
One course W per last 5 credits	0

***Please refer to the Department Academic Forgiveness Policy, page 6.

Points: _____

TOTAL SCORE: _____

Admissions criteria can change for the next academic year. Please consult the Dental Hygiene Admissions Office for updated admissions information.

Admissions Status

Applicants will be notified by **April 1, whenever possible**, as to their admissions status.

Accept - Based on the Admissions Ranking Form, students ranked 26 or higher will be offered admission into the Dental Hygiene Program. Student was admitted to the program based on expected successful completion of the planned courses and the criteria outlined in the “Admissions Criteria” section above. Failure to successfully complete these courses, with a transferable grade of “C” or better, as indicated in the application will forfeit acceptance.

A nonrefundable \$500.00 deposit is required within ten days after receipt of acceptance letter to hold a position in the program.

Final transcripts are necessary to complete the application **AND** must be received before midterm of the Summer semester or the DH student will **NOT** be allowed to register for Fall semester courses.

Alternate – Based on the Admissions Ranking Form, students ranked 26 or lower are placed in an Alternate Category. In the event that one of the accepted students declines a position, an alternate will be selected, if all admissions criteria have been met. Final transcripts from all coursework must be submitted to complete the application.

Not Accept - Student was not accepted into the program. If the student has a continued interest in the program they should notify the Dental Hygiene Admissions’ Director and be counseled in ways to improve their chances for admission into the following year’s class.

Unqualified – The Admissions Committee could not consider the application for admission for one of the following reasons:

1. The application and supporting materials were not received or postmarked by the February 1st deadline.
2. Official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended were not received by the February 1st deadline.
3. The application and supporting materials were incomplete.
4. Information on the application and supporting materials was misrepresented or falsified.
5. Pre-requisite or Science Grade Point Average was below the stated expectations for consideration.
6. All required prerequisite and core curriculum courses were not completed by May 15th.

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Clinical Dental Hygiene Class Profile: Class of 2020

Approximately 180 applicants

26 enrollments

20 female

6 male

2 African American

3 Asian

1 Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

15 Caucasian/White

5 Middle Eastern

Class Averages:	Overall Grade Point Average:	3.440
	Prerequisite Science Grade Point Average:	3.296
	Average age:	21.15 (range 19 – 27 yrs)

Information on Potential Sources of Financial Aid

Very often, students rule out the possibility of attending a private university such as the University of Detroit Mercy because their perception is that they cannot afford it. ***In reality, students with the least ability to pay are often the most eligible for financial assistance.*** Above all, do not decide you cannot afford the Professional phase of the Dental Hygiene Program before you've explored all the possible financial aid options! The following financial aid **EXAMPLE** demonstrates how you may possibly finance your education:

Tuition and fees (2018-19)	<u>POTENTIAL</u> Sources of Financial Aid	
	Pell Grant (\$ 670-\$ 5,920)	\$5,920.00
	Michigan Tuition Grant	2,000.00
	Supplement Ed. Oppt. Grant	1,800.00
	Detroit Mercy Grant (\$1,000 - \$9,000)	9,000.00
	Unsubsidized Stafford Loan*	2,000.00
	Subsidized Stafford Loan*	5,500.00
	Parent PLUS or Alternative Loan (est.)	10,521.00
\$36,741.00		\$36,741.00

*Dependent Students with a minimum of 63 acceptable transfer credits. Independent Students could receive a total of \$7,000 in Unsubsidized Loans.

Not all students receive every type of aid listed above. Please be advised that it is the student's responsibility to investigate personal qualifications and to abide by deadlines.

You are automatically considered for all of Detroit Mercy scholarship programs when you apply for admission. In order to apply for almost all other forms of financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov (**after October 1 or by March 1** in the year of anticipated entry). If you have a question this document doesn't answer, please contact the School of Dentistry Financial Aid Officer at 313-494-6617 or e-mail: finaid@udmercy.edu. The University of Detroit Mercy's federal code, for the Dental Hygiene Program, is: **002323**. For additional information on Financial Aid, visit: http://www.udmercy.edu/apply/financial_aid/.

In addition, you should explore other sources of aid at your local community organizations, and through the internet. A popular website with more than 400,000 scholarship listings is www.fastweb.com. Be resourceful and look around!

***You can afford the University of Detroit Mercy
Professional phase of the Dental Hygiene Program!***

¹ Due to financial aid application deadlines and award schedules, charges for term I (incoming Summer semester) are deferred into the costs for Term II and Term III.

**Estimated Costs for the 2018 - 2019
Professional Phase of the Dental Hygiene Program**

Year One		
	Tuition	\$28,000.00
	Materials & Instrument Rental Fee	\$ 3,300.00
	Dental IT Fee (Tablet/Clicker/Software)	\$ 1,780.00
	Health Insurance Fee for School of Dentistry	\$ 2,151.00
	Dental Equipment Purchase-Periodontic Typodont, Blood Pressure Kit, Baseformers, & Safety glasses	\$ 320.00
	Dental Equipment Purchase (Radiographic Digital FMX)	\$ 975.00
	ADHA Student Membership Fee	\$ 65.00
	Equipment Replacement Fee	\$ 100.00
	Dental Activity Fee	\$ 50.00
	TOTAL YEAR ONE	\$36,741.00
Other charge(s) not included in the mandatory charges:	Books for year one: \$ 1,100.00 (approx.)	

Year Two		
	Tuition	\$28,000.00
	Materials & Instrument Rental Fee	\$ 3,300.00
	Health Insurance Fee for School of Dentistry	\$ 2,151.00
	Graduation Photo Sitting Fee	\$ 50.00
	ADHA Student Membership Fee	\$ 65.00
	Equipment Replacement Fee	\$ 100.00
	Dental Activity Fee	\$ 50.00
	TOTAL YEAR TWO	\$33,716.00
Other charge(s) not included in the mandatory charges:	Books for year two: \$ 300.00 (approx.) Licensing Fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DH National Boards - \$ 380.00 (approx.) • The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) - \$ 975.00 (approx.) • Local Anesthesia - \$ 140.00 (approx.) • Nitrous Oxide Sedation - \$ 135.00 (approx.) • RDA Examination (Optional) 	

****Proof of Financial Aid, Extended Payment Plan, or Full Payment is required by the first day of class. Any payment made or received after the first day of class will be considered late and a \$200.00 Late Payment Fee will be assessed to the student's account.**

****If enrollment is discontinued after beginning the program in May, a 35% charge of Term I Tuition and 100% of fees will be assessed.**

Professional Dental Hygiene 2-year Curriculum

<p>First Year – Professional Phase</p> <p>Summer Term I (begins in May) BSC 8030 Foundations of Integrated Biomedical Sciences BSC 8150 Histology DHY 8010 Dental Hygiene Success Seminar DHY 8080 Oral Health Assessment (DEF) DHY 8100 Dental Hygiene Care I (DEF) DHY 8130 Radiology (DEF) DHY 8170 Dental Anatomy (DEF) DHY 8280 Scientific Literature DHY 8320 Intro to Ethical and Legal Issues</p>	<p>Fall Term II BSC 8040 Integrated Biomedical Sciences I BSC 8120 Head and Neck Anatomy BSC 8140 Oral Microbiology DHY 8080 Oral Health Assessment DHY 8100 Dental Hygiene Care I DHY 8130 Radiology DHY 8150 Dental Materials DHY 8170 Dental Anatomy DHY 8230 Periodontal Therapy I</p>	<p>Winter Term III BSC 8050 Integrated Biomedical Sciences II BSC 8190 Infectious Diseases for DH CLN 8140 Clinical DH I / Clinic Rounds DHS 8200 Pain and Anxiety DHY 8140 Strategies for Prevention of Oral Diseases DHY 8180 The Child and Adolescent Patient DHY 8300 Periodontal Therapy II</p>
<p>Second Year – Professional Phase</p> <p>Summer Term IV BSC 8260 General & Oral Pathology for Dental Hygiene (DEF) CLN 8150 Clinical DH II CLN 8280 Clinical RDA Expanded Functions (Elective)(DEF) COM 8210 Concepts in Community Health DHY 8210 Special Patient Care DHY 8350 Scientific Presentation (DEF)</p>	<p>Fall Term V BSC 8260 General & Oral Pathology for Dental Hygiene CLN 8260 Clinical DH III CLN 8280 Clinical RDA Expanded Functions (Elective)(DEF) COM 8220 Community Oral Health Education I DHS 8110 Physical Assessment and Management of Medical Emergencies DHY 8220 National Board Review(DEF) DHY 8350 Scientific Presentation</p>	<p>Winter Term VI CLN 8270 Clinical DH IV CLN 8280 Clinical RDA Expanded Functions (Elective) COM 8230 Community Oral Health Education II DHY 8200 Concepts in Professionalism DHY 8220 National Board Review DHY 8240 Legal and Ethical Issues II DHY8250 Radiographic Interpretation</p>

Hygiene curriculum is subject to change. Please consult the Director of Dental Hygiene Admissions for the complete and current curriculum.

IMPORTANT FACTORS TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING FOR THE PROFESSIONAL PHASE OF THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Students as Partners

Throughout the two-year Dental Hygiene Curriculum students are required to be “patients” to a student partner. Student partners practice dental hygiene procedures and pain control methods on each other.

Latex Allergy or Sensitivity and Cumulative Trauma Disorders

Individuals that have a latex allergy/sensitivity or a cumulative trauma disorder (such as carpal tunnel syndrome, thoracic outlet syndrome, tendonitis, lateral epicondylitis, etc.) should discuss the implications of these conditions with a physician and the Dental Hygiene Admissions Director. The severity of these conditions may adversely impact the individual’s performance in the program and upon graduation, the practice of dental hygiene. Careful consideration of these conditions is imperative to a career in dental hygiene.

Patient Recruitment

Students have specific patient cases that are required throughout the curriculum. The Detroit Mercy Dental Clinic assigns a patient family to every clinical Dental Hygiene student. **However, it is the student’s responsibility, NOT Detroit Mercy Dental Clinic, to recruit patients for clinical Board exams.**

Immunization and Testing Policy

Policies and procedures for vaccinations, testing and post-exposure incidents have been developed to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Dental Association (ADA), American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA), and extramural site recommendations or policies.

Risk to Infectious Illnesses

The University of Detroit Mercy dental hygiene students, in the course of their clinical/academic duties have significant exposure to blood, blood products, tissue, secretions, or body fluids of patients potentially containing Hepatitis B (HBV) and are at risk for HBV as well as other infectious diseases. Unintentional punctures of the skin with contaminated instruments or needles sometimes occur despite careful technique. These factors increase student risk for contracting diseases.

Disabilities

Our program is committed to all students achieving their potential. If you have a disability or think you have a disability (physical, learning disability, hearing, vision, psychiatric) which may need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the University of Detroit Mercy's Office of University Academic Services (UAS) at 313-578-0310 or email your request for information to gallegem@udmercy.edu.

Infectious Diseases

When a prospective student contracts an infectious disease, he/she should consider how that status would affect his/her future in healthcare. Information to help make decisions about one's future as a student or healthcare worker is available through a personal physician and/or the Detroit Mercy Dental Clinic Director of Infection Control and Safety.

Requirements of the School of Dentistry and the Dental Hygiene Program:

1. HBV vaccination verification and proof of immunity through a blood test:

The student can receive antibody testing which shows him/her to have sufficient immunity if the three-injection series has been previously received or in lieu of the vaccination.

2. Tuberculosis (TB) testing by the PPD test and verification of the results (positive or negative):

Results of a TB test must be submitted each year. In the event that the test is positive, the student will follow the physician's recommendations for treatment and submit verification that these recommendations are being followed.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination verification or proof of immunity to Measles (Rubeola) and Rubella (German Measles) through a blood test.

It is also recommended that students are immunized with the **Influenza; Diphtheria and Tetanus (DT); Polio; and Chicken Pox (Varicella) vaccinations** for additional protection.

Vaccinations and testing can be received at any County Health Department, University of Detroit Mercy Student Health Center, or through the student's personal physician. Costs associated with the vaccinations and testing are the responsibility of the student.

3. CPR certification:

BLS for Health Care Providers (CPR & AED) certification **is required and will be provided by Detroit Mercy in the summer of the incoming year.**