

School of Health Sciences
Dental Hygiene-Associate of Applied Sciences (AAS)
Admission Criteria for Fall 2024



Applicants are selected on a merit based, competitive admission process. Application does not guarantee admission. See the [Health Sciences Admissions website](#) for current application information.

SLCC ADMISSION PROCESS

1. [Apply to SLCC](#) as a degree seeking student & declare Health Sciences as your Area of Study, & Dental Hygiene as the Program of Study. Due to the selective admission process, you will be placed in a holding degree and declared as a Pre-Medical Health Sciences-AS student.
2. Verification of high school graduation or equivalent (GED) will be required before the Dental Hygiene admissions deadline. Send official high school transcripts to HighSchoolTranscripts@slcc.edu.
3. For transfer credit, complete all the required steps in the [SLCC Transfer Evaluation process](#). Be sure to submit transcripts for ALL colleges and universities where prerequisite coursework has been completed. *This process may take 4-6 weeks and must be completed before a student's application will be considered.*
4. Complete [SLCC Placement Process](#) or submit current SAT/ACT test scores if MATH and ENGL course work have not been transferred to SLCC.
5. Schedule an appointment with the [Dental Hygiene Academic Advisor online](#) or call 801-957-6215. Students are encouraged to meet regularly with the Dental Hygiene advisor.
6. ALL communication will be through SLCC BruinMail.

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM ADMISSION PROCESS - This is a selective process using points for grades, science GPA, completion of your observation hours, observation reflection essay points, and any additional preferred but not required components submitted.

1. Prerequisite Courses

The following biology and chemistry program prerequisite courses require a minimum grade of **C+** and must have been completed within the **last five years prior to application** to the program.

COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS	Prerequisites to Courses
BIOL 2060 BIOL 2065	Microbiology Microbiology Lab	3 1	BIOL 1610/1615 w/ C grade or better, Coreq: BIOL 2065 Corequisite: BIOL 2060
BIOL 2320 BIOL 2325	Human Anatomy Human Anatomy Lab	4 0	BIOL 1610/1615 w/ C grade or better, Coreq: BIOL 2325 Corequisite: BIOL 2320
BIOL 2420 BIOL 2425	Human Physiology Human Physiology Lab	3 1	BIOL 1610/1615 & CHEM 1110/1115 w/ C grade or better, Corequisite: BIOL 2420
CHEM 1110 CHEM 1115	Elementary Chemistry Elementary Chemistry Lab	4 1	MATH 1010, MATH 1040, MATH 1045 or placement into MATH 1050 or higher.

The following prerequisite courses require a minimum grade of **C**.

COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS	Prerequisites to Courses
MATH 1010 or MATH 1040 or *MATH 1045	Intermediate Algebra Intro to Statistics Intro to Statistics w/Integrated Algebra	4 3 4	ENGL 0990 w/C grade; AND MATH 0990 w/C grade or appropriate math placement score within 1 year. *MATH 1045: ENGL 0990 w/C grade or appropriate English placement score.
ENGL 1010	Intro to Writing	3	ENGL 0990 w/ C grade or better OR appropriate placement score.
NUTR 1020	Foundations of Nutrition (LS)	3	
SOC 1010	Intro to Sociology (SS)	3	
COMM 1010 or COMM 1020 or COMM 2110	Elem of Effective Comm (CM) Public Speaking (CM) Interpersonal Comm (CM)	3 3 3	
PSY 1010 or PSY 1100	General Psychology (SS) Lifespan Growth & Dev. (SS)	3 3	

2. Observation Hours

You are required to complete 25 observation hours with a Registered Clinical Dental Hygienist in a dental setting. There must be a Supervising RDH at the site to sign and date the [form](#). **Students cannot be paid for observation hours or use work time.** Health care professional dress is required. See Dental Hygiene website under "Observation Hours" to print the observation form. Submit to the Health Sciences Admissions office in JHS 065 or email healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu.

3. Observation Reflection Essay

Reflective essay must be submitted as part of the admissions application along with the observation hours form.

APA Formatting:

- Microsoft Word
- Times New Roman font
- Font Size 12
- Double spaced
- 1-inch margins
- 250-500 words
- Must be written in full sentences
- Include introduction and summary paragraphs.
- Use section headings
- Title page including Title, Name, Date – Centered and bolded using font size and style above

Reflection Objectives:

1. Demonstrates understanding of the roles of a Dental Hygienist
2. Describes Dental Hygiene procedures observed
3. Recognizes potential concerns or challenges that may be encountered as a Dental Hygiene student/professional
4. Candidate demonstrates use of proper APA essay construction and design.

Include reflection on all the following prompts:

- Describe the role of a Dental Hygienist within a dental practice.
- What is your motivation to become a Registered Dental Hygienist?
- Describe the procedures performed by the Registered Dental Hygienist during your observation hours.
- Discuss personal/character traits/soft skills you consider essential for the successful practice of Dental Hygiene.
- After completing your observation hours address any concerns or anticipate any challenges you might have in pursuing this line of education/career?

Submit to the Health Sciences Admissions office in JHS 065 or email healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu.

4. Preferred But Not Required

Applicants who submit documentation showing the following may be given extra consideration for the program if they have fulfilled all the program application requirements.

- **Graduation from a CODA Accredited Dental Assistant program**
- **Hands-On Dental Assistant work experience** (Must have worked full time, for at least 6 months) – Applicants must submit a signed letter from your employer (on letterhead) that states your job title, that you worked full time and the duration of your employment.
- **Worked in healthcare outside of the dental field with direct, hands-on patient care for a minimum of 12 months** – Must submit a signed letter from your employer (on letterhead) that states your job title and the duration of your employment.
- **Graduated from an AHEC program or completed a MA or CNA certification within the last five years** – Must submit certification.
- **Community Engagement** – Applicants that have demonstrated a willingness to serve others through volunteer community engagement will receive additional consideration on their application. Community engagement can be volunteering at food banks, homeless shelters, emergency assistance programs, neighborhood cleanup programs, etc.

Community Engagement Criteria:

- Engagement should have occurred within the last five years and since high school graduation
- Must be performed within the state of Utah
- Continual experiences encouraged
- Must be served without payment or reward
- Service engagement with underserved groups or populations is encouraged
- Only one experience will be considered for the application

Submit a letter of recommendation from the mentor that supervised community engagement to healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu. The letter should discuss type of service, length of time committed to serving and where service was performed.

Documentation must be submitted to the Health Sciences Admissions Office within five business days of submitting your application. You may email your documentation to healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu, or drop it off in person at the Jordan Campus at 3491 W Wights Fort Rd, JHS 065, West Jordan UT.

5. Apply Online

Log in to your MySLCC portal > Click on the blue “Discover More” button (Found at the bottom of your portal) > Search for the “Selective Admissions Forms” card > Click on the “Health Science Program Admissions” link. The Dental Hygiene online application will only appear on the menu during open application periods. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$25.

Dental Hygiene Program Important Dates
*Applications Accepted for Fall: October 1 st -January 15 th
If a student is transferring courses from another institution, their transcripts must be evaluated by the SLCC Transfer Evaluation Office, and their courses must be posted to SLCC DegreeWorks (their MySLCC account) before the program’s application deadline. <i>Please note: Evaluation of Transcripts can take several weeks and may not be completed by the application deadline.</i>
Notification of Acceptance/Denial February - March
Orientation Information will be sent via “Full Acceptance” letter
Classes Begin August
*The School of Health Sciences may reopen the application after the established deadline if it is in the best interest of the program to do so. Check: http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/ regularly to see if the application has been reopened. All application requirements need to be fulfilled for an application to be considered. Applicants that apply by the original application deadlines will take priority.

POTENTIAL FIRST SEMESTER PREREQUISITE SCHEDULE: Based on Math & English placement and full-time enrollment			
OPTION A:		OPTION B: If placed into Math 1010/1040	
MATH 1045 Intro to Statistics w/Integrated Algebra	4	MATH 1040 Intro to Statistics or MATH 1010 Intermediate Algebra	3-4
ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing	3	ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing	3
PSY 1100 Lifespan Dev or PSY 1010 General Psychology	3	PSY 1100 Lifespan Dev or PSY 1010 General Psychology	3
COMM 1010 Elements of Effective Communication or COMM 2110 Interpersonal Communication	3	BIOL 1610/1615 College Biology & Lab	4
Total	13	Total	13-14

NOTE: Sample schedule does not replace professional academic advising, individual needs may differ. Students should meet with their advisor.

AFTER PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance into the program will be given on a “Conditional” basis. Students must complete the following within the allotted time indicated in their “Conditional Acceptance” email letter (about 30 days) to receive “Full Acceptance”. **If students do not complete these requirements, they will forfeit their spot.** Once “Full Acceptance” is granted, students can register for Dental Hygiene classes.

1. **American DataBank Complio:** Students are required to create an American DataBank Complio account to order their background check, submit necessary documentation, and meet immunization compliance requirements. Create an account by going to: <https://saltlakecc.complio.com/>

If you have any problems setting up the account or questions on submitting information, please contact the Customer Service Department for American DataBank Complio. Phone: 1-800-200-0853 (7am-6pm MT Monday – Friday) OR email: complio@americandatabank.com.

2. **Immunizations:** *Required by clinical affiliates.* Order “Immunization Compliance Package” from American DataBank Complio, \$16.
 - a. If accepted into the program, this subscription will need to be renewed every 12 months while in the program for \$16.
 - b. For specific information, please see the “After You’re Accepted Into The Program” section under the desired program on the [Health Sciences Admissions website](#).
 - c. Immunization requirements are subject to change, therefore check the website often and far enough in advance to be able to accommodate deadlines. For questions on immunizations, please contact 801-957-6253 or healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu.
 - d. Required immunizations officially documented and uploaded into American DataBank Complio:
 - i. Annual Influenza Vaccination
 - ii. Annual Tuberculosis (See HS website)
 - iii. Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)
 - iv. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
 - v. Varicella (Chicken Pox)
 - vi. Hepatitis B (Series and titer may take up to 1 year, so start well in advance)
 - vii. Hepatitis A vaccination series (highly recommended but not required)
 - viii. COVID (See HS website)
3. **Background Check:** Order “Criminal Background Check Package” through American Databank Complio, \$29
 - a. Students assume the risk if their criminal background check is not clear. If students do not pass the background check, they may not be accepted into the program. This may result in withdrawal from the program after the tuition refund deadline has passed. The clinical site will make the final determination about accepting students for clinical placement. If you do not receive a favorable background check, contact the Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator immediately.
 - b. It is **strongly** recommended that prospective students take measures to have criminal offenses [expunged](#) or sealed from their record. Students can review [Criminal History Guidelines on DOPL’s website](#). Students are advised to contact the [Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator](#) with any questions or concerns prior to applying to the program.
4. **CPR Certification:** Documentation uploaded into American DataBank Complio account
 - a. Current [American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider](#) (CPR) certification. American Red Cross will **NOT** be accepted. BLS (CPR) Certification may be obtained at any certified provider. **Students will need to ensure their BLS (CPR) certification is current throughout the program.**
5. **Drug Screening:** Order “Drug Screening Package” through American DataBank Complio, \$35

Please **do not** initiate any of the compliance tasks unless you have received a conditional acceptance letter.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The SLCC Dental Hygiene Program accepts twenty-four students each Fall semester and offers an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree which prepares graduates to practice entry level dental hygiene. Dental hygienists provide preventive and therapeutic health care services including oral health assessment & education, pit & fissure sealants, fluoride treatments, oral prophylaxis, advanced periodontal therapy, local anesthesia, and public dental health services.

Classes are taught typically from 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday. Second year students are also required to attend clinical rotations including The University of Utah Rose Park Clinic, Communities Building Communities (CBC) in Midvale, Utah Partners for Health (UPH) and other rotations as assigned.

Students are required to maintain 75% in each course. Clinic and/or lab minimum pass standards are established at an incremental build. If a student fails one class, they are dismissed from the program. If the student wishes to return, they will need to reapply to the Dental Hygiene program and start over. Attendance is mandatory. Students are allowed one excused absence per course per semester.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
DH 1050 Dental Radiology	2	DH 1140 Dental Materials	1
DH 1060 Dental Radiology Lab	1	DH 1150 Dental Materials Lab	1
DH 1100 Dental Hygiene Theory I	3	DH 1400 Dental Hygiene Theory II	3
DH 1110 Clinical Dental Hygiene I	2	DH 1410 Clinical Dental Hygiene II	3
DH 1330 Head and Neck Anatomy	2	DH 1540 Pharmacology	3
DH 1340 Dental Anatomy	1	DH 1640 Comp Patient/Special Needs	2
DH 1350 Dental Embryology/Histology	1		
Total	12	Total	13
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
DH 2050 Gen & Oral Pathology	3	DH 2220 Community Health	3
DH 2200 Dental Hygiene Theory III	3	DH 2600 Dental Hygiene Theory IV	3
DH 2210 Clinical Dental Hygiene III	4	DH 2610 Clinical Dental Hygiene IV	5
DH 2340 Local Anesthesia	2	DH 2800 Practice Management	2
DH 2341 Local Anesthesia Lab	1		
DH 2450 Periodontology	2		
Total	15	Total	13

Program Cost- (Subject to change)

Tuition per semester (Based on resident tuition, not including prerequisites)	
Estimated cost of:	
Books	\$350.00 per semester
Clinic Fees	\$500.00 per semester
Lab Fees	\$260 for DH 1060, \$180 for DH 1150, \$180 for DH 2341
Clinic Attire (Scrubs)	\$250
SADHA Membership	\$230
Instrument Kit	\$6,500 \$2,500 deposit (non-refundable) is due on June 22nd, remaining balance will be due the first day of class
Board Exams	\$2,500
Approximate Total for Residents:	\$25,000

Accreditation

The Dental Hygiene program at Salt Lake Community College is accredited by the **Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)**, www.ada.org/en/coda, with “Approval without Reporting Requirements”.

For more information, please contact

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Helpful Websites

[Math & Science Tutoring](#)
[Reading & Writing Tutoring](#)
[Dental Hygiene Main Page](#)
[Dental Hygiene Admission](#)
[Career Information](#)
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)
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