

2026 Dental Hygiene Program Resource Page

Program begins every fall (August) in Middletown | October 1st application opens - February 1st application deadline

Please note, applicants are accepted into the Liberal Arts – AS until they are offered seat into the program

Academic Requirements

- English pre-requisite:** Eligible to take ENG 101, Freshman English I
- Math pre-requisite:** Eligible to take MAT 102, Intermediate Algebra
- Biology pre-requisite:** Completion of at least one of the following within 5 years of the application deadline: BIO110; BIO 101; BIO 111; BIO 112; or BIO 115 with a grade of “C” or higher; AP Biology (score of 3, 4, or 5); or a passing grade on the Biology CLEP exam. For Fall 2026 applicants, the biology pre-requisite must have been completed after February 1, 2021.
- Chemistry pre-requisite:** Completion of one of the following within 5 years of application deadline: HS Regents Chemistry course or equiv. with a grade of 75 or higher; passing grade on the Chemistry I CLEP exam; CHM 100 or another college chemistry (with a lab) with a grade of “C” or higher. For Fall 2026 applicants, the chemistry pre-requisite must have been completed after February 1, 2021.
- Minimum program GPA of 2.50** within non-clinical program courses (outlined below).

Department Requirements

- Observations:** Submit Dental Hygiene Observation Form/Activity completed within 3 years of the application deadline. For Fall 2026 applicants, observations must be completed after February 1, 2023. Applicants will be asked to complete a minimum of 4 hours in-person observation.
- Pre-Admission Seminar:** Attend a Dental Hygiene department pre-admission seminar within 3 years of the application deadline. For Fall 2026 applicants, the seminar must have been attended after February 1, 2023.

Application Requirements

- Submit a Health Profession Application:** https://sunyorange.edu/admissions/health_professions/index.html
**Please note that this application can serve as a general application to the College as well as the Dental Hygiene program. Students who are not already attending SUNY Orange are initially accepted with an AS Liberal Arts major until they are accepted into the AAS Dental Hygiene Program.
- Submit official high school transcript or GED with score report**
- Submit all official college transcripts** (if applicable)

All of the above requirements must be submitted to the Office of Admissions by February 1, 2026 in order to be considered for acceptance into the program for the Fall 2026 semester.

Non-Clinical Program Courses

Though not required to be eligible to apply for the program, the courses below (25 credits) are required as part of the Dental Hygiene Degree and completing them prior to applying for the program will strengthen your application. Please be aware that if you have not taken a course within its designated timeframe, you must retake it in order for it to be considered in the review of your application. Only courses completed with a grade of C or better as of the application deadline will be considered. Transfer students will have letter grade(s) from the appropriate courses at previous institutions considered when evaluating the program GPA.

Course Number	Course Name	Credit	Semester	Year	Grade
ENG 101	Freshman English I	3			
ENG 102	Freshman English II	3			
COM 101	Foundations of Communication	3			
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3			
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3			
BIO 115* or 112*	Human Biology* or Anatomy & Physiology 2*	4			
BIO 125*	Nutrition*	3			
MLT 106*	Microbiology for Health Professions*	3			

***Must have been completed within 5 years of application deadline (after February 1, 2021)**

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Selection Process

- All non-clinical program courses listed above with a grade of C or better will be included in the program GPA calculation and credit review. Transfer students will have letter grade(s) from the appropriate courses at previous institutions considered when evaluating the program GPA.
- Applicants will be considered based on the completion of all academic, department, and application requirements, the total number of non-clinical program credits completed (see table above), program GPA and science GPA. For Dental Hygiene, the following courses will be calculated in the science GPA: BIO 115 or BIO 112, BIO 125, & MLT 106.
- For complete information on health profession program requirements, including a breakdown of how points are calculated, visit: https://sunyorange.edu/admissions/health_professions/index.html

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The courses listed below in *italics* are the same non-clinical program courses listed in the table at the bottom of page one of this document. Due to the competitive nature of this program, some or all of these non-clinical program courses may be completed before applying to the Dental Hygiene Program. Once accepted to the Dental Hygiene Program, all clinical courses (CHM 110 + all DNT courses) must be completed in two years as outlined below.

<u>First Semester - Fall</u>			<u>Third Semester - Fall</u>		
ENG 101	<i>Freshman English I</i>	3 cr.	BIO 125	<i>Nutrition</i>	3 cr.
BIO 115 [^]	<i>Human Biology[^]</i>	4 cr.	DNT 201	Preventive Oral Health Services 3	5 cr.
CHM 110	General and Biological Chemistry	3 cr.	DNT 203	Oral Pathology	2 cr.
DNT 101	Preventive Oral Health Services 1	5 cr.	DNT 205	Periodontology	2 cr.
DNT 103	Maxillofacial Anatomy and Oral	4 cr.	DNT 207	Dental Bio-Materials and Advanced Functions	3 cr.
[^] BIO 112 can serve as a substitute for BIO 115					
<u>Second Semester - Spring</u>			<u>Fourth Semester - Spring</u>		
ENG 102	<i>Freshman English II</i>	3 cr.	COM 101	<i>Foundations of Communication</i>	3 cr.
MLT 106	<i>Microbiology for Health Professions</i>	3 cr.	PSY 111	<i>Introduction to Psychology</i>	3 cr.
DNT 102	Preventive Oral Health Services 2	5 cr.	SOC 101	<i>Introduction to Sociology</i>	3 cr.
DNT 104	Dental Radiology	3 cr.	DNT 202	Preventive Oral Health Services 4	5 cr.
DNT 106	Oral Health Education	2 cr.	DNT 206	Community Dental Health	2 cr.
DNT 108	Pharmacology	2 cr.			
			Total Credits: 70		
<u>Summer Session I</u>					
DNT 110	Pain Management in Dentistry	2 cr.			

Important Notes:

Four-semester sequence is subject to change