

Competitive Admission Process – Dental Hygiene (DH)

1. The **Dental Hygiene** program is a fall only **competitive admissions program**.
2. **Applications are accepted from July 15th to February 1st.**
3. For questions regarding **applications**, contact Jordia Coleman, colemanj@siu.edu (618)453-8822
4. For questions regarding **academics**, contact the Academic Advisor Michael Rowell, michael.rowell@siu.edu (618)453-8869

For Dental Hygiene Admission:

Students will apply to the Dental Hygiene program.

The applications will be reviewed along with the applicant's education background. The applicant's educational background will determine the programs entry point.

The following are the program entry points and the qualifications to be considered for each entry point. One thing to note, is a student may have a University standing of a freshman, sophomore, etc. classification, but their entry point is what the DH program classifies them as in the program:

Freshman (Year 1): The freshman spots are for those applicants that has no or very few college credits. Those applicants are ranked according to the High School GPA. (15 Slots available)

Sophomore (Year 2): To be considered for a year 2 slot, applicants must have completed or currently in progress of the following courses:

- English 1
- English 2
- Math
- Communication Studies (Speech)
- Anatomy & Physiology (Part 1 and 2)
- Introduction to Microbiology
- Chemistry
- Nutrition
- Psychology or Sociology
- Medical Terminology

(NOTE: No preference is given to where the courses are taken).

During selection, points are given for the grades in the required courses. Points are given as follows: (A= 2pts, B= 1pt, C= 0pts, enrolled in course during the spring term .5pts.). The point total is added to the overall GPA. The total points are calculated and then ranked. (20 slots).

For the equivalent transfer courses, contact the Academic Advisor or you can visit the articulation and evaluation website at <https://articulation.siu.edu/>

DH has an accreditation capacity of 35. Then number of sophomore available slots may vary based on the number of the previous year's freshman class passing all required courses and have the minimum required GPA of 2.75. Any applicant below the minimum required 2.75 GPA is declined.

For applicants not selected in the top 20 slots, they are placed on an alternate list in the same ranking order. If a position becomes open due to a student declining their offer, or does not respond to the offer in a selected amount of time, the next qualified applicant on the alternate list is contacted and offered the position.

For applicants on the DH alternate list who are not offered a position in the program, can declare another major or declare Pre-Dental Hygiene. The student can stay in Pre-Dental Hygiene for one year. The student can then re-apply to the DH program for the following year. If the student does not get accepted into the DH program, the following year, they must declare a different major. *Pre-program does not guarantee acceptance when reapplying.*