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Dental Hygiene Program Checklist

As a limited enrollment program, the Dental Hygiene program has a selective, competitive admission process and includes additional requirements over and above standard admission to Wake Tech Community College. Please make sure you have met all requirements below before submitting your Dental Hygiene program application.

- ☐ **Complete NC Residency and Wake Tech application process at** apply.waketech.edu
- ☐ **Complete the mandatory Dental Hygiene information session.** Go to hsinfosession.waketech.edu for more information. All information sessions are online. You must take the quiz and earn a 90% or above to receive credit for completing the information session.
- ☐ Submit **official** AP or CLEP scores for credit (if applicable).
- ☐ **Submit required educational transcripts:**
  - ☐ Submit **ALL** transcripts from any institution attended. If you are currently enrolled at another institution, you will need to request an updated transcript be sent to Wake Tech when grades post.
  - ☐ Verify that transcripts are evaluated. Log in to Self Service → Click Student Planning → then Go to Plan & Schedule→ Select Transfer Credits & Expand All. If your credits have been evaluated, they will be listed there. If a course is missing, please email tranevalreq@waketech.edu

  It is the student's responsibility to follow up with Registration & Records for transfer credit.
- ☐ **Schedule an appointment with an Admissions and Academic Advisor at hsadmissions.waketech.edu**.
- ☐ **Meet math proficiency with one of the following:**
  - ☐ Completion of prerequisites to be eligible to take CHM 130
- ☐ **Meet English/Reading proficiency with one of the following:**
  - ☐ Completion of ENG 111 or equivalent with a minimum grade of "C"
  - ☐ Completion of prerequisites to be eligible to register for ENG 111 without co-requisite
- ☐ **Meet Science Proficiency requirement with one of the following:**
  - ☐ Meet prerequisites to be eligible to register for BIO 163.
- ☐ **Shadowing**. Form attached to the Dental Hygiene program application.
  - ☐ Complete 20 hours (unpaid) of shadowing a Registered Dental Hygienist within the application year. Ex. January 1, 2025-January 31, 2026 for Fall 2026 admissions
- ☐ **GPA requirement**: Wake Tech pre-Dental Hygiene program GPA must be a 2.0 or higher to submit application.
- ☐ **Submit Dental Hygiene program application and applicable supporting documentation:**
  - ☐ The Dental Hygiene program application period is August 1 through January 31. Please note that applications will not be accepted before August 1 or after January 31. Applicants with equal point totals will be selected by using the highest score on the Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) Perceptual Ability Score. If a tie still exists, the number of times the applicant has applied to the Wake Tech Dental Hygiene Program will be utilized to break the tie.
  - ☐ Include documentation for the 20 hours of shadowing a Dental Hygienist. If you currently work in a dental office, the 20 hours of job shadowing must be UNPAID hours.

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2026 Competitive Admissions Process

Applicants are assigned points for non-clinical (non-DEN) courses that are part of the Associate of Applied Science Dental Hygiene curriculum and are completed by the application deadline.

- **Review admissions packet for full point breakdown**
- Points will be awarded based on scores earned by taking the Admissions Test for Dental Hygiene administered by the American Dental Association. More information can be found on the ADA website.
- 4 (four) points will be awarded for dental assistants that have graduated from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) program or are a Certified Dental Assistant. (CDA)
- 3 (three) points will be awarded for certification/graduation from select Allied Health disciplines as determined by the Dental Hygiene department head.
- 1 (one) point will be awarded for successful completion of the Dental Hygiene Boot Camp. HRD-3004F3
- 2 (two) points will be awarded for completing the CE course Career Exploration in Dental Hygiene. HRD3004CR2

					Technical Core Courses		
COM 120	ENG 111	HUM elect.	SOC 210	PSY 150	CHM 130	BIO 163	BIO 175
							A – 8
B – 3	B – 3	B – 3	B – 3	B – 3	B – 6	B – 6	B – 6
							C – 4

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS ELECTIVE: The Humanities elective can be any 3 credit hour class focusing on religion, art, literature, philosophy, drawing, sculpting, painting, music, dance, and theatre. Only 1 (one) class is required. Speak with an advisor for other choices.

Points will be awarded for courses taken at Wake Technical Community College or any U.S. regionally accredited institution and that meet the established transfer criteria established by the academic department. A grade of "C" or better must be earned in order to receive transfer credit. **Technical Core courses (CHM 130, BIO 163, BIO 175) must be completed within 5 years of the application window.** (ex. 2020-2025 if applying for August 2026)

A two part Anatomy & Physiology sequence (ex. BIO 168 & BIO 169) can be used in place of BIO 163. If you have completed BIO 168 and BIO 169, the 5 year requirement is based upon the completion date of BIO 169.

BIO classes must include a lab component. BIO classes transferred from another institution without a lab will not be used.

Since letter grades are not given to students who pass a challenge examination (AP/CLEP), points will be awarded for courses that have been challenged by assigning a grade of "B".

Applicants who wish to transfer to Wake Tech from another CODA accredited Dental Hygiene program or who wish to Restart the Wake Tech program must follow the criteria noted on the **Restart/Transfer Student Policy** document. Points may be deducted in the competitive process based on the reason for the restart/transfer.

Only those applicants who have completed the minimum admissions requirements and returned all required forms by the deadline will be considered eligible to be ranked for the DEN classes.

Wake Technical Community College is constantly evaluating the admissions procedures and reserves the right to make changes as the need arises.