

Applying to a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Program

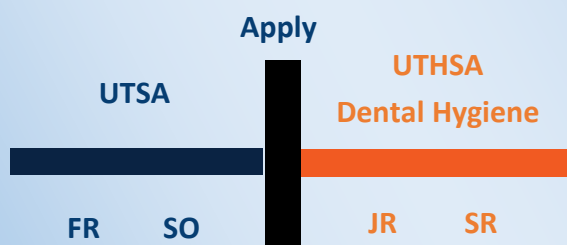
UT Health San Antonio (UTHSA) Application Information

UTSA **does not** offer a dental hygiene program. Students are encouraged to complete their pre-requisites and then apply to the dental hygiene program of their choice. UTHSA's dental hygiene information is listed below.

To apply:

- Students must complete 60 hours of pre-requisite coursework prior to matriculation to UTHSA, with a minimum average of 2.7 in pre-requisite courses.
- All pre-requisites (including Texas core curriculum courses) must be completed with a 'C' or better.
- Prerequisite courses completed by end of spring semester of entry year.
- Shadowing a dental hygienist for a minimum of 16 documented hours is required to apply. Competitive students often have many more hours.

Below is the timeline students often follow when applying to the dental hygiene program:



More information about UTHSA's dental hygiene programs can be found on their webpage: <http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental/programs/dental-hygienist-career>

The deadline to apply to the dental hygiene program at UTHSA is **December 31st**. Qualified students will be invited for interviews.

Dental Hygiene Pre-requisites

Requirements vary, please refer to the admission website for your school of interest for specific prerequisite information. You may also contact the University Health Professions Office to discuss which UTSA courses fulfil dental hygiene prerequisites.

Health Professions Advising

Newly-admitted UTSA students are assigned an advisor based on their major. For dental hygiene students, who are often undeclared, advising takes place in Student Placement Advising Center. However, as students completing pre-requisites and not pursuing a degree at UTSA, they are encouraged to meet with a Health Professions Advisor as early as possible to ensure proper dental hygiene pre-requisites are completed.

When to meet with a Health Professions Advisor:

- Orientation
- At least once per academic year to discuss coursework and current competitiveness for nursing programs
- One semester prior to applying for a dental hygiene program

What to expect from an advising meeting: Discussion of GPA competitiveness, application timeline, and Health Professions Pathways.

Dental Hygiene Fast Facts

- There are currently five Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Programs in the state of Texas. To learn more about these programs, visit www.texashotjobs.org/careers/careermain.html
- Applications to Dental Hygiene schools are completed via DHCAS. More information about the application process is available on their website: <http://www.adea.org/DHCASapp/>
- To locate dental hygiene programs across the country, visit the American Dental Hygienists Association at: www.adha.org/dental-hygiene-programs
- The National Dental Hygienists Association has more information about dental hygiene careers: www.adha.org/
- For information about the career of dental hygiene career experience, visit www.explorehealthcareers.org.