Dear Prospective Degree Completion Dental Hygiene Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Hygiene Program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. SIUC’s Dental Hygiene Program is nationally recognized for both quality of faculty and graduates.

Dental Hygienists with an Associate degree may apply for Bachelor of Science degree completion. Applicants are individually evaluated. The Capstone Option is available for graduates with an A.A.S. degree. For eligible students who meet Capstone requirements as outlined in the University Undergraduate Catalog, the Capstone Option provides an 11-credit-hour reduction in the core curriculum requirements.

A variety of circumstances, including accreditation guidelines, faculty limitations, and faculty-student ratio make it necessary to limit enrollment in the program. Therefore, a selective admissions procedure must be carefully followed to assure each student a fair and accurate evaluation. Applications are evaluated using criteria which indicate the potential for successful performance in the degree completion program. Only qualified students with completed files will be evaluated, so please follow the procedures accurately and in a timely fashion.

All prospective dental hygiene degree completion students must:

1. Be admitted to SIUC in good academic standing prior to any materials being considered;
2. Have a minimum college cumulative GPA of 2.0 (as calculated by SIUC) at the time of application and entry into the program;
3. Have a completed dental hygiene application packet on file;
4. Be a graduate from an accredited dental hygiene program;
5. If currently completing a degree in dental hygiene, provide documentation from the dental hygiene program director at your school confirming your good standing and anticipated graduation date.

Please remember these are MINIMUM requirements and do not guarantee acceptance into the program.

You are responsible for making certain all procedures in the application process have been completed. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or the admission process, please contact me by phone at 618-453-8880, FAX 618-453-7020, or e-mail at fymbags@siu.edu

Sincerely,

Faith Miller
Dental Hygiene Program

Enclosures
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Dental Hygiene Degree Completion
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Follow the steps below to complete the application process for degree completion. It is advisable to confirm that all materials have been received by the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee. Please call the Admissions Clerk at (618) 453-8869 to check on the status of your file.

Step 1 – Apply to Southern Illinois University for admission into the Dental Hygiene applicant pool. This requires submission of official copies of transcripts for all college coursework.

Step 2 - Submit the Dental Hygiene Degree Completion application.

Step 2 - Submit three (3) letters of recommendation (preferably from previous employers and/or instructors).

Criteria for Evaluation of Application Files

The application and selection of Dental Hygiene degree completion students identifies those applicants who will most likely succeed academically in completing the required course of study. The Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee evaluates applicants by reviewing college GPA, dental hygiene course grades, and letters of recommendation.

The Admissions Committee will begin review of completed applications on February 1, 2014. It is important for the applicant to complete application procedures as soon as possible. Application to the University should be completed by December 31, 2013.

Since you can only be evaluated on the contents of your file, it is important that you send updated official transcripts as you complete your college coursework.

The following items are used during the evaluation process:

- Dental Hygiene Application
- College Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR APPLICANTS

1. Applications will not be accepted more than one year in advance of the desired entry date.

2. You must have a minimum college cumulative GPA of 2.0 (as calculated by SIUC) at the time of application AND entry into the program.
DEGREE COMPLETION APPLICATION

Dental Hygiene
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Last Name       First Name       Middle

Present Address       Legal Residence Address

City       State       Zip
(____)____-_______        ______________________
Telephone Number       E-mail

City       State       Zip
(____)____-_______        ______________________
Telephone Number       E-mail

Date of Birth        Dawg Tag

SECTION 1 — Complete this section ONLY if you are now licensed as a dental hygienist.

☐ I completed a dental hygiene program at ________________________________

☐ Date of completion of dental hygiene program ________________________________

☐ I am licensed in the following state(s):

__________________________________________

Check the one box that most accurately represents your work experience as a dental hygienist:

☐ Recently licensed, no experience as an R.D.H.     ☐ Full-time 1 - 3 years
☐ Part-time less than 1 year                      ☐ Part-time 4 - 10 years
☐ Full-time less than 1 year                      ☐ Full-time 4 - 10 years
☐ Part-time 1 - 3 years                           ☐ Over 10 years of part-or full-time dental hygiene experience

Have you ever taught in a dental hygiene program?     ☐ Yes     ☐ No

If yes, explain______________________________________________

Have you had any dental hygiene experience in a setting other than private practice (such as public health, sales, etc.)?

☐ Yes     ☐ No

If yes, explain______________________________________________

Most recent dates of employment as a dental hygienist:______________________________
SECTION 2 — Complete this section **ONLY** if you are **CURRENTLY** enrolled in a dental hygiene program.

☐ I am currently a dental hygiene student at ____________________________________________

☐ I will graduate ________________________________ (date)

Please list all remaining courses needed to complete your degree and the semester they will be completed.

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SECTION 3

**DENTAL-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

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**Answers to the following questions are not considered as a part of the selection process.**

Why did you choose Dental Hygiene at SIUC? ____________________________________________
What are your career goals? Check all that apply:

- Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene
- Master of Science
- Doctorate
- D.D.S./D.M.D.
- Private Practice - Rural
- Private Practice - Urban
- Management in Dental Company
- Public Health
- Orthodontics
- Periodontics
- Sales in Dental Company
- Education
- Armed Services
- Industry
- Master of Science
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- Periodontics
- Sales in Dental Company
- Education
- Armed Services
- Industry
- Other (Please explain)________________________

Why do you want to complete a baccalaureate degree in Dental Hygiene? Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

I hereby certify that the information I submit in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

___________________________
Signature of Applicant

___________________________
Date

Mail to: Staci Eakins, Admissions Clerk
School of Allied Health/Dental Hygiene
College of Applied Sciences and Arts
Mail Code 6615
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, IL  62901
ESTIMATED COST TO THE DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT

There may be additional expenses for instruments or supplies. This will be determined upon entering the program. Students accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program will have expenses in addition to University tuition, fees, and books.

For financial assistance (loans, awards, and scholarships), contact:
Financial Aid Office/Woody Hall
Mail Code 4702
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 453-4334

DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Each student’s prior coursework will be evaluated individually. In addition to the senior year Dental Hygiene courses, some students will have additional requirements to complete the Bachelor of Science degree. All students must complete the University’s Core Curriculum, Senior institution hours, and total hours requirements. We recommend that all students consult with the Dental Hygiene Academic Advisor prior to submitting their application so that he or she will be fully aware of all coursework required to complete the Bachelor’s degree requirements.