Idaho State University
Department of Dental Hygiene
2025 ADMISSION INFORMATION

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Application

Persons interested in applying for admission to the program must apply through the American Dental Education Association Dental Hygiene Centralized Application Service at https://dhcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login. Submit the completed application along with the application fee of $50.00 payable to ADEA. Transfer students must send official transcripts to:

Idaho State University Admissions Office
921 S. 8th Ave, Stop 8270
Pocatello, Idaho 83209-8270
Telephone: 208-282-2475

Transfer Students

Transfer students must apply to ISU before submitting their application to the ISU Dental Hygiene Program. This can be done by completing the "*Idaho State University Admission Application*" which requires that official transcripts be sent to the **Idaho State University Admissions Office.** ISU applications can be obtained at **http://www.isu.edu by following the links for "How to Apply."** It is the student's responsibility to verify receipt of the University Application and associated transcripts. If a transfer student will be completing the DENT 2201 online course in the Summer 2025 semester, they will need to apply for ISU admission for **Summer 2025.**

ADMISSIONS SELECTION CRITERIA

The following are selection criteria established to aid the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee in selecting students for admission to the ISU Dental Hygiene Program when reviewing submitted program admission applications. During Phase I of the admissions process, the Admissions Rating Form is used to calculate the following criteria:

1. **Cumulative Core Grade Point Average (GPA) = 35%.** A 2.8 minimum is required to qualify for consideration for the program; however, this does not guarantee selection. Refer to the Prerequisite Core Courses section to determine the courses included in this GPA. The average core GPA for students admitted to the 2024 Junior class was 3.83.

2. **Natural Science Grade Point Average (GPA) = 40%.** A 2.8 minimum is required to qualify for consideration for the program; however, this does not guarantee selection. The prerequisite science courses are computed into this GPA. The average science GPA for students admitted to the 2024 Junior class was 3.83.

3. **Completion of Core and General Education Goals 6-11 or Objectives 1-9 = 5%.** These prerequisite core courses are essential for subsequent dental hygiene major courses and must be completed prior to fall admission. General education courses are necessary to fulfill ISU's Objectives to meet the requirements for the baccalaureate degree.

    Four of the six required science courses (or equivalents) must be completed with a letter grade prior to application.

No more than six courses (including general education) may be left to take during the spring/summer or by petition.

4. **Academic Record for Core Courses = 20%.** Academic progress is evaluated with respect to the applicant's performance in completing courses with a C- or higher. Repeated courses will result in a lower point value (refer to the "2025 Admissions Rating Form").

5. **Bonus Points.** Bonus points will be added to the "Admissions Rating Form" for:
   - Applicants who previously applied to the ISU Dental Hygiene Program who met the minimum criteria but were not successful in attaining admission. One bonus point will be awarded for each subsequent year of application with a maximum of three points earned through reapplication.
   - Applicants who complete at least three of the required seven science courses at Idaho State University. One bonus point will be awarded.

Applicant Selection Process - The selection process includes two phases:

Phase I – Academic Ranking

The first phase includes the calculation of an academic rating score using the Admissions Rating Form (see criteria listed previously). All qualified applicants will be ranked in order based on the calculated academic rating score.

Phase II - Final Selection

The final selection of students is based on the admissions score computed on the "Admissions Rating Form".

THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVIEW EACH APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTIONS TO ADMISSIONS CRITERIA ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

Dental Hygiene Academic Renewal Policy

The academic renewal policy allows applicants who previously earned poor grades an opportunity for academic forgiveness. For purposes of the dental hygiene admission process, applicants who had a three-year break in enrollment at a college or university are eligible. Academic renewal allows students to select semesters or quarters before the break in their education and have those courses deleted from consideration for the dental hygiene admissions process. Grades or withdrawals received on transcripts during the selected semesters or quarters will have no effect on the calculation of the admissions score. When selecting semesters or quarters, all courses within that time will be deleted from consideration; therefore, any core and/or general education courses taken during the selected semesters/quarter must be repeated after the break in education. In order for the academic renewal policy to be considered, applicants must submit a written request with the application form. Academic renewal may be awarded one time only.

Admissions Status

Applicants will be notified by **April 4, 2025** of their admissions status.

Conditional Accept – Students are admitted to the program based on successful completion of the planned courses outlined on the "Dental Hygiene Application for 2025 Admission." **Failure to successfully complete planned courses as indicated in the application will forfeit acceptance.** A *non-refundable* $200.00 deposit is required by the date established in the acceptance letter to hold a position in the program. Refer to the department website for scholarships available to dental hygiene students at ISU for the 2025-2026 school year.

Alternate – In the event one of the accepted students declines a position, an alternate will be selected. Alternates are ranked according to their original admissions score. Alternates may be admitted any time prior to the beginning of fall semester.

Accept and Alternate Status
Final transcripts for coursework completed in the spring semester and early summer session are necessary to complete the application. Any course work not completed with a grade of C- or above by these dates will require re-evaluation of admission status. This final evaluation may result in a change in status from "accept" to "alternate" or unqualified.

Unqualified – The admissions committee will not consider an application for admission for any of the following reasons:

1. The "Dental Hygiene Application for 2025 Admission" and supporting materials were not uploaded by the January 15 deadline.
2. Official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended (other than ISU) were not ordered by the January 15 deadline. Transfer students must send one official copy of all transcripts to the ISU Admissions office when applying to the University.
3. The "Dental Hygiene Application for 2025 Admission" and supporting materials were incomplete.
4. Cumulative core grade point average or science grade point average was below the 2.8 minimum required for consideration.
5. Four of the six required science courses were not completed before the January 15 deadline.
6. More than 6 courses (core courses and/or general education goals) remain incomplete or have a grade lower than a C-.
7. Information on the "Dental Hygiene Application for 2025 Admission" and supporting materials was misrepresented or falsified.
8. At least one advising appointment with a dental hygiene faculty or staff advisor was not completed.

Minimum criteria for an application to qualify for consideration:
- 4 Core Science Courses completed before January 15
- 6 or fewer Core and General Education Courses to complete **after** January 15
- Completion of DENT 2201 (can count as one of the 6 or fewer courses to be completed after January 15)
- Minimum Core GPA of 2.8
- Minimum Science GPA of 2.8
- Minimum grade of C- in dental hygiene prerequisite courses

TIMELINE
As Soon As Possible
- Initiate contact with an academic advisor at the Department of Dental Hygiene. A minimum of one documented advising appointment is required prior to application to the program.
- Transfer students must have completed the ISU admission application and be accepted to ISU.

Prior to January 15th
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended (other than ISU) must be sent to the University Admissions Office.

January 15th Application Date

- Application for admission to the dental hygiene program is submitted.
- All students must be classified as degree seeking students at ISU prior to submitting the application.

April 4th

- Notification of admissions status: Accept, Alternate, Unqualified.

April 18th

- Non-refundable $200.00 deposit due from students who accept a seat in the program.

May 13th

- If DENT 2201 has not been completed, students must be registered for the summer online DENT 2201 course. This course requires a minimum enrollment of 6 students in order to be offered in the summer of 2025. Contact the Department of Dental Hygiene regarding course offering.

Mid May

- Fit Day: fitting for scrubs, lab coats, gloves, magnification loupes, etc.

June 13th

- Final non-ISU official spring transcripts due to the ISU Admissions Office.

August 15th

- Final official (non-ISU) transcripts for summer general education objective courses due to the ISU Admissions Office.
- Completion of all Core and objective classes, including DENT 2201.

Tips on preparing a successful application:

- Meet with your advisor early and often to ensure you meet the requirements for admission. *Please don't wait until the week before the application is due to meet with an advisor for the first time.*
- If you are a transfer student, make sure you have applied to Idaho State University and have obtained your Bengal ID before submitting your application
- Access the application early, it will be available on October 26, 2024
- Aim to earn all A's and B's in the prerequisite courses
- **Use the GPA calculator at** https://www.isu.edu/advising/toolkit/gpa-calculator/ **to know what your Core Cumulative GPA and Core Science GPA is before applying**
- Submit your application well before the January 15th deadline
- Use the rating form on the next page to calculate your estimated admissions score

<u>2025 ADMISSIONS RATING FORM</u>

Applicant_____

Date _____   Reviewer _____

•Cumulative Core GPA (35 points)   Your GPA _____ ÷ 4.0 = Score _____ X .35 = _____

•Cumulative Science GPA (40 points)   Your GPA _____ ÷ 4.0 = Score _____ X .40 = _____

•Prerequisites (5 points)   Score _____ X .05 = _____

Includes ISU General Education Goals 6-11/Obj. 4, 7/8, 9)*
 DENT 2201 must be completed by end of summer semester (August 8, 2025).

Core Courses and ISU Objectives 4, 7 or 8, 9 or Goals 6-11	Points
All core courses must be completed and all General Education goal/objective courses must be completed by August 4.	100

   *Students are responsible for discussing coursework with an ISU Dental Hygiene advisor, either in person, Zoom, or <u>by telephone</u>, to plan for the completion of all core and goal (6-11) or objective courses prior to entrance into the program. Advising by an ISU Dental Hygiene faculty member should be completed as soon as possible in the student's academic preparation.

•Academic Record (20 points)
(Includes core courses only)   Score _____ X .20 = _____

Repeated Courses	Points
Up to three repeated courses	100
Four repeated courses	90**
Five repeated courses	80**
Six repeated courses	70**
Seven repeated courses	60**
Eight or more repeated courses	0

Bonus Points	Points Earned
1 point for each year of reapplication* (maximum of 3 points may be earned).	
1 point for at least 3 required science courses completed at ISU	
*Must be a qualified applicant	

Sub-Total

Academic Points:_____

Bonus Points: _____

TOTAL SCORE: _____