



Dental Hygiene Program Admissions Process FAQ

1. Is it true that the Dental Hygiene program is updating its admission process?
 - Yes. The entrance requirements and admission process are being updated to make admissions more holistic and streamlined. The new Dental Hygiene process to be in line with other BTC Nursing and Allied Health admissions processes.
2. How are the admission requirements for Dental Hygiene changing?
 - Students must meet the minimum grade requirements, as well as, score at the *Proficient* level or higher in all four areas on the ATI TEAS, and have healthcare experience.
3. Where can I find information about the new Dental Hygiene Program admissions?
 - The Dental Hygiene website and the Admission Checklist located on the website.
4. How do I submit my application to the BTC Dental Hygiene Program?
 - Applicants will apply online during the APL-DH Application Window (see BTC website for Application Window dates).
5. How does the online application work? Will I need to upload any documents?
 - No. Applicants will not need to upload any documents. The online application is a form that students fill out online from any location and is mobile-friendly.
6. Is it true that the new BTC Dental Hygiene Program admissions process includes ranking applicants?
 - Yes. Points will be awarded for number of credits of Dental Hygiene foundational prerequisite courses successfully taken at BTC, eligible veteran or family member of an eligible veteran, completing an Allied Health Program or certificate at BTC, and for having applied previously with a complete application.
7. Will the Dental Hygiene Program continue to rank applicants by grade point average or previous degree?
 - No. The new admissions process does not rank applicants by grade point or previous degree. Instead the program will use the Annual Program List process outlined on the Dental Hygiene Admissions Checklist.
8. How do I know if I am an eligible veteran or eligible family member of a veteran?
 - Eligibility is determined by the School Certifying Officer for Veteran Benefits. More information can be found on the BTC website <https://www.btc.edu/FutureStudents/Veterans.html>. Applicants must meet eligibility prior to applying to the Dental Hygiene Program.
9. If I have never taken any classes at BTC will I still be able to apply to the Dental Hygiene Program?
 - Yes. While the majority of cohort seats will be offered to those who applied first and took classes at BTC, some cohort seats may be available for those who have not.
10. What qualifies as Healthcare Experience for the Dental Hygiene Program admission?
 - Certification and work experience in an allied healthcare field. A minimum 1,000 hours of employment in the last five years and proof of active unencumbered certification or license in the health field in which you completed the 1,000 hours is required.
11. Do I need to work in an allied health field or can I just complete a training program?
 - Yes. You must work at least 1,000 hours in the health field in which you are certified or licensed. Your employer(s) will need to sign the Dental Hygiene Healthcare Experience Verification form. Training only does not meet the new healthcare experience requirement.

12. Do I need to get my Healthcare Experience Form “preapproved” before I submit my application?
 - Yes. You are required to submit your form and attached documents to the Dental Hygiene Program by email to healthinfo@btc.edu. Allow ten business days for processing. **All Healthcare Experience forms must be submitted by the deadline posted on the BTC website.**
13. If I completed Nursing Assistant or another health program at BTC do I still need to submit the Healthcare Experience Verification form?
 - Yes. All students interested in applying to the Nursing Program must have their Healthcare Experience Verification form approved by the program prior to applying.
14. Does my Dental Hygiene Healthcare Experience Verification form approval expire?
 - Yes. The requirement for work is within the last five years so your healthcare experience will expire if it has been more than five years since your employment.
15. Do I need to have completed the transcript evaluation process before I submit my application?
 - Yes. Visit the BTC website for details <https://www.btc.edu/FutureStudents/TransferStudent.html>. Plan ahead as it can take BTC ten business days to evaluate your transcripts and additional time for the sending school to process your request. **All transcripts must be submitted prior to the deadline posted on the BTC website.**
16. What is the purpose of the ATI TEAS and why do I have to take it?
 - The ATI TEAS is used as part of the admission process by Allied Health programs nationwide to measure entry-level skills and abilities of health science program applicants. The purpose of the TEAS is to differentiate among varying levels of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning of allied health-related content. The primary difference between standard placement tests and the TEAS is that the TEAS speaks directly to success in allied health-related content while placement testing is not geared to provide those indicators.
17. Do I need to score at the *Proficient* level or higher on one ATI TEAS transcript?
 - Yes. You must score at the *Proficient* level or higher in each area on one assessment but you may take the ATI TEAS as many times as you need to reach this level on one transcript.
18. What does limited waitlist mean?
 - The Annual Program List for Dental Hygiene (APL-DH) is a limited waitlist because the list is only maintained for one academic year. At the end of that academic year, the waitlist is closed and cleared. Applicants not awarded cohort seats will need to reapply online during the next year’s Application Window.
19. If I will not be done with my foundation coursework before the APL-DH Application Window opens (for example I take my last course during spring quarter), should I wait until the next year to apply to the program?
 - Yes. All applicants must be *Program-Ready* before they can apply.
20. When are applications accepted?
 - Applications are only accepted during the APL-DH Application Window. The window generally opens in May. See the BTC website for dates.
21. Can I know where I'm at on the program waitlist?
 - We are unable to disclose waitlist information to applicants.

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