Fones School of Dental Hygiene University of Bridgeport Transfer Admission Guide

ENTRY-LEVEL DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM

The dental hygiene program information is contained on this and associated web pages: http://www.bridgeport.edu/academics/undergraduate/dentalas

Entry level students are recommended, but not required, to observe a registered dental hygienist who is presently working in clinical practice for a minimum of four hours to increase awareness and knowledge of the profession prior to applying for the Dental Hygiene Program.

Transfer applicants must have attempted 12 or more semester hours at a regionally accredited institution. Prerequisites for application to the Dental Hygiene program are a college level Biology course (with a laboratory component), a college level Chemistry course (with a laboratory component), and a college level Math course (preferably intermediate algebra or higher). These courses must be completed *prior to application* to be considered for entrance. A minimum grade of C or higher in all pre-requisite courses and a QPR of a 2.5 or above is required.

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Completed application
\$25.00 application fee
Transcripts from all institutions previously attended (high school and colleges)
Two completed recommendation forms – please review the Recommendation Form for specifics.
One recommendation must be from a college biology or chemistry professor.
One recommendation may be from a dental hygienist or dentist.
Candidates may wish to submit another recommendation from an employer for a total of three (3)
recommendations. Each recommendation form must be placed in a sealed envelope with the
referrer's signature across the closure and submitted with the application by the candidate.
Personal essay** of approximately 500 words speaking to your interest in dental hygiene

Please note that this is a full-time program. Students find it extremely difficult to work while enrolled in the two-year program.

Prerequisite Coursework

(Courses MUST be taken PRIOR to applying to the program.)

- 1. College level Mathematics—typically 3 credits (Intermediate Algebra recommended)
- 2. College level Biology w/lab—typically 4 credits (General Biology I recommended)
- 3. College level Chemistry w/lab—typically 4 credits (General Chemistry I recommended)

Recommended Coursework

(Coursework NOT required prior to applying, but encouraged if time permits. All courses will fulfill UB-FONES graduation requirements.)

- 1. Composition—3 credits (Typically English 101) ** Strongly encouraged to be completed <u>PRIOR TO</u> or <u>WITH</u> prerequisites, consult your CC for their policy regarding English requirement **
- 2. Composition and Rhetoric—3 credits (Typically English 102)
- 3. Introduction to Sociology—3 credits
- 4. Introduction to Psychology—3 credits
- 5. Public Speaking OR Introduction to Mass Communications—3 credits
- 6. Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab—4 credits
- 7. Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab—4 credits
- 8. Microbiology w/lab—4 credits
- 9. Biochemistry—3 credits

^{**}The personal essay helps us become acquainted with you as a person and will demonstrate your ability to organize and express your thoughts. The essay may include what you know about the dental hygiene profession, your experiences being with people, and your views on healthy living. You may identify your career goals and plans for succeeding in the Fones School of Dental Hygiene. You may attach additional details of circumstances or qualifications not reflected in the application.

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DENTAL HYGIENE APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

The following physical qualifications are required for admission to and participation in the Associate degree program at the UB Fones School of Dental Hygiene. These qualifications are essential for the preparation of the entry level AS and BS Degree in Dental Hygiene. Students at the School must be able to perform at a high level of competency in all phases of classroom, clinic, and laboratory activities as they will ultimately use the knowledge attained as dental hygienists.

The applicant and student must possess:

- 1. Critical thinking ability sufficient for judgment during clinical activities.
- 2. Communication abilities for effective interaction verbally and in written form with patients and other members of the health care team
- 3. Coordination and use of both upper and lower limbs as required for, among other skills, the performance of dental hygiene clinical procedures and emergency skills such as cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.
- 4. Manual dexterity necessary for performance in the various clinical, dental laboratory, and basic science laboratories without posing a threat to her/himself, patients, or her/his fellow students' safety and well-being.
- 5. Hearing and visual abilities, appropriately assisted, acute enough to allow the individual recordation of patient histories, to provide routine safety instructions, and perform stethoscopic and other auscultatory examinations, and to read all forms of diagnostic imaging so that she/he can adequately interpret normal, abnormal, and pathologic changes.
- 6. Freedom from communicable diseases sufficient for rending safe and effective dental hygiene care
- 7. Ability to obtain a dental hygiene license as some states deny licenses for certain prior felony convictions.

Applicants with disabilities will neither be summarily denied admission, nor will higher scholastic requirements be demanded of them. All persons to be eligible for acceptance to the School must be capable of demonstrating upon request their ability to perform classroom, laboratory, and clinical assignments, including microscopic work, x-ray interpretation and techniques, or the equivalent, pass written, oral, and practical examinations and meet all of the requirements of the School as they evolve.

It is the responsibility of the applicant/student to assess compliance with these requirements. By submitting an application to the University of Bridgeport, Fones School of Dental Hygiene, the applicant is confirming his or her ability to meet qualifications for entrance into the Fones School of Dental Hygiene program.

Questions on Fones School of Dental Hygiene and the University of Bridgeport policies may be answered through website pages or contacting the respective department.