

FALL 2024 COHORT SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Fall prerequisite courses may still be in progress when you submit your application. Your application will not be considered complete and therefore no acceptance/denial will be determined until after the grades for the prerequisite courses have been posted. Your final grades will be assessed at the end of the semester and your acceptance into the program will be based on your grades meeting the program's selection requirements.

Students taking prerequisite courses at SLCC must complete all courses considered for application by the end of the fall semester prior to the application deadline of January 15. Students using transfer credit for prerequisite requirements must have transfer courses completed and transcripts submitted to the Transfer Evaluation Office no later than August 31 prior to the application opening of October 1.

Course Number	Course Description	Credit Hours
BIOL 2060/2065	Microbiology Lecture/Lab	4
BIOL 2320/2325	Human Anatomy Lecture/Lab	4
BIOL 2420/2425	Human Physiology Lecture/Lab	4
CHEM 1110	Elementary Chemistry	4
CHEM 1115	Elementary Chemistry Lab	1
ENGL 1010	Introduction to Writing	3
MATH 1010*, 1040 or higher	Intermediate Algebra	4
COMM 1010, 1020, or 2110	Elements of Effective Communication	3
NUTR 1020	Foundation of Nutrition	3

Course Number	Course Description	Credit Hours
SOC 1010	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSY 1010 or PSY 1100	Introduction to Psychology	3

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. Those students with complete applications (all prerequisite courses complete with required grades, and all other documentation completed) will receive acceptance/denial to the program following the application deadline.

BIOL 2060/2065, BIOL 2320/2325, BIOL 2420/2425, CHEM 1110 & CHEM 1115 must be completed within five years and require a C+ grade or better. The remaining prerequisite courses require a C grade or better.

*MATH 1010 w/C grade or better or appropriate placement score into MATH 1050 is a prerequisite to CHEM 1110.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT TRANSFER CREDIT

- It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure their transfer credit has been fully transferred to SLCC prior to the program's application deadlines.
- If a student has courses they are transferring from another school, 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. IT CAN TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS FOR TRANSCRIPTS TO BE EVALUATED.
- Students should declare Health Sciences as their Area of Study, and Dental Hygiene as the Program of Study when applying to SLCC. If the program of study does not match the information submitted on the transfer evaluation request, courses applicable to the program may not be transferred to SLCC.

VERIFICATION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OR EQUIVALENT (GED)

Verification of high school graduation or equivalent (GED) will be required before the (program) admissions deadline. Send official high school transcripts to HighSchoolTranscripts@slcc.edu.

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. You cannot be paid for your observation hours or use work time. Health care professional dress is required. Print this [observation form](#), have your supervising RDH

document and sign it, and submit it to the Health Sciences Admissions Office in JHS 065 or email the form to healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu. **Observation hours must have been completed within two years prior to applying to the program.**

OBSERVATION REFLECTION ESSAY

- Reflective essays 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?

PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED

Applicants who submit documentation showing the following experiences 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.