

Lower Division Requirements for the bachelor degree in Dental Hygiene:

Pacific University Courses	Minimum # of Credits	PCC Course Equivalents	# of PCC Quarter Credits
Natural Sciences Human Anatomy and Physiology – year-long series Microbiology – 1 course Chemistry w/lab – 1 course	14 semester or 20 quarter	BI 231, 232, & 233 Anat. & Physiology BI 234 Microbiology CH 104 General Chemistry or higher	12 5 5
Communication Interpersonal Communication – 1 course English Composition/Writing – 1 course	6 semester or 8 quarter	SP 214 Interpersonal Communication WR 121 English Composition	4 4
Social Sciences Psychology – 1 course Sociology – 1 course	6 semester or 8 quarter	Choose 1: PSY 201, 202, 203, 213, 214, 215, 216, 220, 222, 231, 232, 239, 240 Choose 1: SOC 204, 205, 206, 213, 218, 232	4 4
Statistics – 1 course	3 semester or 3 quarter	MTH 243 Statistics I	4
Art, Music, or Theater – 1 course	3 semester or 3 quarter	Choose 1: ART 101, 102, 103, 115, 116, 117, 131, 141, 142, 143, 181, 204, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 221, 224, 231, 237, 241, 242, 243, 253, 256, 276, 277, 281, 284, 287, 291, 293, MUS 105, 110, 111, 112, 113, 202, 203, 205, 210, 211, 212, 213, TA 101, 111, 112, 113, 141, 142, 143, 180, 227, 241, 242, 243, 253, 261, 274	3-4
Humanities: Language, Literature, Philosophy, Religion, Ethics, History, Media Arts	8 semester or 12 quarter	Choose 12 credits from: ENG 104, 105, 106, 108, 109, 195, 196, 197, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 209, 211, 213, 240, 250, 253, 255, 257, 258, 260, 261, 275, PHL 201, 202, 204, 205, 208, 221, 222, R 210, HST 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 218, 225, 240, 270, 274, 276, 277, 278, 279, 285, FR 103 or 151, GER 103 or 151, JPN 103 or 151, SPA 103 or 151	12
Nutrition – 1 course	2 semester or 2 quarter	FN 225 Nutrition or 270 Normal & Applied Clinical Nutrition	4
Spanish – 1 course	3 semester or 3 quarter	SPA 101 or 150 First year Spanish	4-6
Medical Terminology – 1 course	1 course	MP 111 Medical Terminology	4

72 quarter hours, including the above prerequisites, must be completed before acceptance to the Dental Hygiene program. Courses must be completed with a grade of **“C” or higher, pass/no pass will not be accepted**. Science courses must be taken within the last **seven years**. A minimum 2.5 GPA is required in all science courses.

Preferred deadline is February 1
Final application deadline is February 15

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Pacific University offers a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene.

The dental hygiene entry-level program includes two years of dental health courses completed at Pacific University, following completion of required prerequisite coursework. Students must complete all prerequisite courses prior to beginning the dental hygiene program. Admission to this program is selective and enrollment is limited to 32 students.

If you are unsure whether a class will count toward a specific prerequisite area, please contact Pacific University Admissions at 503-352-2993.

The Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee will consider the following factors in the selection process:

- Strength and breadth of academic record
- A minimum of a 2.5 GPA in the Sciences, Last 45 credits and Cumulative is required to enter the program.
- Prior dental or health care experience
 - **At least 30 hours of observation or experience in a dental setting are required.** Ten of those hours need to be at a public health setting such as a dental school clinic, dental hygiene school clinic, or other public health clinic. If you have further questions, please contact us: dhsadmissions@pacificu.edu.
- Two letters of evaluation are required. Recommended: one from a dental professional and one from an academic source.
- Content of application forms and care with which they have been completed
- Quality of writing ability as demonstrated by personal narrative
- Understanding of the dental hygiene profession
- Type of community activities
- Strength of on-campus personal interview

Based on the review of the application by the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee, applicants will be invited for on-campus personal interviews. The interview is required and is a strong contributing factor in the admission decision. It allows the Admissions Committee to assess essential skills and factors which may not be reflected in the application. In the interview, consideration is given to knowledge of the profession, motivation toward a career as a dental hygienist, ability to think clearly and logically, self-confidence and verbal expression of ideas.

Approximately 75-90 applications are received every year; 32 students are accepted into the program.

PCC DEGREE/TRANSFER INFORMATION:

AAOT Statement for Pacific University – This degree will be accepted with some limitations or exceptions, contact Pacific University for further information.

Associate of Science (AS) Degree – The courses listed may be included in the AS degree. The degree does NOT guarantee that students will be accepted as having completed all lower division comprehensive and General Education requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Students should work with an Academic Advisor to plan for transfer to the school and major of their choice.

Transfer without a PCC Degree – Students may elect to earn credits and transfer to a four-year institution without earning a PCC degree. Please meet with an Academic Advisor for an individual plan of study.

PCC endeavors to create accurate transfer guides for students; however, requirements may change without notice. Students are responsible for working with PCC advisors and their transfer institution to ensure that their academic plan will meet requirements and timelines.