



## Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, School of Dentistry, Bachelor of Science - Dental Hygiene Specialization Tip Sheet 2023

### APPLICATION TIMELINE

**Applications Open:** July 1

**Applications Close:** November 1

**Notification of Acceptance:** May - July

### PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirement for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program is the satisfactory completion of 30 units of transferable postsecondary work (5 full-year course equivalents or 10 half-year course equivalents), of which, 27 units (9 half-year course equivalents) must be taken during one Fall/Winter academic year. (A Fall/Winter academic year is September to April inclusive).

The pre-professional course requirements are:

- English (6 units)
- Organic Chemistry (3 units)
- General Chemistry (3 units)
- Cell Biology (3 units) (Biology 107 or equivalent)
- Sociology (3 units)
- Psychology (3 units)
- Statistics (3 units)
- Options any Faculty (6 units)

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. English Language Requirements: Applicants must meet English requirements as specified in the University of Alberta Calendar including Spoken English language proficiency.
2. Situational Judgment Test (SJT) results
3. Personal Experiences
4. Personal Interview
5. Police Information Check (PIC)



- a. A clear Police Information Check (PIC) is required under the Protection For Persons in Care Act. All students going to any clinical placement or rotation in Alberta are required to complete a PIC (also known as a Criminal Record Check, Security Clearance Check, or Police Clearance), which must include a Vulnerable Sector check. The clinical practice site will determine the criteria for acceptance/denial of a placement.

**6. Medical Testing and Immunization**

- a. Complete and fully documented immunization is a program requirement. The Faculty Immunization Clearance Form must be filled out exactly as detailed on the form by an appropriate health care provider with a minimum month and year of all vaccine injections and supporting serology or letters where indicated. It is strongly recommended, where possible, to utilize the University Health Center for your immunization clearance. Appointments can be booked online or by calling 780-492-2612. The vaccination requirements are based on the Alberta Provincial guidelines for HealthCare Students in a Post-Secondary Institution and serology/immunization outside the guidelines is not routinely done or recommended. All immunization records need to be written and legible. Certified translation must be provided for all non-English documentation. Students without acceptable records will be required to complete their primary immunization series which can take many months so early action on this requirement is strongly advised.
- b. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification (CPR) is required for all students registered in the program. The School will only accept Canadian or American Heart and Stroke: Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR for healthcare providers. No other courses will be accepted to meet the CPR requirement. Students must provide evidence of valid CPR certification at the beginning of each fall term throughout the course of their program. A CPR BLS Provider certificate is valid for one year from the completion date of the course. Online CPR course certifications will NOT be accepted; students must attend an in-person course. Students who do not have current Basic Life Support Provider CPR certification cannot participate in clinical courses. You may visit the Heart and Stroke website to find courses offered in Basic Life Support CPR for healthcare providers.

**7. Proof of Residency Status may be required**

**Applicant Profile**

1. Overall GPA (OGPA) - is comprised of all transferable post-secondary work completed as a full-time student taken during Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer Terms. For OGPA calculation, full-time study is equivalent to a minimum of 18 units taken during Fall/Winter Terms or 12 units taken during Spring/Summer Terms.
2. Casper results
3. Personal Experiences

#### 4. Interview score

In order to be competitive, applicants should strive for a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students with a GPA of less than 2.7 will not be considered for admission.

For applicants who have completed four or more years of full-time transferable post-secondary work, the Overall GPA is calculated with the deletion of the lowest Fall/Winter GPA, provided it is not the most recent Fall/Winter or the only Fall/Winter where 27 units were taken.

### **AP / IB CREDIT**

Visit [uab.ca/ap](http://uab.ca/ap) or [uab.ca/ib](http://uab.ca/ib) for more information about receiving credit for these academic programs.

### **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE**

Contact: [admissions@dentistry.ualberta.ca](mailto:admissions@dentistry.ualberta.ca)

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Applications for admission are accepted from the beginning of July to November 1 the year prior to the year admission is sought. Late applications will not be accepted.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Submit Personal Experiences forms:** November 1

**Unofficial Transcript including Fall/Winter registration Deadline:** November 15

**Casper Results Deadline:** January 1

**Unofficial Transcript including Fall grades and Winter registration Deadline:** February 1

**Final Official Transcripts with Fall/Winter grades Deadline:** June 15

### **ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER**

**Notification of Acceptance:** May - July

**Deposit:** Upon notification of acceptance, applicants will be required to confirm their admission and intention to register by submitting a non-refundable tuition deposit of \$500 within the time specified in the letter of acceptance. The deposit will be credited toward payment of tuition upon completion of registration.

### **FAQ**

Frequently asked questions can be found [here](#).