

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Department of Dental Education

120 Clinical Sciences Building

Mankato, MN 56001

**Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene  
APPLICATION FORM**

**24 available student admissions**

**APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED AND SUBMITTED ONLINE**

Applications that are incomplete or not submitted online will not be accepted and the candidate will be disqualified.

NAME: Last, First, Middle Initial

Birthdate:

Tech ID:

Email:

Permanent Address:

*(do not use dorm address)*

Cell Number:

Academic Advisor:

GPA (Cumulative)

Minimum GPA required to apply to the program is a 3.2.

< 3.2 GPA will not be accepted and the candidate will be disqualified.

Do you have any transfer credits?

YES

NO

If you answered YES, list all institutions you have taken undergraduate credits:

Do you have formal training (leading to a degree or licensure) in dental assisting or foreign-trained dental therapy/dentistry?

YES

NO

*You must include documentation of this training/licensure for it to be considered as part of the application.*

If you have earned a degree, please specify the degree type/field:

Other than this application, have you applied to the dental hygiene program in previous years?

NO – this is my first application

YES – I applied to the program in a previous year

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You do not need to write a diversity statement as it will not be calculated into the Scoring Formula in the application review process.

**For Fall of 2025, up to six students will be admitted to the Advanced Placement ADT program (dual track) along with the DHYG program. Twenty-four additional students will be admitted to only the DHYG program. This means there will be a total of 30 students enrolled in dental hygiene coursework starting Fall of 2025.**

**IF YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT ADVANCED DENTAL THERAPY PROGRAM DUAL TRACK (6 student admissions available) YOU MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE APPLICATION TO BE ELIGIBLE.**

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### Technical Standards

Please review the Technical Standards for the Dental Hygiene Program to ensure you meet the minimum standards for admission. Sign and date the document and return with your application.

#### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT

Due to the nature of the clinical experiences in the Dental Hygiene program, students will be participating in a work environment that has the potential of exposure to blood borne pathogens. All students accepted into the Dental Hygiene program are provided with written policy and instruction on infection control protocol to reduce the risk of disease transmission. The program complies with all institutional, local, state, and federal policies. Policies and procedures of the department's infection control protocol are available to all applicants upon request.

Other work-related disorders associated with the practice of dentistry could result from repetitive activities and exposure to high decibel sounds. Advancements in design and technology in the profession are continually evolving to minimize these effects.

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

#### Technical Standards: Dental Hygiene Program

As a health care specialty, primarily defined by anatomical boundaries, the practice of dental hygiene has unique requirements in that the accumulation of scientific knowledge must be accompanied by the simultaneous acquisition of essential diagnostic and clinical skills, management functions, and professional attitudes, ethics and behaviors. Such requirements are requisite to the provision of safe and effective management of the hard and soft tissue of the oral cavity and adjacent anatomical areas, including the teeth, jaws, and surrounding soft tissues. The faculty has a responsibility to graduate the best possible dental hygienists; thus admission to the program is offered only to those who present the highest qualifications for education and training in the art and science of oral health.

Applicants to the Dental Hygiene program must possess the following general qualities: critical thinking, sound judgment, emotional stability and maturity, empathy, physical and mental stamina. Applicants must possess the ability to acquire knowledge, technical functions and use such knowledge, skills, and functions in a wide variety of didactic, laboratory, and clinical settings at a level of competency defined by the department. The faculty has a responsibility for the welfare of the patients treated under the aegis of the department and the educational welfare of its students.

The Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee maintains that certain minimal technical standards must be present in applicants to the program. A candidate must have the following essentials: fine motor skills; sensory/observational skills; communication skills; intellectual-conceptual, integrative, and quantitative abilities; behavioral/social skills and professionalism.

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## **Motor Skills**

Candidates for admission to the Dental Hygiene program must have sufficient motor function to perform and participate in didactic, pre-clinical technique, laboratory, clinical procedures and exercises at a level of competency defined by the department. At a minimum, this includes coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium, and touch. Candidates for admission to the Dental Hygiene program must have manual dexterity, including full functioning wrists, hands, fingers, and arms.

## **Sensory/Observational Skills**

Candidates for admission to the Dental Hygiene program must have sufficient sensory/observational skills to perform and participate in didactic, preclinical technique, laboratory, clinical procedures and exercises at a level of competency defined by the department. At a minimum, this includes the ability to participate in didactic, preclinical technique and laboratory exercises, interact with patients in terms of observation and data gathering. Candidates for admission to the Dental Hygiene program must have the visual acuity and functional use of other sensory modalities.

## **Communication Skills**

Candidates for admission to the Dental Hygiene program must have sufficient communication skills to perform and participate in didactic, pre-clinical technique, laboratory and clinical procedures at a level of competency defined by the department. At a minimum, this includes the ability to communicate effectively in written and spoken English in classroom, laboratory, and clinical settings.

## **Intellectual/Conceptual, Integrative, and Qualitative Skills**

Candidates for admission to the Dental Hygiene program must have sufficient intellectual/conceptual, integrative, and qualitative skills to perform didactic, pre-clinical technique, laboratory, and clinical procedures and exercises at a level of competency defined by the department. At a minimum, this includes the ability to manage data, solve problems, and make rational decisions regarding patient care in a timely manner.

## **Behavioral/Social Skills and Professionalism**

Candidates for admission to the Dental Hygiene program must have sufficient behavioral/social skills and professionalism to perform didactic, preclinical technique, laboratory, and clinical procedures at a level of competency defined by the department. At a minimum, this includes the attributes of integrity, empathy, communication, and motivation, emotional maturity and stability, sound judgment, punctuality, inclusivity, and interpersonal skills. For this reason, candidates for admission to the Dental Hygiene program must be able to: adapt to changing conditions, cope with stress, delegate responsibilities, meet deadlines and possess effective time management skills in order to function as part of a dental health care team.

## **Background Check**

Current licensure requirements for dental hygienists in the state of Minnesota, require all applicants to submit to a criminal background check. Students enrolled in the dental hygiene program are required to submit to a background check prior to any off site clinical rotations.

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The Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee will consider for admission applicants who demonstrate the ability to perform, or to learn to perform, the essential skills listed in this document. The department will strive to see that students with impaired intellectual, physical, or emotional functions do not place patients in jeopardy. Students will be judged not only on their scholastic accomplishments, but also on their physical and emotional capacities to meet the full requirements of the college's curriculum and to graduate as skilled and effective advanced dental therapy practitioners.

Upon admission, a student who discloses a properly certified disability will receive reasonable accommodation but must be able to perform the essential functions of the curriculum, as described in this document, either with or without reasonable accommodation. Applicants verify in writing that they are able to meet these technical and performance standards with or without accommodation and are instructed to contact Accessibility Resources for questions and assistance. Determination of eligibility and recommendations of accommodations must be made by Accessibility Resources. The student can begin this process by applying at:

<https://augusta.accessiblelearning.com/MNSU/ApplicationStudent.aspx>

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DENTAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

I have carefully read and understand the technical standards for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. My signature below indicates my understanding and the fact that I believe myself to be capable of fulfilling these technical standards (either with or without reasonable accommodations).

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Print your name

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Signature

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Date

## Application Check List

Your application is complete when you submit the following items to the dental hygiene department

\_\_\_\_\_ Applied to Minnesota State University, Mankato (separate from Dental Hygiene application)

*Transfer Students: verify all transfer credits have been processed on MSU DARS*

\_\_\_\_\_ Dental Hygiene application completely/correctly filled out

\_\_\_\_\_ Signed Technical Standards Form (included in this application)

\_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Dental Hygiene Prerequisites Completed

**Failure to meet the minimum prerequisites required for the application will not be accepted and the candidate will be disqualified.**

- DHYG 100/DHYG 101 Completed
- 4 Prerequisite Courses Completed  
(Remaining must be completed prior to starting the program)
  - ENG 101
  - COMM 100/COMM 102 (previously CMST)
  - PSYC 101
  - SOC 101/SOC 150
  - STAT 154/SOC 202
  - FCS 242/FCS 140
- 3 Science Prerequisite Courses Completed  
(Remaining must be completed prior to starting the program)
  - BIOL 201/202 OR
  - BIOL 220/330
  - CHEM 106/CHEM 111
  - BIOL 271
- 1 DHYG Prerequisite Course Completed or In Progress  
(Remaining must be completed prior to starting the program)
  - DHYG 219
  - DHYG 223
  - DHYG 225

Optional:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Students with formal training in dental assisting or foreign trained dental therapist/dentist, must include documentation of training/licensure. Students with radiography or expanded functions certificate administered by the Board of Dentistry must include documentation of certificate/licensure.*

MSU Degree Audit Report (DARS) will be evaluated by the dental hygiene admission committee – you do not need to include this in your application. Please make sure that ALL prerequisite course grades from Fall 2024 semester are posted on your DARS report.

**Application must be submitted ONLINE ONLY.**

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**Deadline for turning in completed application is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. No exceptions.**

**Applications not received online or received past the deadline will not be accepted and the candidate will be disqualified.**

The college/university is requesting you to provide information which includes in part, potentially private and/or confidential information under state law. This college/university is requesting this information in order to accurately process your application.

You are not legally required to provide the information the college/university is requesting; however, the college/university may not be able to effectively process your application if you do not provide sufficient information. With some exceptions, unless you consent to further release of private information, access to this information will be limited to school officials, including faculty who have legitimate educational interests in the information. Under certain circumstances, federal and state laws authorize release of private information without your consent for the following conditions:

- To other schools in which you seek or intend to enroll, or are enrolled, if you are first notified of the release
- To federal, state, or local officials for purposes of program compliance, audit or evaluation
- As appropriate in connection with your application for, or receipt of, financial aid
- To your parents, if your parents claim you as a dependent student for tax purposes
- If the information is sought with subpoena, court order, or otherwise permitted by other state or federal law
- To an institution engaged in educational research or accrediting agency

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities abide by the provisions of Title IX, federal legislation forbidding discrimination on the basis of sex and by all other federal and state laws regarding equal opportunity. This document can be made available in alternate formats, such as large print or audio tape, upon request.

The curriculum in this document is subject to change without notice.

### DH Application Scoring

2025

#### Scoring Formula

*\*must meet minimum of 3.2 cumulative GPA to be eligible\**

• <b>Item:</b>	<b>%:</b>
• Prerequisite GPA	30%
• Science GPA	60%
• Repeat Applicant	4%
• DA/Foreign DDS	2%
• CHEM 111 bonus	1%

**Highest score possible 97%**

Prerequisite GPA Includes grades from following courses:

- BIOL 201
- BIOL 202
- BIOL 271
- CHEM 106/CHEM 111
- DHYG 219
- DHYG 223
- DHYG 225
- COMM (CMST) 100/102
- ENG 101
- FCS 140/242
- PSYC 101
- SOC 101/150
- STAT 154/SOC 202

*\*\*Lowest science will be dropped and/or student may still be in progress*

Science GPA Includes grades from following courses:

- BIOL 201
- BIOL 202
- BIOL 271
- CHEM 106/CHEM 111\*
  
- DHYG 219
- DHYG 223
- DHYG 225

*\*3 of the top science grades and any applicable DHYG grades will be used to calculate the science GPA*

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University Policy for calculating GPA:

<https://www.mnsu.edu/academics/course-planning-and-registration/registration-and-academic-records/current-students-registration-resources/grades/gpa-overview/gpa-calculation/>

Helpful online GPA calculator: <https://gpacalculator.net/college-gpa-calculator/>

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