UT Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA) 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. UTHSCSA’s dental hygiene information is listed below.

To apply:
- Students must complete 60 hours of pre-requisite coursework prior to matriculation to UTHSCSA, 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.
- Shadowing a dental hygienist for a minimum of 8 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 UTHSCSA’s dental hygiene programs can be found on their webpage: http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental/programs/dental-hygienist-career

Currently, the deadline to apply to the dental hygiene program at UTHSCSA is December 31st. Qualified students will be invited for interviews.

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: Course selection, discussion of GPA competitiveness, application timeline, majors related to Dental Hygiene, 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.us.
- Applications to Dental Hygiene schools are completed via DHCAS. More information about the application process is available on their website: www.adea.org/dhcas.aspx.
- 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.ndhaonline.org.
- For information about the career of dental hygiene career experience, visit www.explorehealthcareers.org.

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