

Dear Prospective Dental Hygiene Student:

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

A variety of circumstances, including rules of accreditation, limitations of facilities, and faculty student ratio make it necessary to limit enrollment in the program. Therefore, a selective admission procedure must be carefully followed to assure each student a fair and accurate evaluation. Approximately 36 students are admitted to begin the professional sequence each fall. Applications are evaluated using criteria which indicate the potential for successful performance in the Dental Hygiene program. Only completed files of qualified students will be evaluated, so please follow the procedures accurately and in a timely fashion.

All prospective dental hygiene students must:

1. Be admitted to SIU Carbondale in good academic standing prior to any materials being considered;
2. Have a minimum college cumulative GPA of 2.5 (as calculated by SIUC) at the time of application and entry into the program;
3. Have a completed dental hygiene application packet on file.

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

A limited number of students are accepted as freshmen right out of high school. Acceptance is based on GPA and ACT scores.

In order to enter the professional sequence at the sophomore level, you must have competed all of the following courses:

ENG 101 and 102-English Composition; MATH 108-College Algebra or Math 101-Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics; HND 101- Personal Nutrition; PSYC 102-Introduction to Psychology; UNIV 101U-University College (transfer students will complete SOC 108-Introduction to Sociology); AH 241-Physiology and Human Anatomy (must cover all 9 body systems); CHEM 106 – Chemistry and Society; CMST 101-Speech Communication; MICR 201-Elementary Microbiology and AH 105 - Medical Terminology.

The student is 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.

Sincerely,

Faith Miller  
Dental Hygiene Program

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE**

Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
<b>Year 1</b>					
UNIV 101U	1	University College	ENGL 102	3	English Composition II
ENGL 101	3	English Composition I	MICR 201	4	Elementary Microbiology
MATH	3	Math 108 or Math 101	AH 241	4	Anatomy and Physiology
AH 105	2	Medical Terminology	CMST 101	3	Intro to Oral Communications
SOC 108	3	Introduction to Sociology	HND 101	2	Personal Nutrition
CHEM 106	3	Chemistry			
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Year 2</b>					
DH 200	2	Orientation to Dental Hygiene	DH 212	2	Med Emer. In Dental Office and Gen Disease
DH 206	1	Oral Anatomy and Tooth Morphology	DH 219	2	Dental Radiology II
DH 206 L	1	DH Oral Anatomy & Tooth Morphology	DH 219 L	1	Dental Radiology II Practicum
DH 207	2	Instrumentation	DH 220	2	Dental Hygiene Concepts and Review
DH 207 C	2	Instrumentation Pre-Clinic	DH 220 C	2	Dental Hygiene Clinic I
DH 210	2	Patient Assessment Techniques	DH 233	2	Histology and Embryology
DH 210 C	1	Patient Assessment Pre-Clinical Lab	DH 247	2	Preventive Oral Care Seminar
DH 218	2	Dental Radiology I	DH 247 L	1	Preventive Oral Care Practicum
DH 218 L	1	Dental Radiology I Practicum	PSYC 102	3	Introduction to Psychology
DH 226	2	Anatomy of Head and Neck			
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>Year 3</b>					
DH 320	2	Treatment, Planning, Nutrition, & Review I	DH 322	1	Dental Materials
DH 320 C	3	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	DH 322 L	1	Dental Materials Lab
DH 340	3	Dental Pharmacology and Pain Control	DH 347	3	Community Oral Health
DH 341	2	Periodontics	DH 355	2	Treatment Planning & Review II
DH 349	3	Oral Pathology	DH 355 C	3	Dental Hygiene Clinic III & Radiology
UC Elective	3	Humanities Elective	UC Elective	3	University Core-Humanities
			UC Elective	3	Fine Arts Elective
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Year 4</b>					
DH 401	2	Practicum	*DH 401 L	1	Practicum Lab
DH 440	3	Research Methodology	DH 410	3	Ethics Juris. and Practice Management & Effective Communications
DH 441	3	Advanced Periodontics Applied	DH 417	3	Multicultural Geriatrics & Inter-collaborative Care
DH 441 C	4	Advanced Periodontics Clinic IV	DH 450C	2	Advanced Periodontics Clinic V
*DH 417I	1-3	Multicultural Applied Experience DH			
<b>Total</b>	<b>13- 15</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	

**NOTE: The exact 32 hours listed for the Freshman year or an approved substitute must be completed prior to entering the Professional Sequence as a Sophomore.**

\*DH417i, may be taken either fall or spring semester of the senior year.

\*DH 401L (half the students will take fall, other half will take spring)

Students may enter the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program as SIUC freshmen, as continuing SIUC students, as transfer students with the required 32 hours in the freshman year completed, or as licensed dental hygienists seeking degree completion.

A few select students will be accepted as freshmen in the Dental Hygiene program. Continuing or transfer students are accepted to begin the professional sequence in the fall of their sophomore year upon successful completion of all of the courses required during the freshman year.

Courses for the freshman year may be completed at SIU or may be transferred from the college of choice. Students with an Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene, who are applying for degree completion, will be evaluated on an individual basis.

**Dental Hygiene  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale**

This sheet has been designed to assist the SIUC student in applying to Dental Hygiene at SIUC. Follow the instructions in each column and mark (☒) when the step has been completed. When each step has been marked, your file should be complete. It is advisable, however, to confirm that all materials have been received by the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee. This can be done by calling the Academic Advisor at (618) 453-8869.

<b>Mark When Step Completed</b>	<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Instruction</b>	<b>Return to:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>STEP 1</b>  Submit Dental Hygiene application material.	Although Admissions and Records and your current academic unit may have some of these materials, it is <b>your responsibility</b> to submit the following to the Dental Hygiene program: 1. Dental Hygiene application 2. Copy of ACT or SAT scores 3. High school transcript 4. Transcripts from college coursework – including Fall 2018 5. Spring 2019 Class Schedule	Dental Hygiene Academic Advisor School of Allied Health Mail Code 6615 College of Applied Sciences & Arts Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL 62901
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>STEP 2</b>  Return sheet that verifies observation of a dental hygienist.	Observe a practicing <b>dental hygienist</b> .	Dental Hygiene Academic Advisor School of Allied Health Mail Code 6615 College of Applied Sciences & Arts Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL 62901
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>STEP 3</b>  If entering the professional sequence as a sophomore, complete the required freshman year courses.	See Page 2	Dental Hygiene Academic Advisor School of Allied Health Mail Code 6615 College of Applied Sciences & Arts Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL 62901
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>STEP 4</b>  Submit your Spring 2019 High School and/or College grades <u>immediately</u> upon completion of the semester.		Transfer Student Services Mail Code 4725 1263 Lincoln Drive Southern Illinois University Carbondale Carbondale, IL 62901

**Important Note:** Your current status at SIU is Dental Hygiene applicant. This is not a major but merely a pool from which you are eligible to apply for the major. If you are not selected for admission to Dental Hygiene, you must request admission to another major for which you are eligible or have your admission to SIU withdrawn. If you are not selected, you will be provided information on how to accomplish this change.

## CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF APPLICATION FILES

The application and selection process for Dental Hygiene students is done, in order to identify those applicants who will most likely succeed academically in completing the required course of study.

The Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee evaluates applicants by reviewing ACT scores, high school and/or college Grade Point Average.

The Admissions Committee will begin review of **completed** applications on February 1, 2019.

Late Application will be reviewed at a later date:

1. Apply to SIU by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Apply to the Dental Hygiene program. (*You do not need to wait for SIU admission, just be sure to follow up on the SIU admissions*)
3. Be admitted to SIUC by January 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. Notify your current school that your final official transcript should be forwarded to SIU as soon as possible after the completion of your December coursework.

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

**If you are a continuing SIU student or a transfer student entering the professional sequence for the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene:** Required courses do not need to be completed prior to submitting the application. Courses must be completed prior to entering the professional sequence in the fall of your sophomore year.

The following items are used during the evaluation process:

- Dental Hygiene Application
- ACT or SAT scores
- High School Transcripts
- College Transcripts

### MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR APPLICANTS

1. Applications will not be accepted more than one year in advance.
2. As a continuing SIU student, you must be in good academic standing.
3. You must have a minimum college cumulative GPA of 2.5 (as calculated by SIU) at the time of application **and** entry into Dental Hygiene at Southern Illinois University.

**APPLICATION**

**Dental Hygiene**

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Last Name First Name Middle

\_\_\_\_\_  
Present Address Legal Residence Address

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City State Zip City State Zip

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Telephone Number E-mail address Telephone Number

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Date of Birth Dawg Tag

Have you ever applied to this program before, if yes when? \_\_\_\_ Yes, when \_\_\_\_\_ No

U.S. Citizen: Y or N Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following:

I am currently a high school student at \_\_\_\_\_

I graduated from high school in \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Name of High School

I am currently a college student at \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of College

I completed my GED \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_

**My current major is:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Currently, I'm enrolled in these courses:**

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**HIGH SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED:**

High School	City	State	Year Graduated
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High School	City	State	Year Graduated
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**COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED (If you have attended more than three schools, attach a separate sheet.):**

College	City	State	Dates Attended	Degree	Hours Completed
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College	City	State	Dates Attended	Degree	Hours Completed
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**Please list the required prerequisite courses to be completed prior to entering the professional sequence as a sophomore. Indicate which semester you have completed or plan to complete each course.**

**WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION YOU WILL HAVE COMPLETED AT THE END OF THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR?**

- College Classification:  Freshman    Other: \_\_\_
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

Military Experience or Programs? \_\_\_\_\_

Completed a Commission-accredited dental assisting program? Y or N

Completed a non-CODA accredited dental assisting program? Y or N

Completed a commission accredited dental technology program? Y or N

Completed a non-CODA accredited dental technology program? Y or N

Are you requesting Financial Assistance: Y or N

Did you receive financial assistance: Y or N

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

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Employer	Position Title	Hours per Week	Years/Months of Employment
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I hereby certify that the information I submit in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

Mail to:      Dental Hygiene Academic Advisor  
                  School of Allied Health  
                  Mail Code 6615  
                  College of Applied Sciences & Arts  
                  Southern Illinois University  
                  Carbondale, IL 62901



Dear Colleague:

The Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee at Southern Illinois University Carbondale requests each applicant observe a dental hygienist, **not** a dentist, in practice as part of the application procedures. The purpose of this observation is to help prospective students more fully comprehend the role of a dental hygienist before deciding to pursue a career as a dental hygienist.

Your cooperation in completing this form for the observing applicant is sincerely appreciated. It will be placed in the prospective student's application file and be kept as confidential information.

_____	_____	_____
Observing Applicant	Date	Dawg Tag
_____	_____	
Dental Hygienist's Signature	Length of Observation (Minimum of 2 hours)	
_____	_____	_____
Dental Hygiene School of Graduation	Maiden Name	Date Graduated

**Hygienist's Work Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Street

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City	State	Zip Code	Phone

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Name of Supervising Dentist

Sincerely,

Faith Miller  
Dental Hygiene Program

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT**

**Tuition and Fees:** See the *Southern Illinois University Carbondale Bulletin* (Undergraduate Catalog).

**Room and Board:** Dependent upon type of housing.

**Dental Hygiene Mandatory Expenses:** (approximate)

**Sophomore Year (First Year of Professional Sequence) - Fall and Spring**

Textbooks .....	\$ 750.00
Instruments and Supplies .....	2500.00
Dues: Student American Dental Hygienists Association (SADHA) .....	65.00
Hepatitis Vaccine.....	150.00
Professional Meetings .....	50.00
Clinic Attire .....	300.00
Clinic Lab Fees .....	<u>190.00</u>
<b>Estimated Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 4085.00</b>

**Junior Year (Second Year) - Fall and Spring**

Textbooks .....	\$ 500.00
Junior Instrument Kit .....	200.00
Clinic Lab Fees .....	225.00
Supplies .....	250.00
SADHA Dues .....	65.00
Extramural Assignments .....	100.00
Professional Meetings .....	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Estimated Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 1445.00</b>

**Senior Year (Third Year) - Fall and Spring**

Textbooks .....	\$ 275.00
Clinic Lab Fees .....	225.00
SADHA Dues .....	65.00
Supplies .....	200.00
Class Pin and Photo .....	35.00
Professional Meetings .....	50.00
Extramural Assignments (Hotel and transportation) .....	150.00
National Board Exam .....	260.00
*Northeast Regional Board Exam .....	900.00
*Central Regional Dental Testing Service Exam .....	<u>900.00</u>
<b>Estimated Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 3060.00</b>

\* Students may take one or both of these regional exams.

- SIU Dental Hygiene program offers the North East Regional Board onsite – [www.nerb.org](http://www.nerb.org)  
Employment as a dental hygienist is dependent upon completing a degree program in Dental Hygiene, attaining a passing score on both a National Board Dental Hygiene Examination and a State or Regional Board Examination, and filing appropriate licensure applications. These examinations and the licensing process result in additional expenses of approximately \$800 to \$900 and are determined by the licensing agencies. These are not affiliated with any dental hygiene program but are an expense of all dental hygiene professionals. The student will have to pay these during the last semester of the program.

**NOTE:** All of the above costs are approximate and subject to change at any time. The Dental Hygiene student should have planned for meeting these financial obligations before entering Dental Hygiene. Payment for these items will be due approximately the first week of each fall semester.

For financial assistance (loans, awards, and scholarships), contact:

Financial Aid Office  
1263 Lincoln Drive  
Student Services Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 453-4334