

# Dental Hygiene Admissions Guide

The Dental Hygiene Degree offers a rewarding career as a Dental Hygienist. To progress through the admissions process, please review and complete the steps listed on this page.

ITEM	COMPLETED
<b>Apply to the Dental Hygiene Program</b> <a href="http://nwtc.edu/Apply">nwtc.edu/Apply</a> This is your first step – no other items need to be completed to apply! Please submit only <u>one</u> application to the term you plan to start taking any courses (including general studies) at NWTC after high school graduation or equivalent.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Submit Transcripts</b> Send high school AND college transcripts (if applicable) to <a href="mailto:transcripts@nwtc.edu">transcripts@nwtc.edu</a> NOTE: To be valid and official, transcripts must come directly from the institution to NWTC.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete Placement Assessments/Evaluation</b> Placement can be met with a high school or college GPA of 2.6 or higher, or with the ACT or Accuplacer. It is important that all transcripts are sent (for review) to determine if further assessment is needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>

By completing the items **above this point**, you'll be eligible for **preprogram status** to start general studies coursework at NWTC

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS	COMPLETED
<b>Complete Algebra (NWTC Catalog #10804118)</b> Algebra is completed with either two semesters of high school algebra passed with a C or higher, college level algebra passed with a C or higher, and/or college level general anatomy and physiology with an in-person lab, passed with a B (80%) or higher.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete Chemistry (NWTC Catalog #10806134)</b> Chemistry is completed with either two semesters of high school chemistry with an in-person lab, passed with a C or higher, or college level chemistry with an in-person lab, passed with a C or higher.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete General Anatomy and Physiology (NWTC Catalog #10806177)</b> General Anatomy and Physiology is completed with a 4-credit hour college level General Anatomy and Physiology course with an in-person lab, passed with a B grade (80%) or higher.	<input type="checkbox"/>

INFO AND ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS	COMPLETED
<b>Complete the Dental Hygiene Info Session</b> Once you are accepted as a preprogram student, you will be assigned an action item to complete this brief informational video within your student portal. You will be able to access the link for this item directly in your application checklist by selecting "Begin Module" once it is available to you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete the HESI (Composite Score 85+ No Rounding) *Fee Associated Approximately \$51</b> Visit <a href="http://www.nwtc.edu/HESI">http://www.nwtc.edu/HESI</a> for more information, including registration and study resources. Test subjects: reading, math, chemistry, and anatomy & physiology. Assessment dates are available in May, August, and November. Must be completed at an NWTC location. <b>Please complete a college level general anatomy and physiology course first prior to attempting the HESI.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Dental Hygiene program admits a limited number of students each year. Once the cohort reaches full capacity, eligible students will be placed on a waitlist. You will become eligible for the waitlist once all requirements listed on page 1 have been successfully completed.

Please be aware that wait times may vary depending on student interest and program availability. In the meantime, we encourage you to complete the following courses:

COURSE NAME (CATALOG NUMBER)	CREDITS	COMMENTS	COMPLETED / SEMESTER
<b>College 101</b> (10890101)	1		
<b>English Comp 1</b> (10801136)	3		
<b>General Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b> (10806177) Must earn a B grade or higher	4	Prerequisite: Chemistry (10806134)	
<b>Oral/Interpersonal Comm</b> (10801196)	3		
<b>Intro to Microbiology</b> (10806197) Must earn a B grade or higher	4	Prerequisite: Gen A&P (10806177) or Gen Biology (10806114)	
<b>Intro to Biochemistry</b> (10806186) Must earn a B grade or higher	4	Prerequisite: Chemistry (10806134)	
<b>Intro to Diversity Studies</b> (10809172)	3	Alternative courses: Intro to American Gov't (10809122), Intro to Ethics (10809166), Intro to Sociology (10809196), Economics (10809195)	
<b>Intro to Psychology</b> (10809198)	3		
<b>Intro to Sociology</b> (10809196)	3		

After your application and all transcripts have been submitted and reviewed and you are eligible to enroll, it's important to connect with your academic advisor to discuss appropriate course placement.

## FAQs

### Q. How long is the waitlist?

**A.** Wait times vary based on program demand and space. You will become eligible for the waitlist once all admissions requirements are complete and you are academically prepared for core coursework. Tentative start dates for core classes are released each December for the summer cohort, February for the fall cohort, and July for the spring cohort, according to when your program accepts students for each year or term. Be aware that wait times may extend to multiple semesters or years.

### Q. What if I have transfer credits?

**A.** A transfer review is automatically completed AFTER you have applied AND submitted your official transcripts. If you had fewer than 60 college credits at a C or higher, you must also send your high school transcript. It can take around 2+ weeks for transfer credits to be processed.

### Q. What if I don't have a 2.6 GPA or my scores are not high?

**A.** It is common for students to take developmental courses to ensure their success at NWTC. Your first step is to apply and send NWTC your transcripts for review. Once your transcripts are processed, you may need additional testing to help determine which courses to start with. We will send communication if additional steps are needed towards determining your course placement.

### Q. How flexible is the schedule?

**A.** Once students begin their core coursework, this program is available only as a full-time, in-person offering during daytime hours. Due to the hands-on nature of the skill training involved, no online options are available. Students should expect to commit approximately 40 hours per week to in-person activities, including lectures, labs, clinical and study time on the Green Bay campus.

### Q. Accreditation and Program Outcomes:

**A.** The Dental Hygienist program is accredited by the American Dental Association - Commission on Dental Accreditation. Prior to licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist, a student is required to pass the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination and a Regional Practical Exam.

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#### Stay on Track with Your Application!

View your application checklist and track your progress by logging into your NWTC Student Portal

[student-portal.nwtc.edu/Admissions/NextSteps](https://student-portal.nwtc.edu/Admissions/NextSteps)

**Need help?** Call us at 920-498-5444 or email [start@nwtc.edu](mailto:start@nwtc.edu)

