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Department of Dental Hygiene

# 2021

Dental Hygiene Program Application

## Requirements to Apply to the Dental Hygiene Program

To be eligible for consideration for admission into the BS Dental Hygiene Program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

### 1. Completion of the Following Prerequisite Coursework:

You may apply without having completed all prerequisites. Applicants with prerequisites not completed prior to applying to the program must submit proof of spring enrollment. If you are accepted into the program without having completed your prerequisites, a passing grade of "C" or better and official transcripts must be submitted prior to May 31st or your acceptance to the program will be revoked. It is your responsibility to make sure you complete the correct prerequisites and fulfil university requirements. Science Prerequisites must be taken within 5 years of applying, remaining courses must be taken within 10 years.

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| MAT108/110/114 Alg for Precalc/College Alg/Quantitative Reasoning | ENG101&102 OR ENG105 Critical Reading & Writing (FNRQ) |
| BIO181 Unity of Life I (SCI:SAS)                                  | PSY101 Intro to Psychology (SPW)                       |
| BIO201 Human Anatomy/Physiology I (SCI:SAS)                       | DH102 DH Orientation                                   |
| BIO201L Human Anatomy/Phys I Lab                                  | SOC101 Introduction to Sociology (SPW)                 |
| BIO202 Human Anatomy/Physiology II                                | STA270 Applied Statistics (FNRQ)                       |
| BIO202L Human Anatomy/Physiology II Lab                           | NTS135 or NTS256 Applied Nutrition & Food Selection    |
| BIO205 Microbiology   | LS Liberal Studies AH/ Diversity                       |
| BIO205L Microbiology Lab  | LS Liberal Studies AH/ Diversity                       |
| BIO320 General Pathology  | (DH380) or LS Liberal Studies CU/ Diversity            |
| CHM130/CHM 151 Fundamental Chemistry (SCI:SAS)                    | LS Liberal Studies CU/ Diversity                       |
| CHM 130L/CHM 151L Fundamental Chemistry Lab (SCI:LAB)             |  |

### 2. A Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or Higher

A 3.0 cumulative GPA is the minimum required for application to the program. However, a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher is considered competitive. We only take the dental hygiene prerequisites into consideration when calculating GPA.

### 3. A Science GPA of 2.5 or Higher

A 2.5 science GPA is the minimum required for application to the program. However, a science GPA of 3.4 or higher is considered competitive. We only take the dental hygiene prerequisites into consideration when calculating GPA.

### 5. Official Transcripts for all Colleges Attended

Non-official transcripts should be sent for all coursework completed at NAU. AGEC students must mark this status on prerequisite material.

### 4. Completed Application

Completion of the NAU Dental Hygiene Program application process by the deadline is the sole responsibility of the applicant. Meeting deadlines and completing application information forms properly demonstrates the ability, maturity, and self-motivation desired by NAU Dental Hygiene Department. The Application must be mailed or dropped off between 01/01/2021 – 01/31/2021. Applications dropped off must be in a sealed envelope. Applications that are mailed MUST be postmarked within this time frame. If you choose to drop off your application, Mrs. Smolinski is located in the Health Sciences Building 66, Second Floor, Office 205. If she is not available, you may leave it with the Clinic Receptionist. *Please only submit the last three pages of the packet.*

Mailing Address:  
NAU Dept. of Dental Hygiene  
Attention: Madalyn Smolinski  
P.O. Box 15065  
Flagstaff, AZ 86011

Physical Address:  
208 E Pine Knoll Dr.  
Building 66, Office 209  
Flagstaff, AZ 86011

## Dental Hygiene Program Admissions Process

Since there are more applicants than available space, admission is competitive. Meeting the minimum criteria merely allows you to submit an application and is not a guarantee of acceptance into the dental hygiene program.

### *Interview style, date & time is subject to change due to COVID19*

- Top candidates will be invited to interview with the selection committee. Not all applicants will interview. Invitations will be sent via email no later than February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Applicants must appear in person for their interview, no exceptions.
- Weather permitting, the interview date is Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Interviewees will be required to write an essay on the day of their interview. The essay will be less than one page and typed in the presence of a faculty member. The topics will be given out the day of the interview. We are looking for college level grammar, spelling, and sentence structure.
- Interviewees will also be subjected to a face-to-face question and answer period in three separate topic rooms. The topic of the questions will be provided the day of the interview.
- Applicants will be notified of acceptance or regret into the program by phone call and email. Students are typically notified by early March.
- Applicants accepted to the program will be asked to sign the acceptance letter contract emailed to them and mail it back to NAU with a \$500.00 non-refundable deposit by Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Applicants who accept admittance to the program must attend a mandatory pre-orientation meeting on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 in the Health Professions Building 66, Room 235 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm as well as mandatory orientation on August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- Alternate Status: Alternates will be ranked according to admission criteria. If an accepted student chooses not to take their place in the program, the alternates will be notified by ranking until the place is filled. Alternates will be considered for open positions until July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- There is no waiting list. If you are not accepted, you must reapply the following year.

### NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

NAU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution. Northern Arizona University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, gender, national origin, physical or mental disability, status as a Vietnam era or special disabled veteran, or sexual orientation in its admissions, employment, or education programs and activities. This is in accordance with Arizona Board of Regents and NAU policy and state and federal laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act; the Civil Rights Act of 1991; and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967. The Northern Arizona University policy on nondiscrimination is further augmented by compliance with the affirmative action regulations of Executive Order 11246, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1973, as amended.

### COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Students, faculty, constituent dental societies, state boards of dentistry, and other interested parties have the right to file a complaint with the American Dental Association Commission on Accreditation. Commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678 or by calling 1-800-621-8099 extension 4653.



## Dental Hygiene Program Information

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The Dental Hygiene Program is a 2-year program consisting of four 16 week semesters with a 5 week summer term followed by a 2 week externship which is completed before classes start in the Fall.

Classes are only offered through the Flagstaff Mountain Campus.

Graduating students will receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene.

The NAU Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

All applicants must be aware that the activities required for both the Northern Arizona University Dental Hygiene Program and the profession of dental hygiene, require the student/professional to participate in procedures that place the clinician at risk for exposure to blood borne pathogens.

Students are required to learn and practice clinical skills on each other throughout the program.

This means that all students must participate as both a student clinician and as a patient. The procedures students will be performing and being subjected to include: Reviewing medical and dental histories, Taking vital signs, Practicing instrumentation, Giving oral local anesthetic injections, Placing sealants when indicated, Taking radiographs.

As part of the dental hygiene curriculum, students are required to complete several rotations throughout the program. Some of these rotations will require the student to be gone for several days or longer. The NAU Dental Hygiene Department does provide faculty supervised housing and transportation for the Hopi rotation located in Pollaca, AZ approximately 2.5 hours away from the Flagstaff area. The student may choose to drive to and from the location; however, the student will then be responsible for getting themselves to the Hopi Clinic on time each day and providing their own transportation. Students are expected to drive to the Yavapai Clinic and return in the evening of the same day using their own transportation. They may arrange to carpool with other students.

A student who withdraws from the program for whatever reason must apply for readmission. The student applying for readmission is NOT guaranteed a position in the next entering class.

Receiving a failing grade in any course while in the dental hygiene program will result in immediate termination from the program and you will need to reapply the following year.

The NAU Dental Hygiene Clinic is a WREB testing location for Local Anesthesia Clinical & Hygiene Clinical.

<https://wreb.org/>

**POLICY ON AUTHORIZATION FOR STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATIONS (WREB / NDHBE)** – The Dental Hygiene Department has an obligation to withhold recommending a student to take a board examination if a student is considered to be an unsafe or unethical practitioner. Graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program does not guarantee a graduate will perform at a passing level in a stressful board environment. Students are responsible for all exam registration fees and for finding an appropriate patient for the clinical board examination. AFTER graduation and the student has taken the clinical board, the instruments used can be sterilized during the 5 weeks of summer school. The graduated student CANNOT use NAU facilities for ANY procedures e.g. screenings, radiographs, etc. due to legal implications resulting from the graduate not being covered under NAU student statutes.

**WREB / NDHBE** – Each student is responsible for contacting the state board of dentistry in the state they wish to practice. Additional courses and/or fees may be required depending upon the state's regulations.

In the event a student fails the clinical board and has to remediate:

1. Student is responsible for submitting paperwork from WREB/ NDHBE Board Examiners to NAU.
2. Student must reapply to NAU.
3. Student must enroll in and complete DH 313 (Didactic and Clinic)
4. If they fail to meet summer deadline the student must enroll in and complete Fall DH 411 (Clinic and Didactic)
5. The student is responsible for all fees associated with enrollment at NAU and in DH courses.

**STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO MOCK BOARD PATIENTS** - Dental hygiene students are responsible for completing all treatment for their mock board patient. Under no circumstances should patients used for mock boards be abandoned after student has completed requirements. It is the student's responsibility to communicate to patient the recommended treatment plan, obtain informed consent for patient to participate in the capacity of mock board patient, and ensure the patients are scheduled for completion of care if the student is unable to complete treatment plan in its entirety for mock board patients.

## STATE LICENSURE

<https://www.adha.org/licensure>

Licensure is granted by each individual state. Dental hygienists' practice in accordance with requirements of individual state dental practice acts. For more information regarding program licensure in other states, please visit <https://www.adha.org/licensure>. Board exams that transfer to different states:

[https://www.adha.org/resources-docs/75116\\_State\\_Licensure\\_Credentials\\_Endorsement\\_Chart.pdf](https://www.adha.org/resources-docs/75116_State_Licensure_Credentials_Endorsement_Chart.pdf)

## DISCLAIMER: STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Students enrolled at NAU who wish to practice in the state of California must take an additional ANE/CURETTAGE/NITROUS OXIDE course because CA does not recognize AZ dental hygiene anesthesia courses. More info can be found here: <http://www.swccd.edu/index.aspx?page=3822> or <https://www.cabrillo.edu/academics/dentalhygiene/expanded-duties.html> or <http://www.rdakits.com/> or <http://www.purpleseminars.com/>

## Application Instructions

Students applying to the Dental Hygiene Program are encouraged to contact the Dental Hygiene Program Coordinator, Madalyn Smolinski, with any questions that remain after reading the entire packet.  
Madalyn.smolinski@nau.edu or (928) 523-7147

**Please read the directions carefully and follow instructions. Incomplete and incorrect applications will be returned.**

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- Order your college transcripts as early as possible. NAU transcripts can be unofficial.
  - Please make sure you are filling out the CORRECT application.
  - Applications will not be accepted prior to 01/01 or after 01/31
    - Please only submit the last three pages of the packet.
    - Please DO NOT staple your application pages together.
    - Please DO NOT change the format of the application.
- Please be sure that every section of the application is typed or clearly written in black ink.
  - Please make sure to sign your application
- Please do not call to check on the status of your application, If you would like to know if your application was received, please email Dental.Hygiene@nau.edu. No other information will be provided.
- Save a copy of all papers submitted for your application, we do not return any documents to you.
  - All information must be included in your admissions file to be considered complete.
- Although portfolios, pictures, resumes, colored paper, and reference letters are often included in other applications, these items are not considered as part of our process. Please do not include them.

When communicating with department staff or faculty, keep in mind that your conversations are a reflection of who you are and what you will bring to the program and may influence admission decisions. Remain respectful, professional, and courteous at all times.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility to apply, interview or application questions, please contact Madalyn Smolinski. [Madalyn.smolinski@nau.edu](mailto:Madalyn.smolinski@nau.edu) 928-523-7147

If you have questions in regard to prerequisites or university requirements, please contact Jill Cooney with advising. [Jill.cooney@nau.edu](mailto:Jill.cooney@nau.edu) 928-523-2517

If you have technical problems filling out the application or downloading it from the website please let us know.

## Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Program Application

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| Date   |  |  |                       |            |          |  |
| Last Name  |  |  |                       | First Name |          |  |
| Date of Birth  |  |  | NAU Student ID Number |            |          |  |
| Address  |  |  |                       |            |          |  |
| City   |  |  | State                 |            | ZIP Code |  |
| Phone  |  |  | Personal Email        |            |          |  |
| School Email   |  |  |                       |            |          |  |
| Emergency Contact Name & Relationship                      |  |  |                       |            |          |  |
| Emergency Contact Phone                                    |  |  |                       |            |          |  |
| Have you ever attended a Discover NAU Event?               |  |  | Yes                   | No         |          |  |
| Did that influence your decision to apply to this program? |  |  | Yes                   | No         | N/A      |  |

The following page contains your applicant scorecard.

The Department will verify this information, average your GPA, and assign points.

## Applicant Scorecard

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| <b>APPLICANT ID:</b><br>(Dept. Use only)  |   | NAU ID:   |
| Prerequisite<br>All prerequisites must be completed by 05/31/2020                               | Letter Grade<br>Received or<br>EN for<br>enrolled | Institution<br>Please list course title<br>(ex: NAU/ANT 101 or RIO/ANT 120) |
| <i>List ALL science courses taken within a 5 year time frame. List nothing prior to 2016.</i>   |   |   |
| BIO 181   |   |   |
| CHM 130   |   |   |
| CHM 130L  |   |   |
| NTS 135 OR 256  |   |   |
| BIO 201   |   |   |
| BIO 201L  |   |   |
| BIO 202   |   |   |
| BIO 202L  |   |   |
| BIO 205   |   |   |
| BIO 205L  |   |   |
| BIO 320   |   |   |
| <b>SCIENCE GPA</b>  |   | <i>(To Be Calculated by the Department)</i>                                 |
| <i>List ALL remaining courses taken within a 10 year time frame. List nothing prior to 2011</i> |   |   |
| DH 102  |   |   |
| STA 270   |   |   |
| PSY 101   |   |   |
| SOC 101   |   |   |
| ENG 101   |   |   |
| ENG 102   |   |   |
| ENG 105   |   |   |
| LS/CU/DIV   |   |   |
| LS/CU/DIV   |   |   |
| LS/AHI  |   |   |
| LS/AHI  |   |   |
| <b>CUMULATIVE GPA</b>   |   | <i>(To Be Calculated by the Department)</i>                                 |
| (Dept. Use only)<br>Total Points:   |   |   |



| Previous Education High School/College |            |                |       |
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| School                                 | City/State | Diploma/Degree | Dates |
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| Are you fluent in a foreign language?<br>If so, please list language. | Yes<br>Language: _____ | NO |
| Military Service?   | YES                    | NO |

Volunteer & Community Service: Please Include Details. (You may attach an additional page if you need more space)

I understand that withholding information requested in this application or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission or continuation in the dental hygiene program. I certify that the information contained herein is correct and complete.

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| Applicant Signature |  | Date |  |
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