Dental Hygiene Application Process

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Basic Admission Requirements

* Be in good standing with the last college or university attended.
* ACT or SAT
* Minimum average GPA or 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
* Minimum of 60 semester hours of transferable coursework
* Pre-requisite Coursework, including foundational courses
* A minimum of 40 hours observing a dental hygienist.
* University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) online application
* A typewritten career statement.
* Two letters of recommendation
* Official transcripts from high schools, colleges and/or universities attended.
* TOEFL examination if English is the student’s second language
*Application deadline is January 15
*Submit online:
  --OUHSC application
  --Application fee
  --2 Letters of Recommendation
*Submit by email:
  --Typewritten Career Statement
  --40 Hours of Shadowing
*Submit by mail:
  --Transcripts
  --ACT/SAT Scores
Accepted applicants will be notified by mid-April
Goal of the distance sites is to increase dental hygiene practitioners in rural OK.

- The Admissions Committee-
  * attempts to accommodate a candidate’s 1st, or 2nd choice.
  * selects the entering classes of dental hygiene students from among the applicants who meet the qualifications for admission. Individuals are considered for admission based on the strength of their application credentials and their submitted preferences for program sites.
Three Components of Applicant Score

The Applicant Score used in class selection is generated by the total of the following components:

* Academic Score (qualifies applicant for interview)
* Interview Score
* Writing Score
Evaluation Criteria:

*Cumulative GPA - ≥ qualifies an applicant for consideration for admissions. (Is not used to calculate the Academic Score)
*L60 GPA – extracted from the last 60 hours of coursework
*FGPA – Foundational coursework GPA
*Foundational Coursework Completion Status – All foundational coursework MUST be completed by May prior to August start of school. (all remaining coursework MUST be completed by August start of school
*ACT/SAT Score (≥ 21 suggested)
*Principles of English Comp II
*Statistics (Introduction of, Understanding, or Elements of)
*Elements of Psychology
*General Chemistry + Lab
*Human Physiology
*Human Anatomy
*Introduction to Microbiology + Lab
*Introduction to Nutrition
Review methods include:

* Prep Course such as those offered through Kaplan or Princeton Review

* Review Books

* Online review information
*Interviews are granted according to the academic score
*The top 72 qualified applicants are interviewed for 46 spaces at the 4 sites
24 - students at Health Sciences Center (HSC) in Oklahoma City
10 - students at Tri-County Technology Center (TCTC) in Bartlesville
  6 - students at Southern Oklahoma Technology Center (SOTC) in Ardmore
  6 - students at Western Oklahoma Technology Center (WOTC) in Weatherford
*Academic Score Not Competitive
- L60 GPA and/or FGPA not competitive (Review Admissions Statistics posted online
- Incomplete foundational coursework
- Missing too many courses to be able to complete in time for fall admissions

*Incomplete Application
- 1 or more of the required documents missing (ie. recommendation letters, shadowing hours, career statement, application, application fees, transcripts, ACT/SAT scores)
Interview Score Components

* Knowledge of Profession
* Maturity/Life Experiences
* Service/Campus Activities/Volunteerism
* Communication Skills
* Professionalism
*Dress professionally
  - Business attire ONLY (business suit preferred – skirt or slacks)
  - No gum chewing

*Maintain good posture

*Make eye contact with interviews

*Use correct grammar

*Be able to discuss in professional terms a dental hygienist’s role and responsibilities in the dental office.
Optional Points That Can Increase Interview Score

*Extensive Experience

- Formally trained Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)
- Must supply proof of certification
*You will be given 15 minutes to express your opinion regarding a professional dilemma.

*4 judges independently evaluate your paper and are combined to form one score.

*Adjudication of Writing Sample:
  Grammar       Logical
  Spelling      Articulate
  Concise       Depth
*Review you college English Composition notes
*Use correct sentence structure, capitalization and punctuation

HINT: dental hygienist and dentist are not capitalized unless beginning a sentence!

*Access online writing websites such as http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/boost-your-skills/50269.html
Waiver of General Education Courses (i.e. Foreign language, Understanding Art Forms, Western Culture, and Non-Western Culture) are granted under the following conditions:

* Bachelor’s degree form US institution
* Associate’s degree from and Oklahoma institution  
  - Does not include Associate’s Degree in Applied Science
* College coursework that begun prior to 1990.
*Evaluate your personal motivation and be prepared to substantiate why you desire to be a dental hygienist

*Evaluate your qualifications as a competitive applicant

-Download the Admission Statistics of the most recently accepted class available through this website
GOOD LUCK!