

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE (PROFESSIONAL, ENTRY- LEVEL PROGRAM)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/communication-sciences-oral-health/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-programs/bs-in-dental-hygiene-bsdh-professional-entry-level/>

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

The program admits once a year and begins in the summer semester.

Applications are only accepted between Nov. 1 and Jan. 10.

Requirements

- Completion of the Health Education System Inc. (HESI A2) admission test (<https://twu.edu/media/documents/academic-affairs/undergrad-admissions/TWU-Dental-Hygiene-HESI-Distance-Testing.pdf>) within 12 months of applying.
 - For admittance, the minimum cumulative score of 75 must be achieved. The HESI exam covers general knowledge needed for our program and will be available from September 17 to January 8. The exam may be taken up to two times.
- A cumulative college GPA of at least 3.0
- Good academic standing with the college or university last attended
- Completion of required foundational coursework with a C or higher before applying to the program. Foundational coursework consists of:
 - Anatomy I or A&P I (including lab)
 - Physiology I or A&P II (including lab)
 - Microbiology (including lab)
 - Nutrition
 - Statistics
 - English Composition I and II
- Completion of anatomy & physiology, microbiology, and chemistry within the past five years.
- Completion of 57 credit hours of undergraduate coursework before entering the program in the summer semester. Specific required courses are listed in the Degree Requirements (p.) section and include all the courses listed under the Texas Core Curriculum and Other Requirements sections.
 - To qualify for entrance into the TWU DH Program, documentation of Texas Core Curriculum completion must be submitted and processed through the TWU Office of Admissions Processing before starting the program's first summer session.
- Knowledge of professional ethics and the dental hygienist's role in healthcare.
 - This requirement may be met through individual research, study, and/or completion of DH 1101.

Students who do not meet these requirements will not be considered for admission into the Professional Entry-Level Program.

How to Apply

- Take the Health Education System, Inc. (HESI A2) Admission Exam within 12 months of applying to the program.
 - The HESI exam is not offered at the TWH Testing Center. Students must register for an in-person proctored examination via the HESI admission test portal.
- Apply to TWU (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>) by Dec. 1 to meet the program application deadline (if not currently attending)
 - Submit all transcripts (except TWU transcripts) to Admissions Processing (<https://www.twu.edu/admissions-processing/>) to be fully accepted into the university.
 - Program applications will not be considered until copies of all transcripts have been received and reviewed by the Office of Admissions Processing (<https://www.twu.edu/admissions-processing/>), which may take several weeks.
 - *Acceptance to TWU does not guarantee admission to the dental hygiene program.*
- After acceptance to TWU, complete the online Professional Entry-Level Program Application (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4xJngiodX8UDzMNJ_h4Lr4QvgrUv2kb2w-DGYRLwAuvS2bw/viewform?usp=sf_link).
 - The program admits once a year and begins in the summer semester.
 - Program applications are only accepted between Nov. 1 and Jan. 10.
 - Applicants enrolled in courses at a college other than TWU during the fall and spring application semesters must submit an official transcript that includes those fall grades and any core courses registered for the spring semester to the Office of Admissions Processing by Jan. 10.
 - To access the program application, students must be fully accepted to the university, have their Pioneer Portal account set up, and be logged in to the TWU Google Drive account. For technical questions, contact the TWU Service Desk (<https://twu.edu/technology/>).
- A copy of the HESI A2 score report and the following information from college transcripts will be needed to complete the program application:
 - Course names and dates for all foundational prerequisite and Texas core curriculum courses.
 - Names of all colleges and universities previously attended, and the dates attended.

About the Selection Process

- A foundational grade point average (FGPA) is computed using an applicant's grades in the foundational courses. Both the cumulative GPA and the foundational GPA will be considered in making selections, along with the HESI exam score.
 - The foundational GPA will average grades from all attempts within a specified time frame for each foundational course.
- Competitive applicants will be invited for a personal interview with a selection committee.
 - Invitation to an interview does not guarantee a place in the program but serves as part of the selection process.
 - All expenses of the interview are the responsibility of the applicant.
 - Notification of interview invitations will be made by mid-February.

- Knowledge of the role that professional dental hygienists play in healthcare, specifically oral healthcare, and awareness of the professional code of ethics of dental hygiene are critical during the interview process. Information regarding the professional code of ethics of dental hygiene can be located here: American Dental Hygienists' Code of Ethics (https://www.adha.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/ADHA_Bylaws_Code_of_Ethics_FY22.pdf).
- All required core and prerequisite courses must be completed before entry into the program in the summer semester.

Note: Selected students join a cohort for the professional-entry program starting in the summer.