



ADMISSION SELECTION PROCESS

Admission to the Utah College of Dental Hygiene (UCDH) Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) program is competitive, based on specific criteria, procedures, and policies. The selection process consists of two parts. Part one includes the submission of a completed application. If an individual's application is competitive, they may be invited to part two of the selection process. Part two includes a personal, virtual interview. An invitation for an interview will only be extended once three science and three general education prerequisites have been completed. An interview does not guarantee acceptance to the program. All interviews are subject to cancellation or rescheduling at the discretion of the Admissions Committee.

Both objective and subjective factors are used in the selection process to determine an applicant's potential for successfully completing the program without compromising the established standards of ethical, academic, and clinical performance expected of all students and graduates of UCDH. These include the following, in no particular order:

- Completed, in progress, or appropriately scheduled prerequisite work. Due to the nature of the program, prerequisite work must be either completed, in progress, or scheduled for completion prior to entry into the program. Students with completed prerequisite work will be given priority in the selection process.
- Overall quality of prior educational experiences and grades based on where each course was completed. Tier One educational institutions (those with doctoral degree programs) are considered as the highest quality experience.
- Previous experience in the dental field. This requirement will be established through a minimum of 40 hours documented shadowing of a dental hygienist during their workday for all applicants.
- The ability to meet the application deadlines and apply critical thinking skills.
- Evidence of a desire to provide oral healthcare to the underserved, rural areas and/or become a dental hygiene educator.
- Content of application information and the ability to follow the instructions of the application.
- Positive respectful attitude towards college employees and/or students as the applicant communicates ideas and expresses opinions during the interview and application process.
- Grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, general focus, and overall content of the written essay.
- Ability to benefit from the educational program.
- Other appropriate life experiences may be considered. However, all decisions regarding applications, petitions, submissions, interactions, and/or special circumstances relating to applicants (or their application process) reside with the Admissions Committee.

PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

Students must enter the program with the following post-secondary coursework completed. All prerequisite transfer credit courses must be approved by a UCDH Administrator. The courses must be of sufficient depth, scope, sequence of instruction, and emphasis to reflect the objectives and philosophy of higher education. Prerequisite courses may only be transferred from an approved accredited institution at the post-secondary level. Applicants must have a **minimum of thirty-three (33)** semester credit hours of the required prerequisite coursework.

The UCDH BSDH program requires a minimum of **122 credit hours** (which includes a minimum of **33 credit hours** of prerequisite coursework). The UCDH curriculum is structured into semesters. One semester credit hour equals fifteen (15) hours of study for lecture components or thirty (30) hours of study for laboratory, clinical and independent study components. Breaks are scheduled between all semesters.

When an application is submitted with courses in progress, a mid-semester progress report is required from the student. It is the responsibility of the student to submit this report at midterm and official transcripts for courses taken after an application is submitted.

All applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in each individual science and general education course, to qualify for admittance to the program. Even with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, any course with a grade lower than a C does not meet the standard of the prerequisite requirement and must be retaken.

A foundational grade point average (FGPA) is computed using an applicant's best grades in the courses listed above. The FGPA is used in the selection process.

| Prerequisite Courses | Minimum Credit Hours |
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| Anatomy and Physiology I and II OR Anatomy AND Physiology (with lab*) | 8 |
| Microbiology (with lab*) | 4 |
| General or Introductory Chemistry (with or without lab) | 3 |
| College Level Mathematics Credit may be earned with a statistics course from the departments of education, business, or mathematics with a petition to transfer. See: PREREQUISITE COURSE TRANSFERABILITY | 3 |
| Nutrition | 3 |
| English | 3 |
| Public Speaking (Oral Communication) | 3 |
| Sociology | 3 |
| Psychology | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 33 |
| *Virtual or integrated lab acceptable | |

UCDH PREREQUISITE COURSE RETAKE POLICY

Only letter grades of C or better will be accepted. If your transcript indicates a final letter grade of C- or lower or has an unfamiliar letter that is specified on the transcript legend as a failure, an unofficial withdrawal, or incomplete in any required prerequisite, the course must be retaken.

To be eligible to apply to UCDH, prerequisite courses may only be taken two times. On the second attempt of a prerequisite course, the applicant must receive a letter grade of a C or higher, otherwise the applicant is ineligible to apply to the program at UCDH.

If a retake attempt was five or more years ago, and you earned a grade of C or lower, the applicant may petition to have a retake attempt waived. If you meet this criterion, you may submit a petition. Petition for Course Transfer form. This appeal does not guarantee approval.

PREREQUISITE COURSE TRANSFERABILITY

An applicant can petition for prerequisite course transferability for any class that does not match the required prerequisites or if you are eligible to petition the retake policy. In these instances, please complete the Petition for Course Transfer form along with a course description/syllabus. Petitions will not be reviewed without a course description/syllabus attached. As these petitions are only valid for each specific application cycle, a new petition(s) must be completed for subsequent cycles.

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT

All applicants must be a citizen of the United States or have a valid visa. Any questions regarding US citizenship should be directed to financialservices@ucdh.edu. If English is the applicants second language, a standardized test such as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) may be required.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does UCDH have an application deadline?

No, UCDH does not have an application deadline. Applications are accepted until the incoming class is full including alternates.

Does UCDH report the number of applications they receive?

No, UCDH does not release numbers on the applications that we receive. We accept 60 students into each cohort.

How should I send my transcripts (high school and college)?

All official transcripts must be sent directly from the school from which they are requested. Transcripts must be official to be applied toward prerequisite transfer credit.

Electronic Transcripts: Official electronic transcripts may be submitted through the following approved platforms: Parchment/Naviance, eScrip-Safe, Scribbles, or National Student Clearinghouse. If prompted to include a recipient email address, please use transcripts@ucdh.edu.

The Utah College of Dental Hygiene reserves the right to request a hard copy mailed transcript.

Hard Copy Transcripts: Official paper transcripts can be brought to UCDH in a sealed envelope or mailed directly to the following address:

**Utah College of Dental Hygiene
Attention: Admissions Department
1176 South 1480 West
Orem, Utah 84058**

Will my prerequisite transfer to UCDH?

The best way to find out if your classes will transfer as prerequisite courses is to arrange to have your transcripts sent to UCDH. The Admissions Office can review your transcripts for transfer credits. After your transcripts have been sent, contact the Admissions Office by phone (801)426-8234 or email admissions@ucdh.edu and they can tell you what will transfer, what you still need to complete, etc.

When does the program start?

UCDH rotates starting dates. We start accepting applications 12 months prior to each class start date.

What is the typical class schedule?

Classes during the BSDH program are full-time. Typically held Monday-Thursday. Classes may be held on select Fridays due to holidays or unforeseen events. The program is 20 months long.

Does UCDH offer an associate degree?

No, UCDH offers only a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene.

Do all my prerequisites need to be completed to apply to UCDH?

No, there is no reason to delay applying, since your prerequisites do not have to be completed before you apply; they must only be completed before the program begins.

DISCLOSURES

The Utah College of Dental Hygiene at Careers Unlimited L.L.C. is a private institution. Admissions requirements may change or be amended on a semi-annual/annual basis in response to requirements or recommendations submitted by the College's Board of Directors, Program Advisory Committee, College Administration, or any/all applicable Government or oversight agencies. These may include but are not limited to: Accreditation Bodies/Agencies, Federal Agencies, State Agencies, Regulatory Agencies (Federal, State, or Regional), and other local or applicable authorities.

No documents will be stored/logged in our database without the submission of your application. Completion of the UCDH application and submitting the information/required forms properly is the sole responsibility of the applicant. In the event an application is not completed in 365 days, any forms sent prior to that point will not be retained by the admissions office.

Re-applicant status. If you were previously offered conditional acceptance into the program, but did not attend, you can consider the option to reapply. Important note: re-applicants will only be considered for alternate positions. This also applies to applicants who started the program but withdrew early.

Please check your state license requirements as a misdemeanor or felony may result in the denial of a license to practice dental hygiene.

Bloodborne Pathogens Statement: Students in the Dental Hygiene program may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and other infectious and/or life-threatening diseases while providing clinical services at UCDH. Students are provided with instruction on the mechanisms of disease transmission and other potential risks associated with infectious diseases, including infection control procedures that can be used to potentially reduce the risk of disease transmission. The instruction on infectious diseases includes those published by national public health agencies, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

After acceptance into the program, students will be provided with a list of required immunizations, which must be completed prior to enrolling into the program. Contact the Admissions Department at admissions@ucdh.edu with additional questions.

UCDH does not guarantee the transferability of credits to or from other colleges and universities. **Transferability is determined solely by the discretion of the school/institution the student is applying to attend.**