

Dear Prospective Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Hygiene Program at Trident. Our program is among the best in the nation, as evidenced by our performance on licensing exams and the satisfaction of the dental community we serve.

Offered as a full-time day program, Dental Hygiene requires that eight general education courses be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.5 *before admission is granted*. (See page B-7 of the College Catalog or review this information in the web-based catalog)) They are:

BIO 210 and 211 (Anatomy and Physiology I and II....4 SH each

BIO 225 Microbiology ....4 SH

CHM 105 General, Organic and Biochemistry....4 SH

(The science courses must have been taken within five years of entry date into the program and these courses have pre-requisites.)

ENG 101...3 SH

CPT 101 ...3 SH

SPC 209....3 SH

Math 120....3 SH

As a State institution, we admit on a “first qualified, first admitted” basis. That is, once all admission criteria are met, you are given a seat in the class. If the class is already full, qualified applicants are placed on the list for the following year. We admit a class of 24 in January of each year and graduation is an intense 1 year and 4 months later. Applicants need to be strong academically in the science area, as the vast majority of course content is grounded in these concepts.

Interested applicants must *first* attend a general Orientation Session in the Student Services Bldg. 410, telephone # is (843) 574-6436 where, in addition to receiving important admission information, a dental hygiene faculty will be assigned as your advisor. You will contact this advisor to develop a “course plan” and register for classes each term. For those who wish to transfer previous college coursework, “Official” transcripts must be submitted for evaluation by the Admissions Office. This evaluation should be completed before meeting with your advisor.

Hopefully, this answers many of your questions. If you would like to receive an application packet, please forward an address. Once this is reviewed please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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