



Dental Hygiene

Associate in Applied Science Degree

CAREER INFORMATION

A Registered Dental Hygienist is a licensed professional who provides preventive, therapeutic, and educational services for dental patients. The Dental Hygienist performs services as an auxiliary to and under the supervision of a dentist and is the only dental auxiliary licensed to perform specialized patient services. Hygienists use their knowledge and clinical skills to provide dental care to patients and their interpersonal skills to motivate and instruct patients on methods to prevent oral disease and maintain oral health.

APPLICATION PERIOD

January 5– February 6, 2026. Applications can be downloaded from the program website during the application period.

CLASS SIZE

12 students

PROGRAM LENGTH

Upon admission to the program, the course of professional study is two years in length, beginning in August. However, there are prerequisite course that must be completed before beginning the program.

PROGRAM HOURS

Professional courses and clinical assignments are offered during the day only. General education and support/related courses may be offered during the day, evening, or online.

CERTIFICATION/ LICENSURE ELIGIBILITY

Upon completion of the program, the student receives an Associate in Applied Science degree and is eligible for licensure. Graduates must take a comprehensive written National Board Examination, regional clinical examination, and written examination on the State Dental Act administered by the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry. Licensure is required for employment as a dental hygienist.

ACCREDITATION

The Dental Hygiene Program Associate in Applied Science Degree at Rose State College is accredited by:
Commission on Dental Accreditation, American Dental Association
211 East Chicago Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611-2678
(800) 621-8099
www.ada.org/coda

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE SEQUENCING

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” or higher, although “A” is strongly recommended due to the competitiveness of the program. The courses may be in progress during the spring and summer sessions but must be completed prior to beginning the professional courses.

GEN ED & SUPPORT/RELATED

ENGL 1113 English Comp I
ENGL 1213 English Comp II+
MCOM 1213 Public Speaking
HIST 1483 US History to 1877 (or)
HIST 1493 US History since 1877
POLS 1113 American Federal Govt
SOC 1113 Intro to Sociology

PSYC 1113 Intro to Psychology
CHEM 1114 Introductory Chemistry*+
HSBC 1224 Intro to Clinical Microbiology* (or)
BIOL 2035 Principles of Microbiology*+
HSBC 1113 Medical Terminology#
HSBC 2114 Human Anatomy*+
BIOL 2424 Human Physiology*+
CHEM 1124 Intro Organic & Biochemistry*+

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

First Fall Semester (8 cr. hrs.)

HSDH 1105 Dental Hygiene I
HSDH 1113 Dental Histology,
Embryology, & Anatomy

First Spring Semester (14 cr. hrs.)

HSDH 1205 Dental Hygiene II
HSDH 1213 Dental Materials
HSDH 1222 Dental Radiography
HSDH 1241 Periodontics I
HSDA 1243 Advanced Clinical Procedures

Second Fall Semester (14 cr. hrs.)

HSDH 2305 Dental Hygiene III
HSDH 2312 Community Dental Health I
HSDH 2323 Pathology
HSDH 2331 Periodontics II
HSDH 2343 Pharmacology/Pain Control

Second Spring Semester (12 cr. hrs.)

HSDH 2405 Dental Hygiene IV
HSDH 2413 Community Dental Health II
HSDH 2423 Practice Administration
HSDH 2431 Periodontics III

+Check course description for prerequisite that must be met

*Courses must be completed within seven (7) years of the spring semester of application

#Only needed as pre-requisite for Human Anatomy

Rose State College will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities in order for students to have access to educational programs and services. Students requiring accommodations should contact the Student Access Services (SAS) office at least one week prior to the need for accommodations. SAS, located in the Learning Resources Center, Room 106, can also be contacted at (405) 733-7373.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

(Applications accepted January 5 - February 6, 2026)

1. **Apply to Rose State College** (if not currently enrolled).
 - Applicants must be admitted to the college through the Admissions office before application to the Dental Hygiene Program can be made.
 - **Official college transcripts** of coursework not completed at Rose State College must be submitted to the Admissions office.
 - Submit a request for a **degree audit** for the Dental Hygiene Program. (Only required if student has out-of-state credits) Information regarding the degree audit and how to submit can be accessed online. <https://www.rose.edu/content/admissions-aid/admissions-records/degree-audit/>
2. **Submit the Dental Hygiene application** to include:
 - **College transcript copies:** Submission required with application only if currently enrolled in pre-reqs at another school.
 - **Dental Hygienist Observation Form:** The dentist must sign, verifying dates and times.
 - **If applicable**, signed employment verification form.
3. **Interview:** Interviews will be scheduled in late March. Selection for interview is based on the point criteria found on the next page.

Applicants are notified of acceptance by **May 15**.

For more information, please visit our website at
<https://www.rose.edu/content/academics/academic-divisions/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/>
or
contact a Health Science Advisor at hsadvisor@rose.edu.

Esmeralda Ornelas
Program Director
Phone: (405) 733-7337

CRITERIA FOR PROGRAM SELECTION

All applicants are reviewed by the criteria listed below. The highest numerically ranked applicants are selected. There are 67 total points possible. The minimum number of points needed for acceptance will vary each year based on competitiveness of the applicant pool.

General Education Courses	GPA	POINTS
ENGL 1113 English Comp I	3.7 – 4.0	25
ENGL 1213 English Comp II	3.5 – 3.69	20
MCOM 1213 Public Speaking	3.0 – 3.49	15
HIST 1483 US History to 1877 (or)	2.5 – 2.99	10
HIST 1493 US History since 1877	2.0 – 2.49	5
POLS 1113 American Federal Government	< 2.0	0
SOC 1113 Introduction to Sociology		
PSYC 1113 Introduction to Psychology		
Science Courses	GPA	POINTS
CHEM 1114 Introductory Chemistry	3.8 – 4.0	25
HSBC 1224 Introduction to Clinical Microbiology (or)	3.5 – 3.79	20
BIOL 2035 Principles of Microbiology	3.0 – 3.49	15
HSBC 2114 Human Anatomy	2.5 – 2.99	10
BIOL 2424 Human Physiology	2.0 – 2.49	5
CHEM 1124 Intro Organic & Biochemistry	< 2.0	0
One point for each of the above science courses completed with a “C” or better.	POINTS	_____
Higher Education Experience (highest awarded only)	POINTS	
ADA Accredited Dental Assisting Program Certificate	1	
Associate Degree (minimum 62 credit hours)	2	
Baccalaureate Degree or higher	4	
Certifications (2 points max)	POINTS	
Expanded Functions (i.e. Radiography, Coronal Polishing, Nitrous Oxide, Sealant)	_____	
Dental Assisting National Board Certification	_____	
Dental Office Experience	POINTS	
Documented employment in the dental field	2	
Raider Points	POINTS	
Completion (“C” or better) of at least 18 credit hours of the Program pre-requisites at Rose State College	2	
Information Session	POINTS	
Awarded for documented attendance at an Information Session *Check Dental Hygiene website for 2025 dates & registration. *	2	
Observation (Required)		
Minimum of 20 documented hours observing a dental hygienist		