

Pre-Dental Hygiene Advising

Area in major Program Plan	GGC Courses
Area A – Essential Skills	ENGL 1101 <i>and</i> ENGL 1102 (English Comp I & II) MATH 1111 <i>or</i> MATH 1113
Area B – Institutional Option	ITEC 1001 -Introduction to Computing
Area C – Humanities/Arts	MUSC 1100 (Music Appreciation) <i>or</i> ARTS 1100 (Art Appreciation) <i>or</i> ENGL 2110 (World Literature) <i>or</i> ENGL 2100 (Trans-Atlantic English Literature) RELN 1100 (World Religions) <i>or</i> GEOG 1101 (Human Geography) <i>or</i> one semester of foreign language
Area D – Science, Mathematics, and Technology	CHEM 1151K <i>and</i> CHEM 1152K <i>or</i> CHEM 1211K/1212K ITEC 2110 (Digital Media) <i>or</i> ITEC 2120 (Introduction to Programming)
Area E – Social Sciences	HIST 2111 <i>or</i> HIST 2112 (U.S. History I & II) HIST 1111 <i>or</i> HIST 1112 (World History I & II) <i>or</i> HIST 1121 <i>or</i> HIST 1122 (Western Civilization I & II) <i>or</i> HIST 2111 <i>or</i> HIST 2112 (if not taken above) POLS 1101 (American Government) *PSYC 1102 (The Psychological Experience)
Courses required for admissions to most dental hygiene programs	BIOL 2451K <i>and</i> BIOL2452K (Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II w/Lab) BIOL 2516K (Microbiology for Health Sciences) SOCI 1101 (Introduction to Sociology)
Recommended electives for admissions to most dental hygiene programs	COMM 1100 (Human Communications) <i>or</i> COMM 1110 (Public Speaking) *PSYC 2500 <i>or</i> additional science or math course *MATH 1401 (Statistics) <i>or</i> additional science or math course

*Students are ***strongly advised*** to check with the program they plan to apply to for specific prerequisites.

Note: Students may need to take HSCI 2111 at CSU after applying but before starting the BS-DH program.

What factors are considered in the admission process for dental hygiene program students?

1. The completion of the prerequisites for the program. Students must complete 60 hours (AU) or 45 hours (Clayton State) of General Education (A-F) before applying for Dental Hygiene programs.
2. An overall minimum GPA of 2.5 is required (this includes all coursework that has been attempted except for health, PE, orientation, and learning support courses).
3. Quality of the admissions essay.
4. Letters of recommendation.
5. The Committee considers other factors such as health care and research experiences, leadership, community services or programs, family responsibilities, national recognition, ethnic or cultural backgrounds and commitment to practice in Georgia or health shortage areas.

Dental Hygiene Schools in Georgia (BS-DH Programs only)

1. Clayton State University (<http://www.clayton.edu/health/dental-hygiene/basic-licensure/core>)
2. Augusta University (<https://www.augusta.edu/admissions/hs-programs/dental-hygiene.php>)

There are several Associate degree programs for dental hygiene, and GSU has an online bridge program for Associate-level dental hygienists to earn a Bachelor degree <https://lewis.gsu.edu/dental-hygiene/admission-requirements/>

More Information at American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA): <http://www.adha.org>