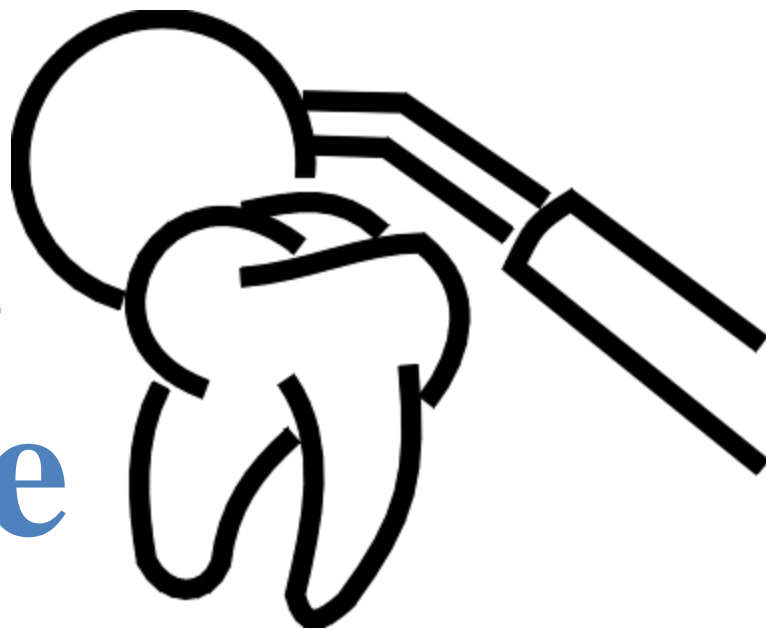


# FAQ: Dental Hygiene Program



2022-23

## What classes do I have to take to get into the dental hygiene program?

There currently are no course prerequisites for the dental hygiene program. However, the following courses are considered when ranking admissions points among applicants to the DEHY program.



(You must be able to meet the prerequisites for the courses you will be required to take within the program; Chem 100 has a prerequisite of (1) Next Gen ACCUPLACER® reading score of 244, or at least a grade of C in [TSRE 55](#) . (AND) (2) Next Gen ACCUPLACER® quantitative reason score of at least 250, or Next Gen ACCUPLACER® adv alg & functions score of at least 263, or 1 course from [MATH 102](#) , [MATH 105](#) , [MATH 111](#) , [MATH 112](#) , [MATH 115](#) , [MATH 118](#) , [MATH 119](#) , [MATH 125](#) , [MATH 130](#) , [MATH 132](#) , [MATH 140](#) , [MATH 141](#) , [MATH 142](#) , [MATH 241](#) , or [MATH 242](#) with at least a grade of C.)

Applicants are **strongly** encouraged to meet with a KCC academic advisor to ensure:

- KCC graduation requirements are met
- program completion requirements are met
- correct course sequence
- avoidance of admissions errors

**Contact Academic Advising** for an appointment (269) 965-4124.

(Students must meet **prerequisites** for Chemistry 100 if taking the course during the program); Applicants with a degree need to show proof of meeting required courses in the curriculum.

Required courses (not prerequisites):

- **CHEM 100 or 110,**
- **BIOL 201\***
- **BIOL 202\***
- **BIOL 205**
- **ENG 151\***
- SOCI 201
- COMM 110
- PSYC 201

- Applicants receive admission points for all of these courses if they are completed prior to admission
- \*Courses receiving the most admissions points;
- More points for an A or B on a first attempt
- See “**Allied Health Point Sheet: DEHY**”

## Is there a waiting list for the dental hygiene program?

**No.** Our program is a “selective admissions” process rather than a “first-come, first-serve” process.

- Applications are ranked based on admission points
- Positions offered to 20 applicants with highest points
- Applicants not selected must re-apply the following program year
- (This includes updating their application file and meeting criteria for new application year).
- The application will be ranked with all other applicants for the new program year.

### What are the criteria used in the admission process?

- See the most current “*Allied Health Point Sheet: DEHY*”
- Go to KCC website>Academics>Areas of Study>Health Sciences>Dental Hygiene Admissions>Dental Hygiene Admissions Packet

### How are files ranked if more than one applicant earns the same number of application points?

Applicants are ranked based on 1. Overall score on the application 2. Overall college GPA 3. ACT/Degree 4. Date of completed application.

### When should I apply?



### Do I need to contact the program director to apply?

- **No.**
- Go to KCC website>Academics>Areas of Study>Health Sciences>Dental Hygiene Admissions
- Instructions and deadlines for completion are given at the link.
- Contact Enrollment Services (Admissions) for assistance at (269) 965-4153 or adm@kellogg.edu

### What needs to be in the application file in order for it to be complete?

- Use the “DEHY Admission Checklist
- Go to KCC website>Admissions>Allied health Admissions>Dental Hygiene Admissions
- Contact Enrollment Services (Admissions) for assistance at (269) 965-4153 or adm@kellogg.edu

### I already have a degree. Do I still have to take the ACT?

The ACT requirement can be waived and application points awarded for those applicants holding degrees with a specified GPA. The higher the degree achieved, the more application points awarded.

### **I already have a degree. Do I have to take any of the general education courses?**

Maybe not. KCC transfers in any courses from an accredited college with a grade of “C” or higher. However, that does not mean the courses transferred in will be the equivalent courses required for KCC graduation or those required for completion of the dental hygiene program. **Students are strongly advised to make an appointment and meet with a KCC academic advisor to ensure both the program and KCC general education course requirements are met.**

### **How do I find out what transfers from my other colleges? OR...**

### **I took an anatomy, physiology, etc. at another community college. Will it meet the program requirements at KCC?**

- KCC transfers in any courses from an accredited college with a grade of “C” or higher.
- Applicants to the dental hygiene program are required to have official college transcripts sent from all colleges they’ve attended.
- Once the transcripts are received, the registrar’s office will complete a transcript audit/evaluation and generate a report.
- While a course may transfer in, it **does not mean** that the course is the equivalency of a course required for completion of the dental hygiene program or for KCC graduation.
- Students are **strongly advised** to make an appointment and meet with a KCC academic advisor to ensure both the program and KCC general education course requirements are met.
- **Contact Academic Advising** for an appointment (269) 965-4124.

### **If I complete all of the general education courses, what are my chances of getting into the program?**

There is no way of predicting an applicant’s chances of securing a position until all application files are ranked.

### **What are the average admission points of those who get into the program?**

- The number of points of the successful applicant varies year to year and, therefore, is not relevant to the application process.
- An applicant should keep in mind that the admission process is based on academic performance.
- In order to maximize potential for securing a position in the program, an applicant should meet with a KCC academic advisor who can provide suggestions for a course sequence that would maximize the applicant’s potential for success.



**When will applicants be notified of their acceptance status?**

Applicants will be notified by mail in May. There is a **mandatory** orientation held in the summer prior to starting the program in the fall.

**I am a high school student. What types of classes should I take to prepare me for success in the dental hygiene program?**

A student who has a strong science foundation will have an easier time with the dental hygiene curriculum; specifically, anatomy, physiology and chemistry.

**I want to take some of the general education courses at a college closer to my home. How do I find out what courses are the equivalencies of the courses required in the dental hygiene program?**

- **Contact KCC Academic Advising** for an appointment (269) 965-4124.

**If I complete all the general education courses, will it still take me two years to complete the program?**

- **Yes.** The dental hygiene courses are sequential. This means that the courses must be taken in order and one course builds on the previous.

**Can I attend the program part-time? Or....  
Can I work while I am in the program?**

- **The program is considered full-time.**
- Depending on the semester, there are 8-12 hours per week of clinical education and 6+ hours of dental hygiene classroom and lab education.
- In addition, general education and science course requirements must be completed; if completed prior, total credit hours would be reduced.
- It is estimated that for every hour spent in the classroom, three (3) hours of homework/study can be expected; for each hour of lab and clinic, 1-2 hours of preparation is suggested.
- The dental hygiene program requires the commitment of a highly motivated and organized student in order to be successful.
- **It is strongly recommended that a student not have more than 12 hours of employment per week while in the program.**



**What is the dental hygiene course schedule like?**

FIRST YEAR:

Fall	Mon- Friday (class)	Varied	15 weeks
Spring	Mon-Friday (class) Monday and Friday (clinical)	Varied Varied	15 weeks

Summer	Mon-Friday (class) Tues-Thursday (clinical)	Varied Varied	8 weeks
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**SECOND YEAR:**

Fall	Mon – Fri (class) Tues – Thursday (clinical)	Varied Varied	15 weeks
Spring	Mon – Fri (class) Tues – Thursday (clinical)	Varied Varied	15 weeks

\*\*The above schedule is tentative and reflects dental hygiene course-work only. Any general education courses are scheduled in addition to the schedule above.

**What’s the homework load like?**

- Success in the program is a direct reflection of a student’s effort.
- A student can expect to spend 3-4 hours of study/homework for each 1 hour of class time; 1-2 hours for each hour of lab/clinic time.
- While student ability varies, students who spend less than optimum study time struggle with concepts which is reflected in their clinical competency and exam scores.

**Are all of the courses during the day?**

**Yes.** All of the dental hygiene courses are held between 8am and 5pm.

**Are any dental hygiene courses available online?**

- Currently the majority of dental hygiene courses are face-to-face format.
- Moodle is the software used for supplemental online material in most courses allowing for digital resources and test taking in computer labs.
- Currently, two courses are hybrid format; part face-to-face and part online.
- It is expected that more dental hygiene courses will be delivered via a hybrid or completely online format at some point in the near future.

### What does the program cost?

Below is an **ESTIMATE** of the program cost based on **2022-23** (resident) academic year.

\$154.50/credit hour for non-DEHY courses (resident)

\$263/credit hour for DEHY courses (resident)

Estimated costs include tuition, lab fees, textbooks, clinic supplies and instruments, uniforms, and board exam and licensing fees.

Fall 1<sup>st</sup> year: \$9349

Spring 1<sup>st</sup> year: \$7476

Summer: \$3805

Fall 2<sup>nd</sup> year: \$6448

Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> year: \$7989

**Estimated total for 5 semesters: \$35,067**

### What is the job market like? What is the pay scale like?

- The local job market has improved with the economy and the long-term prediction remains positive. Please refer to the following government website for more information: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>
- Locally, our 2022 graduates have reported starting wages over **\$30 hourly**.

### I have a misdemeanor conviction. Can I still become a dental hygienist?

Although it may be possible to complete the program with a criminal conviction, state licensure is not guaranteed. State licensure is required to practice dental hygiene in 49 of the 50 states. The state dental board determines whether or not to grant a license to an applicant with a criminal conviction of any kind. Any applicant with a conviction is advised to contact the State Board of Dentistry, in the state in which they will be seeking licensure, prior to beginning the program.

### Where can I get additional information regarding dental hygiene?

- KCC's Enrollment Services (Admissions 269-965-4153) and Academic Advising (269-965-4124) departments are both resources with information regarding our program.
- Our program webpages are also a helpful tool [www.kellogg.edu/academics/areas-of-study/health-sciences/dental](http://www.kellogg.edu/academics/areas-of-study/health-sciences/dental)
- For general information regarding dental hygiene as a career, the following website is helpful: [www.adha.org](http://www.adha.org)



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