

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 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.

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 completed all of the following courses:

ENG 101 and 102-English Composition; MATH 108-College Algebra or Math 113; FN 101- Food and Nutrition; PSYC 102-Introduction to Psychology; SOC 108-Introduction to Sociology; AH 241-Physiology and Human Anatomy (must cover all 9 body systems); CHEM 140a Inorganic Chemistry; SPCM 101 Speech Communication; MICR 201-Elementary Microbiology.

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,



Dwayne G. Summers, D.M.D.  
Dental Hygiene Program

Enclosures



**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE–CURRICULUM UNDER REVISION**

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

<b><u>FALL SEMESTER</u></b>		<b><u>Semester Hours</u></b>	<b><u>SPRING SEMESTER</u></b>		<b><u>Semester Hours</u></b>
ENGL101	English Composition I	3	ENGL102	English Composition	3
MATH108	College Algebra or Math 113	3	MICR201	Elementary Microbiology	4
FN 101	Food & Nutrition	2	PSYC102	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC108	Introduction to Sociology	3	AH 241	Anatomy & Physiology	4
CHEM140a	Chemistry	4	SPCM 101	Oral Communication	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>		<b>17</b>

**NOTE: The exact 35 hours listed for the Freshman year or an approved substitute must be completed prior to entering the Professional Sequence as a Sophomore.**

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

<b><u>FALL SEMESTER</u></b>		<b><u>Semester Hours</u></b>	<b><u>SPRING SEMESTER</u></b>		<b><u>Semester Hours</u></b>
DH200	Orientation to Dental Hygiene	2	DH212	Medical Emergencies	1
DH207	Instrumentation Techniques	3	DH219	Dental Radiology II	3
DH210	Patient Assessment Techniques	3	DH220	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	3
DH218	Dental Radiology I	3	DH233	Histology & Embryology	2
DH206	Oral Anatomy & Tooth Morphology	2	DH247	Preventive Oral Care	3
DH226	Head & Neck Anatomy	2	DH249	General & Oral Pathology	4
<b>Total:</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>		<b>16</b>

**JUNIOR YEAR**

<b><u>FALL SEMESTER</u></b>		<b><u>Semester Hours</u></b>	<b><u>SPRING SEMESTER</u></b>		<b><u>Semester Hours</u></b>
DH340	Dental Pharmacology	3	DH322	Op.Oral Care & Adj. Procedures	2
DH320	Dental Hygiene Clinic & Radiology II	3	DH347	Community Oral Care	2
DH341	Periodontics	3	DH355	Dental Hygiene Clinic & Radiology III	3
DH310	Infection Control & Occ Safety	2	Humanities Elective		3
HCM365	Data Applications	3	AH 305	Professional Development	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>Total:</b>		<b>13</b>

**SENIOR YEAR**

<b><u>FALL SEMESTER</u></b>		<b><u>Semester Hours</u></b>	<b><u>SPRING SEMESTER</u></b>		<b><u>Semester Hours</u></b>
DH440	Research Methodology	2	*DH401	Dental Hygiene Practicum	3
*DH441	Advanced Peridontics & Clinic	4	DH410	Ethics & jurisprudence for DH	2
DH442	Dental Office Procedures	1	*DH417	Multicultural Applied Experience in DH	5
DH448	Community Oral health Practicum	2		Interdisciplinary Elective	3
	Fine Arts Elective	3			
UC Elec.	Humanities Elective	3	DH416	Senior Seminar	2
<b>Total:</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>		<b>15</b>

\*DH417, DH 441, and DH 401 may be taken either fall or spring semester of the senior year, however, DH415 and DH442 must be taken concurrently.

Students may enter the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program as SIUC freshmen, as continuing SIUC students, as transfer students with the required 35 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 SIUC 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.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

### 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 Admissions Clerk at (618) 453-8869.

Mark When Step Completed	Procedure	Instruction	Return to:
<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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dental Hygiene application</li> <li>2. Copy of ACT or SAT scores</li> <li>3. High school transcript</li> <li>4. Transcripts from college coursework – including Fall2008</li> <li>5. Spring 2009 Class Schedule</li> </ol>	Donna Colwell, Admissions Clerk School of Allied Health Mail Code 6615 College of Applied Sciences and 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> .	Donna Colwell, Admissions Clerk School of Allied Health Mail Code 6615 College of Applied Sciences and 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	Donna Colwell, Admissions Clerk School of Allied Health Mail Code 6615 College of Applied Sciences and Arts Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL 62901
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>STEP 4</b> Submit your Spring 2009 High School and/or College grades <u>immediately</u> upon completion of the semester.		

**Important Note:** Your current status at SIUC 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 SIUC 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, number of math and science courses taken in high school and college (and the grades received in those courses), and college credit earned (and the GPA for those credits). Previous health-related work experience, observation of a dental hygienist, and experience as a dental auxiliary are considered as well.

The Admissions Committee will begin review of **completed** applications on January 30, 2009. Late Application will be reviewed at a later date:

1. Apply to SIUC by December 1.
2. Be admitted to SIUC by December 31.
3. Notify your secondary institution that your final official transcript should be forwarded to SIUC 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 SIUC 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  
Science and Math Grades

### **MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR APPLICANTS**

1. Applications will not be accepted more than one year in advance.
2. As a continuing SIUC student, you must be in good academic standing.
3. You must have a minimum college cumulative GPA of 2.0 (as calculated by SIUC) at the time of application **and** entry into Dental Hygiene at SIUC.



APPLICATION

Dental Hygiene Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Last Name First Name Middle

Present Address Legal Residence Address

City State Zip City State Zip

Telephone Number E-mail address Telephone Number E-mail address

Date of Birth Dawg Tag or Student ID

Please check one of the following:

- I am currently a high school student at
I graduated from high school in year from name of high school
I am currently a college student at name of college

My current major is

Currently, I'm enrolled in these courses:

Three horizontal lines for course listing

HIGH SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED:

High School City State Year Graduated (two rows)

COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED:

College City State Dates Attended Degree Hours Completed (three rows)





HOW DID THIS PERSON INFLUENCE YOUR DECISION? \_\_\_\_\_

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE DENTAL HYGIENE AT SIUC? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene | <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodontics                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master of Science                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Periodontics                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedodontics                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D.D.S./D.M.D.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Management in Dental Company |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Practice — Rural              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales in Dental Company      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Practice — Urban              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Armed Services               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Explain) _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry                     |

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A DENTAL HYGIENIST?

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: Donna Colwell, Admissions Clerk  
School of Allied Health/ Dental Hygiene  
College of Applied Sciences and Arts  
Mail Code 6615  
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.

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Observing Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Dawg Tag or Student ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Dental Hygienist's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Observation (Minimum of 2 hours) \_\_\_\_\_

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Dental Hygiene School of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

**Hygienist's Address:**

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Street \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Supervising Dentist \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

Dwayne G. Summers, D.M.D.



**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).....	45.00
Hepatitis Vaccine.....	150.00
Professional Meetings .....	50.00
Clinic Attire.....	300.00
Clinic Lab Fees.....	190.00
<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 .....	45.00
Extramural Assignments .....	100.00
Professional Meetings .....	50.00
<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 .....	45.00
Supplies .....	200.00
Class Pin and Photo.....	35.00
Professional Meetings .....	50.00
Extramural Assignments (Hotel and transportation).....	150.00
National Board Exam.....	140.00
*Northeast Regional Board Exam.....	850.00
*Central Regional Dental Testing Service Exam.....	825.00
<b>Estimated Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 2895.00</b>

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



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Employment as a dental hygienist is dependent upon completing a degree program in Dental Hygiene, attaining a passing score on both a National Board 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/Woody Hall

Mail Code 4702

Southern Illinois University

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 453-4334