

## APPLICATION PROCESS FALL 2008

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Applicants must apply to Dental Hygiene in a two-part process:

PART 1: A Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene online application must be completed and submitted to the School of Dentistry/ Dental Hygiene. The form is available at <https://secure.ahc.umn.edu/dentistry/apply/dh/application/>. ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR CONSIDERATION. This form is separate from any of the University of Minnesota application forms and provides more specific information to the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee regarding each applicant's desire to enter the program.

PART 2: Complete ONE of the following forms below, appropriate to your situation:

For students who have never been enrolled in any campus or college at the University of Minnesota:

OR

For current or former University of Minnesota students:

Applicants must submit an *Undergraduate Transfer Student Application* form in addition to the Dental Hygiene application. This form is available through the Office of Admissions at 612-625-2008 or <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/>. Click on "Prospective Transfer" then "apply now".

If you are a current or former University of Minnesota student, applicants must submit a *Change of College Form* in addition to the Dental Hygiene application. This form is available at 612-624-1111 or [www.onestop.umn.edu/onestop/](http://www.onestop.umn.edu/onestop/). Under the heading of "Registration", click on "change major or college".

**The application must be submitted by December 15, 2007 for the fall 2008 entering class. Late applications will not be considered for admission.**

## **OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED**

In addition to the two forms above (the Dental Hygiene application, plus the Transfer Student Application form **OR** the Change of College form), the following materials should also be **submitted to the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry/ Dental Hygiene Program (DO NOT SEND TRANSCRIPTS OR SCORES TO THE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFICE)**:

- Official transcripts of all completed college coursework. Fall semester transcripts are due by January 4, 2008.
- Official transcripts of all high school coursework
- Official ACT or SAT scores if they are not on your high school record
- Official TOEFL scores if non-native speaker of English (refer to Admission Criteria for further information)

Send these materials to:

Office of Admissions  
School of Dentistry  
15-106 Moos Health Sciences Tower, Suite A  
515 Delaware Street S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55455

It is the applicant's responsibility to assure that all required materials are submitted by this deadline. For questions about the status of your application or to inquire about materials received, call the School of Dentistry Admissions Office at 612-625-7477.

## **NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE**

Those applicants who are accepted into the Dental Hygiene program will be notified by certified mail on or before **February 28, 2008**.

## **FEES**

A deposit of \$150 will be required of all students accepted into the Dental Hygiene program. Upon matriculation, \$100 of this deposit will be applied to the student's fall semester tuition. Additional information on this fee will be provided for accepted applicants. These fees cannot be waived or deferred and are not refundable.

## **COMMON QUESTIONS**

### **How many students apply to the program and how many are accepted?**

The applicant pool is approximately 100 applicants for 24 places in the program. The program accepts 24 students each fall.

### **Is there a minimum GPA requirement for acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program?**

Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 prerequisite, science, and cumulative GPA and a minimum of a C grade in all prerequisite courses to be considered for admission. However, acceptance is on a competitive basis and a GPA well above 2.0 is usually necessary to be admitted.

**Do I need to take the ACT (or SAT) for entrance into Dental Hygiene? I don't need it for other colleges.**

Yes. ACT or SAT scores are required for entrance into the University of Minnesota Baccalaureate Dental Hygiene Program. These scores must be submitted with your application. You cannot apply and then take the ACT or SAT test. For information about testing services at the University of Minnesota contact University Counseling and Consulting Services, 612-624-3323, or <http://www.ucs.umn.edu/>.

**Do I have to have all the prerequisites completed before applying?**

No, not ALL courses. However there are particular courses that **DO** need to be completed for the application. Keep in mind that ALL courses need to be completed prior to entry into the program. All prerequisite courses need to be taken on an A-F grading system and a minimum of a C grade must be achieved to be considered for admission.

Biology or Chemistry must be completed prior to application so that grades are on the transcript submitted at the time of application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to have completed composition and psychology and/or sociology prior to application as well. The Admission Committee looks more strongly at a candidate who has completed more (vs. less) prerequisites. To contact an advisor call Pat Dahlman at 612-625-9121.

**Do my prerequisites transfer?**

Whether prerequisite courses are taken at the University of Minnesota or any other college, we strongly recommend that you meet with a program advisor **BEFORE** taking them so that you can be guided toward the appropriate courses to take. In that way, you know that you are taking courses that will transfer as prerequisite courses for our program and perhaps as liberal education courses for the Baccalaureate Degree as well. You obtain the most efficiency for your efforts. That is always the **BEST** approach for planning.

If you have already taken courses and want to know if they transfer to the University of Minnesota, you need to contact the Dental Hygiene Program advisor who can provide you with that information. If a particular course is not in our data base, then further information will need to be submitted by you and a determination will be made on an individual basis.

**Where should I send my transcripts? The University of Minnesota forms tell me to send the transcripts to the central Admissions office for the University.**

We request that you send all transcripts to our address first as this will expedite the admissions process. Once we receive your official transcript, we make a copy for our records and send the original to the University Admissions Office.

**Why do I need to send transcripts in December and then again in January?**

All application materials are due December 15, including transcripts of all college coursework currently completed. This allows admissions staff time to review transcripts to check for completed prerequisites and/or other science courses taken prior to the Admissions Committee review. Many applicants are still taking prerequisite courses fall semester and course grades would not be included on those transcripts. The January transcript should include the grades of all courses taken fall semester so that a complete review of each applicant's materials can occur.

## **CHECKLIST OF MATERIALS NEEDED BY DECEMBER 15, 2007:**

- Dental Hygiene online application form (sent electronically)
- Official** transcripts of all completed college coursework. Fall semester transcripts are due by January 4, 2008.
- Official** transcripts of all high school coursework
- Official** ACT or SAT scores if they are not on your high school record
- Official** TOEFL scores if non-native speaker of English (refer to Admission Criteria for further information)
- Appropriate University of Minnesota form: (either the Transfer Application Form OR the Change of College Form)

### **Transfer Application Form:**

- copy of form: <http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/>
- can apply on line, or send to:  
Office of Admissions  
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities  
240 Williamson Hall  
231 Pillsbury Drive S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55455-0213

### **Change of College Form:**

- copy of form: or [www.onestop.umn.edu](http://www.onestop.umn.edu)
- can apply on line, or send to:  
University of Minnesota Twin Cities  
130 Coffey Hall  
1420 Eckles Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55108-6054

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