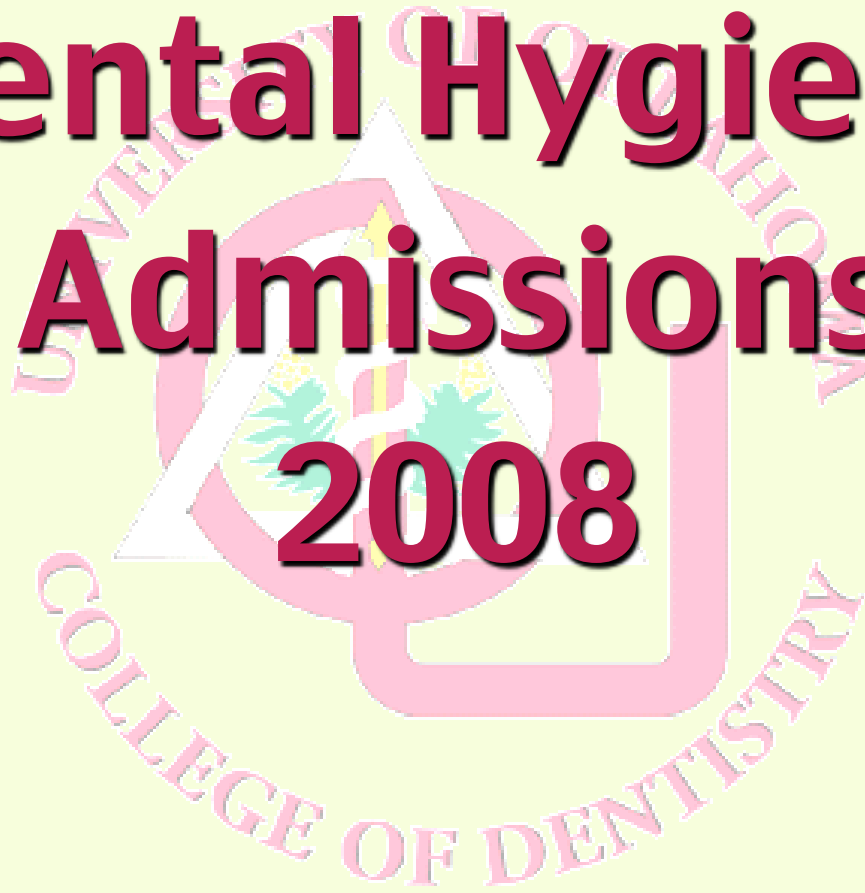


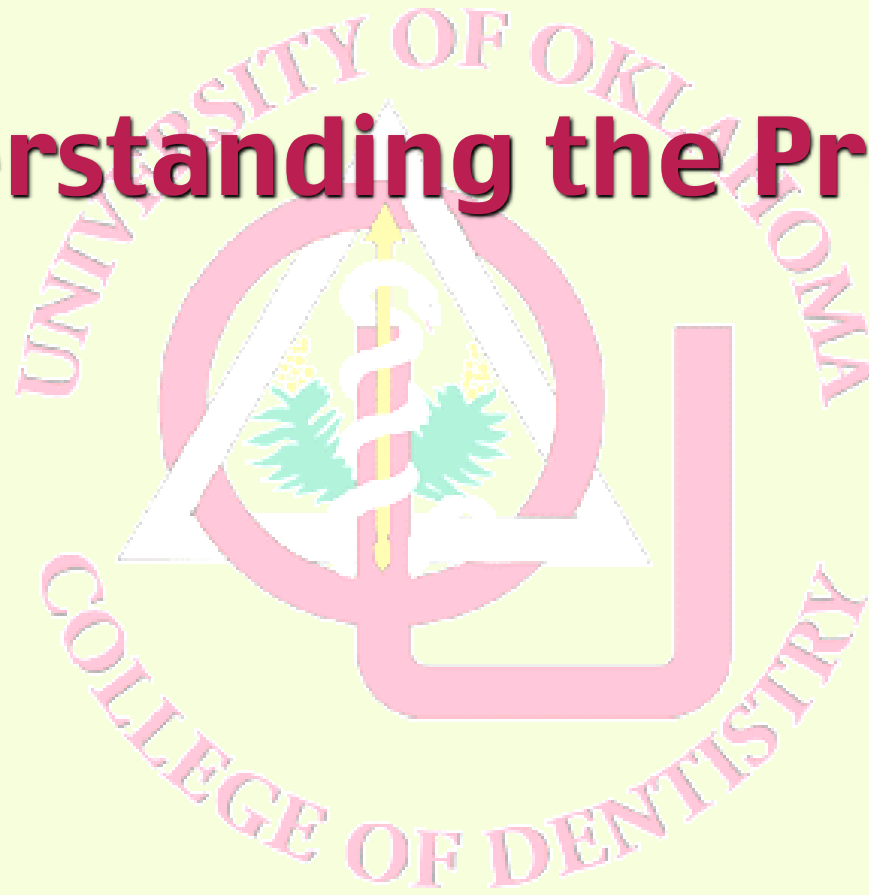
Dental Hygiene Admissions 2008



Basic Admission Requirements

- Minimum of 60 hours of pre-requisite coursework completed by end of summer semester prior to entering program from an accredited college or university
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 on 4.0 scale
- Good standing with all institutions attended
- Statement of Career Goals
- 2 letters of recommendation
 - Must be submitted yearly if reapplying
- 40-hour shadowing of a **DENTAL HYGIENIST**

Understanding the Process



Timeline

- **Application deadline is January 15**
 - **Online Health Science Center application to HSC Admissions and Records**
 - **Send to Dental Hygiene Department**
 - **2 Letters of recommendation**
 - **new letters each year required if reapplying**
 - **40 hour shadowing form**
 - **Statement of career goals**
- **Accepted applicants will be notified by letter mid April**

How Should I Select the Site that I Apply To?

- Goal of the program is to increase dental hygiene practitioners in rural Oklahoma
 - Admissions Committee attempts to accommodate candidate 1st choices
 - 2nd and 3rd choices given less consideration by Admissions Committee

Three Components of Applicant Score

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

-Academic Score

*Academic score qualifies applicant for interview

-Interview Score

-Writing Score



Academic Evaluation Criteria

- Cumulative GPA
- Science GPA
- GPA from last 60 hours of coursework
- Foundational GPA
- Coursework Completion Status
 - *All foundational coursework **MUST** be completed by May prior to August start of school
 - *All pre-requisite coursework **MUST** be completed by August start of school
- ACT Score
 - ≥21 suggested

What are the Foundational Courses?

- ZOO 2124 Human Physiology
- ZOO 2234 or ZOO 2255 Human Anatomy
- CHEM 1315 General Chemistry with lab
- MBI0 2815 Introduction to Microbiology with lab
- HES 2823 Intro to Nutrition
- PSY 2003 Understanding Statistics
 - **OR** COMM 2513 Intro to Statistics
 - **OR** COMM 2843 Elements of Statistics
- ENGL 1213 Principles of English Composition II (**CLEP** counts as “A”)
- PSY 1113 Elements of Psychology

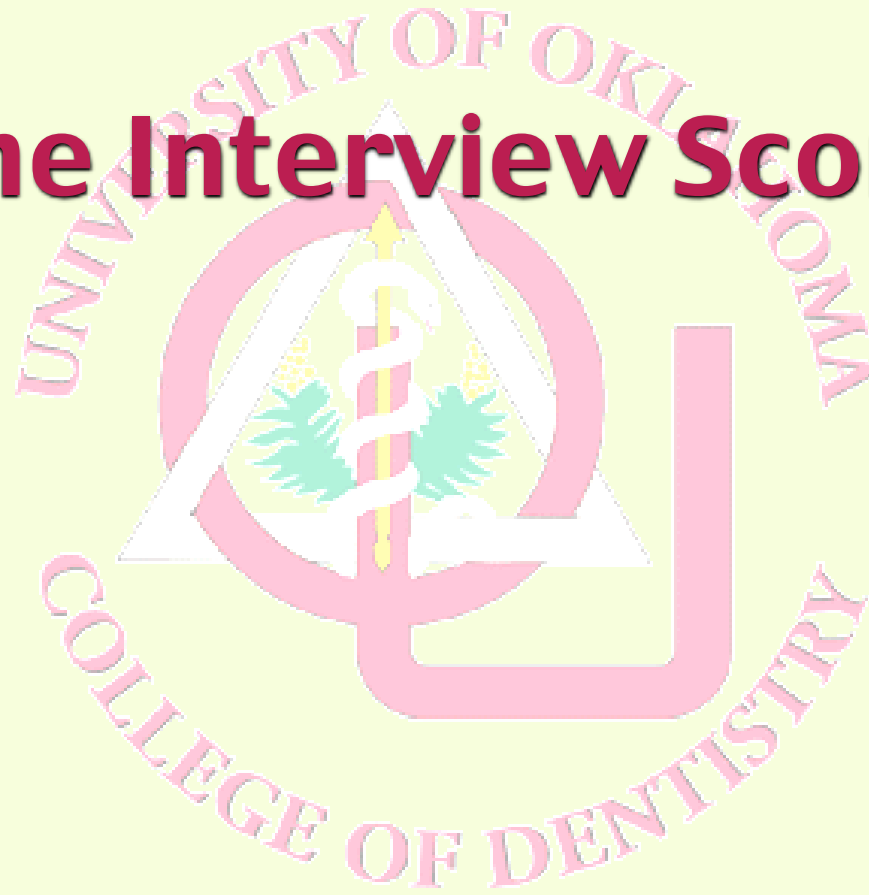
Waiver of Foreign Language, Art Forms, Western Culture, Non-Western Culture and Upper Division General Education granted under the following conditions:

- **Bachelor's degree from US institution**
- **Associate's degree from an Oklahoma institution**
- **College coursework began prior to 1990**

How Can You Improve Your ACT Score?

- ACT prep courses are offered through Kaplan @ <http://www.kaptest.com/Kaplan/3/College/ACT;jsessionid=L4EK00J2NKZL5LA3AQJXBN3MDUCBE2HC> or Princeton Review @ <http://www.princetonreview.com/college/testprep/testprep.asp?TPRPAGE=195&TYPE=SAT-ACT-HOME>

The Interview Score



How Do I Get An Interview?

- Interviews are granted according to the academic score
- Top 72 academic applicants are interviewed for 46 spaces at the 4 sites
 - 24 accepted at Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City
 - 10 accepted at Tri-County Technical College in Bartlesville
 - 6 accepted at Southern Oklahoma Technical College in Ardmore
 - 6 accepted at Western Oklahoma Technical College in Weatherford

Top Two Reasons for Failure to Be Granted an Interview

- **Academic Score Not Competitive**

- GPA not competitive
 - Review class acceptance statistics posted online
- Incomplete foundational coursework
- Missing too many courses to be able to complete in time for fall admission

- **Incomplete Application**

- One or more of required documents missing (ie. recommendation letters, shadowing hours, career statement, transcripts)

Interview Score Components

- Knowledge of Profession
- Maturity
- Service Without Expectation of Personal Gain
- Communication Skill
- Professional Appearance



Interview Tips

- **Dress professionally**
 - **Business attire ONLY**
 - Business suit preferred (skirt or slacks)
 - **No gum chewing**
- **Maintain good posture**
- **Make eye contact with interviewers**
- **Use correct grammar**
- **Be able to discuss in professional terms a dental hygienist's role and responsibilities in dental office**

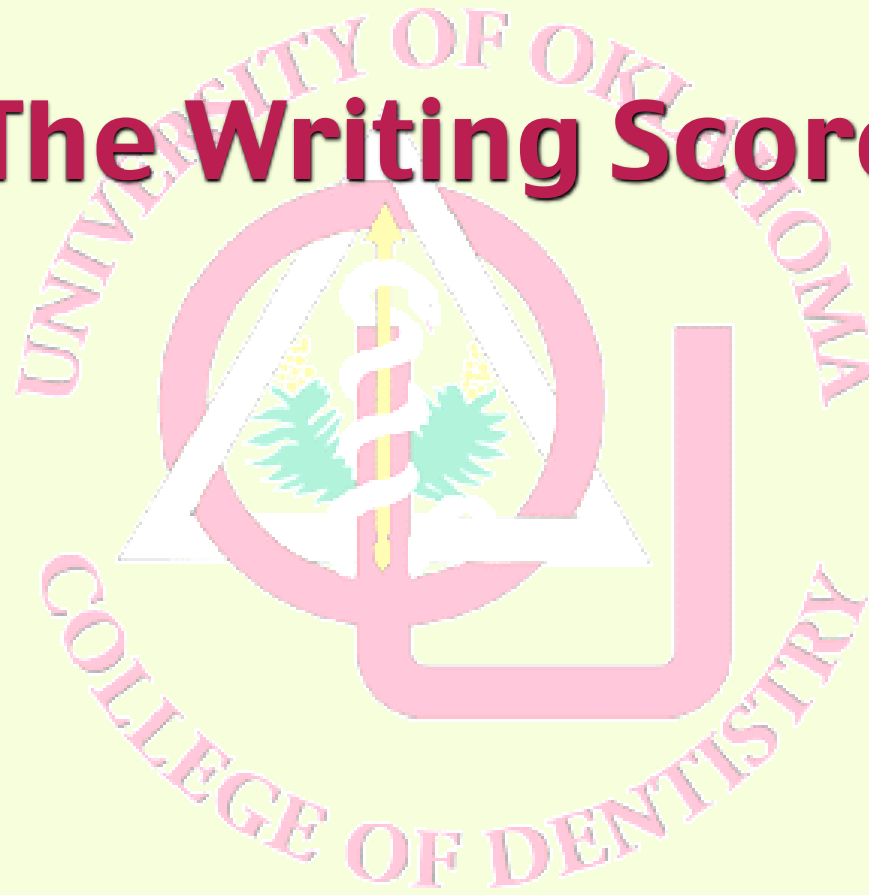
Optional Points That Can Increase Interview Score

- **Advanced degree**
 - Master's degree (does not include Bachelor's)
- **Extensive experience**
 - Formally trained Certified Dental Assistant
 - Active employment in dentistry for ≥ 2 years having earned sealant, coronal polishing, and radiography certificates

Point Deductions at Interview

- **Predominance of coursework taken in small increments without justification**
 - ✧ 3–6 hours of coursework per semester
 - **Acceptable justification**
 - Full-time employment
 - Primary caregiver responsibility for family member

The Writing Score

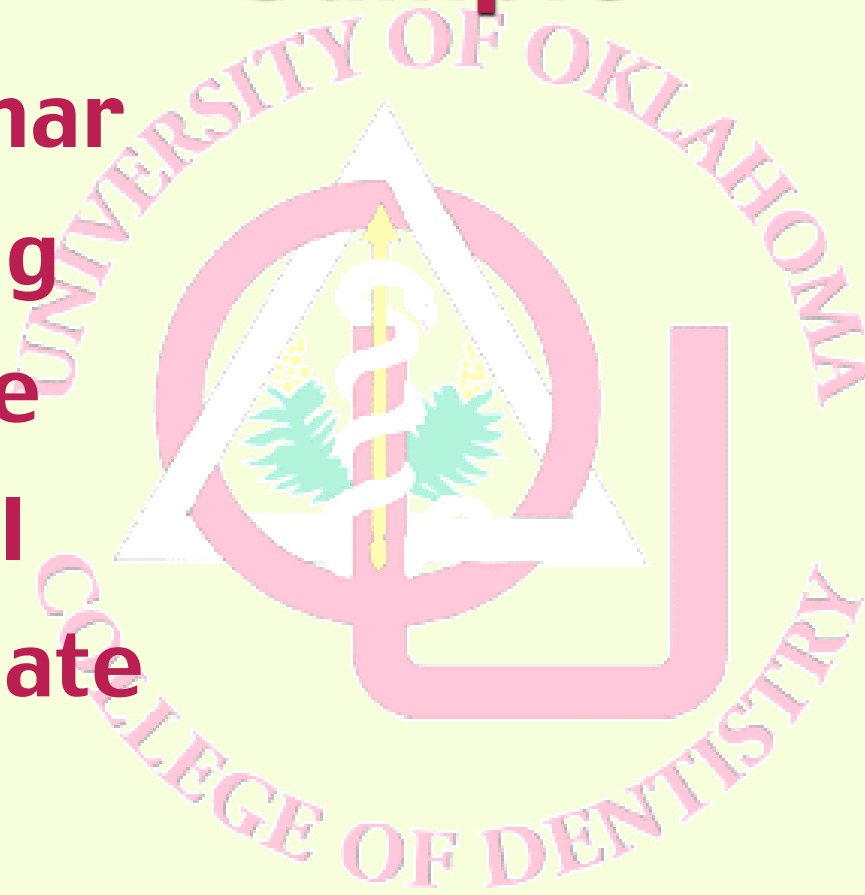


Process

- You will be given 15 minutes to express your opinion regarding a professional dilemma
- 4 judges independently evaluate paper and are combined to form one score

Adjudication of Writing Sample

- Grammar
- Spelling
- Concise
- Logical
- Articulate
- Depth



Writing Tips

- Review your 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>

Things to Consider

- ✓ 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 academic statistics of the most recently accepted class available through this website

Decide if you're willing to do what it takes to be competitive

