1- Does the University Of Minnesota School of Dentistry’s Division of Dental Hygiene accept international students?
- Yes, we most definitely do. International students are reviewed using the same criteria as students from the United States.

2- Are the requirements for international students any different from what they are for students who were educated in the United States?
- No, requirements are the same.

3- I did not take an ACT test, since I did not finish high school in the United States. What do I do?
- The ACT requirement for the Bachelors of Science in Dental Hygiene does not change if you are an international student. All applicants are required to take the ACT (SAT can be substituted) examination and submit the composite score and sub-scores with their application materials. EXCEPTION: If an applicant has completed a Baccalaureate Degree (including foreign students), the ACT (or SAT) is NOT required. You can sign up to take the ACT via your local ACT testing center, if you live in the United States. The National ACT exam would be the appropriate exam if you plan on applying to more than one college. However, the University of Minnesota can assist you in taking a residual ACT exam. This is different from a National ACT exam, in that it is administered on our campus, and the results are only valid at the University of Minnesota. Here are the steps you should take if you are interested in the B.S. in Dental Hygiene Program and would like to take the Residual ACT exam:
  - Complete and mail an Undergraduate Admissions Application. These can be found online at www.admissions.tc.umn.edu/apply.
  - To set up an appointment to take the residual ACT call Nataki Morris at the University of Minnesota-Crookston, 218-281-8586 or the Office of Admissions at the University of Minnesota-Morris, 320-589-6035.
  - Once you receive your scores, fill out our online B.S. in Dental Hygiene Application. This can be found at http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/programs_admissions/dental_hygiene_division/BS_Dental_Hygiene/home.html. Find the link for the online application on the menu bar. You will be asked to
enter your scores in this application, and we will be able to verify
the scores.

4- **Do I need to take the TOEFL exam?**
   - Are you a non-native English speaker? If the language you
     speak at home is not English and if you scored 17 or lower on
     the English and Reading portion of your ACT, then yes, you do
     need to take the TOEFL exam. We require a minimum TOEFL
     score of 79 for our program. However, you may be exempt from
     this requirement if you have satisfied one of the following
     conditions:
       - You have taken at least 60 semester credits at a 2 or 4
         year post-secondary institution in the United States.
       - You have taken at least 26 semester credits at a 2 or 4
         year post-secondary institution in the United States, including
         the full freshman English requirements at that school, with a
         grade of C or better.

5- **Do you accept my credits from a University in my home
   country?**
   - To determine which credits transfer to the University of
     Minnesota from your home country university, the transcript first
     needs to be translated. Dental hygiene will only accept
     translated transcripts from Educational Credential Evaluators,
     Inc. You can find them on the internet at [www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org).

     The transcript then needs to be reviewed by the University of
     Minnesota general admissions to determine which credits will
     transfer for liberal education requirements. From this review,
     dental hygiene can determine which prerequisites qualify for
     dental hygiene admissions. Therefore, the translated transcript
     needs to go to general university admissions as well as to dental
     hygiene admissions.

6- **I have a degree in Dentistry or Dental Hygiene from my
   home country. Will this help me in my application to your
   Dental Hygiene Program?**
   - The previous coursework and/or experience you have will be
     taken into consideration when reviewing your application.
     However, being a foreign trained dentist or dental hygienist does
     not allow exemption from any particular courses within the
     dental hygiene curriculum because of national accreditation
     standards.
7- Can I transfer to the University of Minnesota and take classes prior to acceptance in the Dental Hygiene Program?
- Yes, you can apply to be admitted to the University of Minnesota. You would not be admitted to dental hygiene for the purpose of taking prerequisites. Also, transferring early does NOT guarantee a spot in our Baccalaureate Dental Hygiene Program.

8- What courses need to be completed at the time of application to the Dental Hygiene Program?
- The admissions committee recommends completion of as many prerequisites as possible for your review to be competitive with other applicants. Some applicants have completed one semester of college while others have completed a baccalaureate degree at the time of application. However, at a minimum, you need to complete either the biology or chemistry requirement by the time of application to be eligible for our program. We strongly recommend that you also complete English composition and either psychology or sociology by the time you apply to our program.

9- I am unable to obtain a transcript from my high school in a foreign country. What should I do to fulfill this requirement for the application?
- The University of Minnesota, and therefore the Dental Hygiene Program, requires a high school transcript for admission. You need to abide by the University of Minnesota general admissions policies in such cases where you are not able to obtain the transcript. General admissions will guide you through that process.

10- Who do I contact if I have any more questions about applying to the Dental Hygiene Program?
- The School of Dentistry’s Office of Admissions and Diversity would be happy to answer your questions. Our preferred method of contact is via e-mail, at dhapply@umn.edu. However, if you need to speak with someone via telephone, you can call 612-625-7477 and your call will be answered or returned shortly.