



# Atlanta Technical College

## Dental Hygiene Degree Program Requirements

Important: The dental hygiene program is not responsible for information printed on out of date requirement packages. Program admission requirements and updates are at the discretion of the program director. All updated changes will be revised in a timely manner reflected in program documents and website. Be sure to obtain all updated program information packages by emailing

[dental-hygieneclinic@atlantatech.edu](mailto:dental-hygieneclinic@atlantatech.edu)

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Welcome all prospective students! Atlanta Technical College is excited and pleased to have you interested in the dental healthcare profession. We strive to demonstrate the greatest core value of **EXCELLENCE!** The dental hygiene program prepares students for the role of an auxiliary dental professional. The dental hygiene program of Atlanta Technical College is committed to student excellence with lifelong learning. The CODA accredited Dental hygiene graduates are well equipped with the skills to successfully embark in their professional career!

The dental hygiene program is a limited enrollment-competitive admission process. Being admitted into ATC does *not* guarantee admittance into the dental hygiene program.

- **Candidates must be 18-year-old**
- **Accepted student of ATC, in good academic standing**
- **Calculated GPA 3.0 or higher**
- **Complete each required pre-requisite course with 80% (B) or higher**
- **Each applicant is required to take PSB test.** The Raw score for part I, II, III, and IV will be calculated together. Total raw score points worth 215. **Score must be above 65% (139 points) to be considered for program.**
- **Each applicant will be required to complete a background check, drug test, updated immunization, medical evaluation, and American Heart CPR certification.**

Program is a full time program with some semesters with part time credit hour. Students enrolled are expected to adhere to program set schedule. Hours may extend from 8:00 am-5:30pm. Online occupational courses are not available. Post COVID, course are still in person with safety regulations in place.

Program applications are only awarded to those candidates who meets the requirements. Applicants must submit all required documentation to the dental hygiene program coordinator by application due date to be considered in the final selection.

Graduates earn a degree, Associates of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene, prior to state licensing with Georgia Board of Dentistry. The GA Board of Dentistry constitutes requirements for licensure. The board will request information regarding conviction of a felony and/or misdemeanor and/or current charges on the application for licensure. The Board may not issue a license to an individual based on the results of an investigation or those particular charges. For additional information please see OCGA 43-11-71 of the Georgia State law codes.

## Pre-Requisite Courses



- Must have a minimum grade of **(B)** in ALL of the required, pre-requisite general education courses. If a grade is earned lower than a (B), the course needs to be retaken. Grades of (C) and lower are not acceptable for dental hygiene pre-requisite courses.
  - English 1101 Composition and Rhetoric
  - Comp 1000 Introduction to Computers
  - Speech 1101 Public Speaking
  - Psychology 1101 Introduction to Psychology
  - Sociology 1101 Introduction to Sociology
  - Humanities 1101 Introduction to Humanities, ENGL 2130 American Literature, Art, or Music Appreciation
  - Math 1111 College Algebra OR Math 1101 Math Modeling
  - **Biology 2113/ 2113L Anatomy and Physiology I and lab component \***
  - **Biology 2114/2114L Anatomy and Physiology II and lab component \***
  - **Chemistry 1151/1151L OR Chemistry 1211/1211L course and lab component \***
  - **Biology 2117 Introductory Microbiology and lab component \***
- **Science courses indicated with asterisk (\*) must have been completed within the last (5) years.**
- Courses related to healthcare and/or sciences such as ALHS1090 Medical Terminology, Introduction to Healthcare are not required, but highly recommended for program preparation.

## Transferring Students



- All students are required to meet ATC College admission guidelines.
- All prior earned degrees, college course credit, international, or in country students have to submit their transcript with the **Office of Enrollment Services**. The Office of Enrollment Services will verify or deny transferring courses.
- Please request for transcript transfer credit.
- Dental hygiene curriculum occupational courses (DHYG) completed at other colleges will not be considered for transfer credit.

[ATC Enrollment Services Link](#)

## GPA Requirements



- GPA 3.0 or higher. GPA will be calculated using DH required courses and healthcare and /or science related electives only. Retaken courses will be calculated in GPA.
- GPA Calculation: (course grade credit X course credit hours) ÷ total credit hours

*Example: Refer to websites on how to calculate college GPA*

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letter grade in ENGL 1101 **A** (4 credits)  $\times$  course credit hours for ENGL 1101 (3hrs) = **12**

letter grade in BIOL 2113 **B** (3 credits)  $\times$  course credit hours for BIOL 2113 (3 hrs) = **9**

letter grade in BIOL 2113L **C** (1 credits)  $\times$  course credit hours for BIOL 2113L (1 hr) = **1**

Total graded credit hours = **12 + 9 + 1 = 22**

Total credit hours = **7**

$$\text{GPA} = \text{Total graded credit hours (22)} \div \text{Total credit hours (7)} = \text{GPA} = 3.14$$

## Program Testing



PSB test is offered by ATC Campus Testing Center during the application cycle. The Testing Center requires you to be a student of ATC and obtain the Program's Coordinator's permission prior to signing up for the Pearson Vue PSB exam. The PSB evaluates for reading, comprehension, sciences, and problem solving geared toward healthcare professionals. Students may submit up to (2) completed PSB testing scores during a dental hygiene program application cycle; scores will be valid for up to (12) months.

How to read the PSB?

**Part I.** Academic Aptitude includes verbal, arithmetic, nonverbal is worth 75 points.

**Part II.** Spelling is worth 45 points.

**Part III.** Reading Comprehension is worth 35 points.

**Part IV** Information in the Natural Sciences worth 60 points.

*Note: Part V. Vocational Adjustment Index will not be calculated in overall scoring.*

Categories are very low, low, below average, low average, median, high average, high, very high, superior. The **Raw score** for part I, II, III, and IV will be calculated together. Total raw score points are 215. Score must be above 65% to be considered for program or **139** total raw points.

## Program Requirements



- Satisfactory clearance of criminal back ground check and negative drug testing. Drug screenings will be required at various intervals through the program designated by faculty.
- Current American Heart CPR Certification
- Physical examination.
- Medically cleared to participate in both classroom and clinical settings, negative Tuberculosis skin test or chest X-ray within (5) years, updated immunizations (MMR, varicella, three series Hepatitis B vaccinations with titer).
- Dental Hygiene is considered potential hazardous due to exposure to blood Borne pathogens and other potentially infection materials. Students must possess manual dexterity necessary for handling small objects for self and patient safety. Students must be able to have visual acuity, respond in emergency situations, understand and apply directions, effective communication skills, and use repetitive muscular skeletal movements.

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### How to Apply?



- Dental program competitive applications are released February 1st to May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Applications are available to all who are accepted in ATC College. Application requirements will include pre-requisite course completion and PSB testing results. Higher points are awarded for each “A” earned, moderate points for each “B” earned. Higher points for excelling GPA, PSB exam, dental assisting documented experience, and professional recommendation letters will earn points. Applications will be reviewed after deadline.
- Students will be notified of acceptance or denial approximately at mid of May. Program introductory courses may begin term 3 summer semester. Full time program begins Fall semester. It is upon discretion of the program coordinator for scheduling.

### Program Information Sessions

- Program information sessions are mandatory for applicants. Information sessions are open to the public for both non-ATC students and ATC students. Sessions are design to overview specific program requirements and satisfy student concerns. Email for dates and times. After reading this information sheet, email all questions to be answered.

Email: [dental-hygieneclinic@atlantatech.edu](mailto:dental-hygieneclinic@atlantatech.edu) or [msingleton@atlantatech.edu](mailto:msingleton@atlantatech.edu)

Webpage: [Dental Hygiene Webpage Link](#)

Location: 1560 Metropolitan Parkway, Atlanta, Ga 30310, Brenda Watts Jones Allied Health Building Suite 106

*Thank you,*

*Atlanta Technical College Dental Hygiene Faculty and Staff*

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## Frequently Asked Dental Hygiene Program Questions and Answers



**Q: *Are the pre-requisite classes required before I apply to the dental hygiene program?***

A: All the courses for pre-requisite are required. Courses are listed on ATC website **www.atlantatech.edu**. Type in search “dental hygiene”. All general pre-requisite education courses are listed in areas I, II, III, IV, and the addition of COMP 1000.

**Q: *Am I allowed to take any dental hygiene occupational courses (as listed on website) prior to entry into the program?***

A: All DHYG courses strictly available to current accepted dental hygiene program students.

**Q: *Is there certain grade requirements in pre-requisite courses?***

A: Yes, all dental hygiene pre-requisite courses are required to have a “B” 80% and/or higher grade earned. If a grade less than “B” 80 % was earned, the course must be retaken prior to program entry.

**Q: *How long is the dental hygiene program? Can I choose my own DHYG courses?***

A: The dental hygiene program will be (6) semesters in length. This length does not include pre-requisite courses. Introductory classes are in summer, full-time fall, full-time spring, part time summer, full time Fall, and full-time with graduation in the spring. The program is on a track meaning students cannot preselect certain courses.

**Q: *What degree will be earned upon graduating ATC dental hygiene program?***

A: Associates degree will be earned.

**Q: *I am a transfer student. Will the ATC accept my other college courses or degree?***

A: Enrollment Service Office (Registrars’) is responsible for determining which transferring credits correspond with TCSG (Technical College System of Georgia) policies. The dental hygiene program will not determine. Requirements for transferring courses from another approved institution includes ensuring BIOL 2113, BIOL (Lab)2113, BIOL 2114, BIOL (Lab)2114, BIOL 2117, BIOL (Lab)2117, are less than five years old. There is no expiration date of all other courses.

**Q: *Does the program offer evening courses? Or program courses online?***

A: The dental hygiene program is a daytime to evening hour program only. The program requires a full-time commitment from the student as classes are scheduled daily from 8:00am-

5:30pm. Courses are held in person or via Webex face to face. It is up to the instructor how each course will be held. Regardless, in person lab training occurs 2-3 x weekly.

**Q: Is there GPA criteria?**

A: For eligibility for the Dental Hygiene Program, the student must achieve a **minimum, GPA of 3.0. GPA will be calculated based** GPA will be calculated using DH required courses; healthcare and /or science related electives only. If a course is taken more than once, all grades are incorporated into the GPA calculations.

GPA Calculation: (course grade credit X course credit hours) ÷ total credit hours

**Q: What can disqualify me from being selected?**

A: The program admission is a competitive process. The evaluation of the student's GPA, academic performance, and program testing are included in the selected process. Low or repeated performance in these areas could possible disqualify a student.

**Q: Once I apply to the DH program, am I guaranteed acceptance?**

A: Admission into the program is not guaranteed. Applicants will participate in a competitive admission process.

**Q: Once I apply to the DH program, how am I selected?**

A: For all competitive admission health programs, annual applications begin Feb 1<sup>st</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>. Each program has a point system. GPA, course grades and PSB scores will each award points. For example, each A earned will be 15 points, each B 10 points, 3.8-4.0GPA 35 points. Most points with qualifying criteria, will receive an acceptance letter into the program.

**Q: How do I register for my general education pre-requisite classes?**

A: ATC college campus will hold registration times for new and current students. To add, drop, or change a class schedule is managed from banner web. Students are self-responsible to register themselves. We advise you to choose courses as listed on this advisement sheet. Each ATC student should receive a 900 number. This number is used during registration and course activities. All learning support courses (L.S. reading/math) must be satisfied before taking other college course. College Math must be satisfied before registering for Chemistry courses.

**Q: Is the program accredited?**

A: Yes. The Commission on Dental Accreditation CODA.

**Q: What is your current passage rate?**

A: 100% Clinical Board rate, 91.6% National Board rate, 100% Employment Rate for students who obtained licensure.

**Q: Are there any other requirements?**

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A: The approximate cost is \$10,500-\$13,500. This includes tuition, program associated costs, board examination fees, etc. This breakdown will be discussed in detail at information sessions. Medical examination, immunizations, clear drug test, and back grounds checks are required. We encourage interested ones to save \$2500-3,000 direct out of pocket fees. Financial aid and WIOA program are established to help with cost.

All detail program requirements will be discussed in our information sessions. Contact dental-hygieneclinic@atlantatech.edu for current dates.

