

Bachelor of Science - Dental Hygiene

Entry-Level Curriculum for College Juniors and Seniors



Fast Facts

- Licensed dental hygienists are in demand by many types of employers from the dentist to the U.S. military. And graduates from the Division of Dental Hygiene are at the leading edge of their profession because of their intensive training allows them to move freely in a wide range of settings or to pursue an advanced graduate degree.
- Admission to the Entry-Level Program in Dental Hygiene program is designed for qualified junior and senior college students (with 60 hours of liberal arts course work and a 2.5 or above GPA) who are committed to pursuing a health care profession.
- The goal of the program is to prepare dental hygienists to perform competently in the private dental office and other settings such as oral health teaching, research, community and institutional dental health programs and practice management.
- The program begins each August and continues for two academic years with a summer term in between. Applications must be submitted by February 1 of the year that the student seeks admission.
- The curriculum is a challenging one that emphasizes a 'hands on' approach and incorporates a variety of educational experiences and environments from the traditional classroom to the laboratory and clinic.

Admission Requirements and Program Prerequisites

Entry-Level Program – Admission Requirements

Admission to the Division of Dental Hygiene programs is selective and requires more than meeting certain course or grade point average requirements. The selection process takes into account a number of candidate factors including:

- Academic credentials
- Letters of evaluation
- A personal interview
- Motivation
- And other information submitted by the candidate

Classes begin each year at the end of August. Formal applications for admission to the dental hygiene program must be submitted no later than February 1 of the year the student desires admission. – Use this link to - [Request an Application Packet](#)

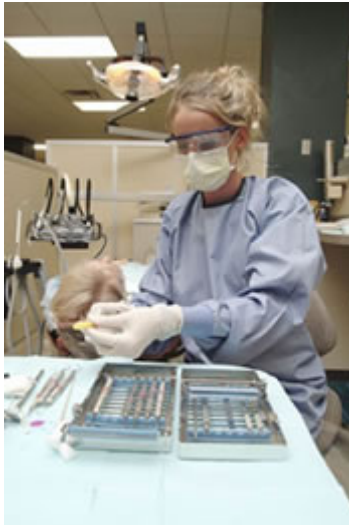
The basic requirements and credentials required for the process are:

- Graduation from an accredited high school or its equivalent.
- High school transcripts.
- Satisfactory completion of approximately academic two years of college (60 semester hours). These sixty hours must be completed before admission to the dental hygiene program and satisfy the general education Program Prerequisites listed below.
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.
- A college science grade point average of at least 2.5.
- Transcripts all college course work.
- Application to the University of Missouri-Kansas City.
- Application for admission to the Division of Dental Hygiene.
- Three evaluation and recommendation forms.
- Personal interview with at least two members of the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee. (Interviews are by invitation only and are scheduled after February for those students who have met the admissions criteria)

In addition, acceptance is contingent on submission of a criminal background check.

Residency Requirements

The UMKC School of Dentistry is a state-supported school and therefore has a primary responsibility to applicants who are residents of the state of Missouri. The school also has reciprocal and contractual agreements with the State of Kansas. Additionally, the Division of Dental Hygiene does consider qualified applicants from all other states.



Program Prerequisites

Transfer credits for coursework completed at other institutions which are substantially equivalent to those as UMKC will be granted provided a grade of C or above was received.

A total 56 to 67 semester hours must be completed prior to entering the dental hygiene program and must include:

Communicating	9 hours
Engl 110	3
Engl 225	3
ComS 110 (Speech)	3

Mathematics	3
Math 110 (College Algebra)	3
Higher-Order Thinking, Managing Information, and Valuing	6
Chosen from at least two different fields from the following list: Phil 210 or 222, Hist 201, 202, 206 or 208, Anth 101 or 103, CS 100 (computer science) or above, Math 160 or above	6
Humanities and Fine Arts	6
One 3 credit hour course chosen from Engl, ComS, Foreign Language, or Phil	
AND	
One 3 credit hour course chosen from ART 110-Art/Art History, CNSVTY 120-Conservatory of Music or THEAT 130-Theater	3
Social and Behavioral Science	9
Soc 101 General Sociology	3
Psych 210 General Psychology	3
Constitution course	3
Chosen from: Hist 101 or Hist 102 Or Hist 360 or Pol Sci 210	
Biological and Physical Sciences	13-19
CHEM 211 & 211 L Chemistry	4-6
LSMCRB 113 Microbiology	3-5
LSANAT 118 Anatomy	3-4
LSHYS 117 Physiology	3-4
(If taking a combined Anatomy & Physiology, it must be a sequence of two semesters.)	
Electives	10-15
(Computer applications highly recommended)	