

PRE-ADMISSION GUIDELINES DENTAL HYGIENE

Applicants interested in a Dental Hygiene Program (see page two) must complete one full year of university coursework (**30 credits**) prior to applying for admission at their institution of choice.

Please be aware that the number of applicants to Dental Hygiene often exceeds the total number of available spaces. Therefore, the recommendation is that **students have a second academic/career goal** in mind.

Program requirements are subject to change annually:

- Students must review up-to-date program information within each institution's calendar and Dental Hygiene website, to confirm the application process, course requirements, volunteer or paid experience, and any additional requirements needed to be admitted.
- Potential applicants should note the **competitive** GPA recommended at each institution for admission and be aware that the minimum grade at each institution may differ.
- Course transfers should be checked using the online transfer guide at <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/> for BC applicants and sent to each institution by their stated deadlines.

The following TRU courses are recommended for application and can be taken in one of the following programs: Exploratory Studies, the Bachelor of Science or the Bachelor of Arts.

Required Dental Hygiene Courses (30 credits)	TRU Courses	Prerequisites/co-requisites
First-Year English (6 credits)	Two of: ENGL 1100, 1110, 1120, 1140, 1210 Camosun College: ENGL 1100 and One of: ENGL 1110, 2010, 2020 Vancouver Island University: ENGL 1100 and One of: ENGL 1110, 1210	English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 (73%) or ENGL 0600 (C+) or ENGL 0620 (C+)
Anatomy and Physiology (with labs) (6 credits)	BIOL 1592 & 1594 AND BIOL 1692 & 1694	Anatomy & Physiology 12 or Biology 12 or BIOL 0600 with a C+ minimum AND Chemistry 11 or CHEM 0500
First-year Chemistry (with labs) (6 credits)	CHEM 1500 & 1510 or CHEM 1500 & 1520	Chemistry 11 or CHEM 0500 or Chemistry 12 or CHEM 0600 AND Pre-Calculus 12 or MATH 0600 & 0610 or 0630 or 1000; If you have completed Chemistry 12 with a B grade or higher, choose CHEM 1500 & 1520.
First-year Psychology (6 credits)	PSYC 1110 AND 1210	None
Statistics (3 credits)	STAT 1200	Foundations of Math 11 or Pre-Calculus 11 or MATH 0520 or MATH 0510
Elective (3 credits)		Check each course you are considering for your elective to ensure you meet the prerequisite(s), if any required

Dental Hygiene is a two-year diploma program offered at the following institutions in British Columbia

Camosun College

Lansdowne Campus
3100 Foul Bay Road
Victoria, BC V8P 5J2

Phone: (250) 370-3161

Email: hhsinfo@camosun.ca

Website: <http://camosun.ca/learn/programs/dental-hygiene/>

International students → yes

College of New Caledonia

Office of Admissions, Registration & Records
3330 – 22nd Avenue
Prince George, BC V2N 1P8

Phone: (250) 562-2131

Email: registrarsoffice@cnc.bc.ca

Website: <https://cnc.bc.ca/programs-courses/programs/detail/dental-hygiene-diploma>

International students → no

Vancouver Island University

Nanaimo Campus
Advising
900 Fifth Street
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5

Phone: (250) 740-6410 Toll-Free: 1-888-920-2221 Ext.6410

Email: Advising@viu.ca

Website: <https://hhs.viu.ca/dental-hygiene>

International students → yes

Vancouver Community College

Downtown Campus
250 West Pender Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 1S9

Phone: (604) 871-7000, option 2 (Academic Advising)

Email: advising@vcc.ca

Website: <https://www.vcc.ca/programs/dental-hygiene/>

International students → no

In addition to the educational requirements, there are several general requirements that must be satisfied prior to applying for admission. Students should consult the appropriate institution(s) website and online calendar for this information.

After completing your 30 credits of prerequisites and Dental Hygiene Diploma, you may consider:

TRU – Bachelor of Health Science

<https://www.tru.ca/distance/programs/health-science/bachelor-health-science.html>

UBC – Bachelor of Dental Science in Dental Hygiene (BDSc)

Admission Option 1: Degree Completion Category 1 (4th year entry) – After completion of 30 credits of specified university transferable courses and a dental hygiene diploma/certificate from an accredited North American dental hygiene diploma (min. 90 credits)

Dental Hygiene Degree Program – Admissions

UBC Faculty of Dentistry
278 - 2199 Wesbrook Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3

Phone: (604) 822-9726

Website: <https://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/dental-hygiene-entry-to-practice/general-info/>

For more information about registration as a dental hygienist in British Columbia:

CCOHP - BC College of Oral Health Professionals

110 – 1765 8th Ave W
Vancouver, BC V6J 5C6

Phone: 1-888-202-0448

Website: <https://oralhealthbc.ca>

NOTE

This form is to be used as a guideline for students planning to transfer to Dental Hygiene programs. Due to changes that can occur at any post-secondary institution, it is the **student's responsibility** to check that courses selected meet the requirements of the institution(s) where they plan to complete the Dental Hygiene diploma.