



**Dental Hygiene BAS  
Online Information Session  
2022 Admission Cycle**

# Dental Hygiene BAS

**Program Mission:** The mission of the Lake Washington Institute of Technology Dental Hygiene Program is to prepare students to enter the healthcare workforce as entry-level Dental Hygienists who are competent in the provision of safe, ethical and effective dental hygiene care. The program aims to provide students with high quality didactic and clinical education in the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective skills of Dental Hygiene as well as the promotion of life-long learning.

The Dental Hygiene BAS program is a **competitive admission program** with prerequisite requirements and application deadline unique to the program.

This program prepares students, upon graduation, to take the **National Board Examination** and the clinical licensing examination in the state where they plan to practice as a **Dental Hygienist**.

# General Program Information



- Competitive admission program
- Top 30 students with highest points are admitted. No waitlist.
- Dental Hygiene BAS admission:  
Summer
- Full Time, day-time program
- Program length: 8 quarters, including two 8-week summer quarters
- This program has received accreditation status from the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
- Upon graduation students are prepared to take the National Board Examination and the clinical licensing examination in the state where they plan to practice.
- Graduates may be eligible to pursue a Master's degree in Dental Hygiene.

# Estimated Program Costs

These numbers are estimates as of Spring 2021. Please view the website for updated estimates.

Estimated costs do not include pre-requisite coursework.

- 128 Credits, 8 Quarters
- Estimated Tuition & Fee Cost: **\$18,816**
- Estimated Books and Supplies: **\$13,600**
- Estimated Class/ Lab Fees: **\$8,440**
- Estimated Technology Fees: **\$2,867**
- Total Program Cost: **\$43,723**

# Selection Criteria Overview

# Selection Criteria Overview – Summer 2022

| Points            | Selection Criteria Description  |
|-------------------|---|
| Up to 40 Pts      | Cumulative GPA from these six classes:<br><i>ENGL&amp;101 or 102, CHEM&amp;121, CHEM&amp;131, BIOL&amp;241, BIOL&amp;242, BIOL&amp;260</i>  |
| Up to 30 Pts      | TEAS test (less than 2 years old)   |
| 0 Pts             | RDH Observations: Observe registered dental hygienists in two separate clinical settings for combined total of 20 hours   |
| 5 Pts             | 1000 hours 4 handed Chairside Dental Assisting ( <b>Optional Points – not required</b> )  |
| <b>75 Points</b>  | <b>75 Points Possible (After Stage 1 of the application review process)</b>   |
| Up to 25 Pts      | On-Campus Essay (The top 75 scoring candidates based on GPA, TEAS score, and optional chairside dental assisting experience will be invited to participate in an on-campus essay) |
| <b>100 Points</b> | <b>Top scoring 30 applicants are offered admission</b>  |

\*Science courses must have been taken within **7** years of application deadline.

# Application Reminders

Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to applying for admission to the program.

Test scores and official transcripts must be received by the deadline in order to be considered.

**Late materials will not be considered.**

# Required Courses for Application

Science courses must have been taken within 7 years of application deadline.

GPA bearing courses cannot be “in progress” at time of application.

Applicants must earn a 2.5/B- or higher in all required courses.

## Points bearing cumulative GPA courses:

- CHEM&121(or CHEM& 161)
- CHEM&131(or CHEM&261)
- BIOL&241
- BIOL&242
- BIOL&260
- ENGL&101 (or ENGL&102)

## Non-points bearing required courses\*:

- NUTR& 101
- PSYC&100 OR 200
- CMST&210 OR 220
- SOC&101
- MATH&146
- CMST&150 OR HUM215
- ENGL&102

\*non-points bearing courses must be completed by end of winter quarter preceding start of the Dental Hygiene program. These courses are not tabulated in the cumulative GPA scoring



# HUM 215 or CMST 150 Requirement

The Dental Hygiene BAS requires that students complete HUM 215 or CMST 150 for admission. We do allow other courses to count towards this requirement in certain circumstances.

**The Dental Hygiene program is looking for a Humanities class with diversity content.**

- LWTech offers both HUM 215 and CMST&150 to fulfill this requirement. If you have not yet taken this requirement, we recommend you take this course at LWTech to ensure you take an appropriate course.
- If you took a class at another college and that class does not obviously fall under an intercultural or multicultural course title, you can check if you have done any of the classes below or send an email to Selective Admissions at [selective.admission@lwtech.edu](mailto:selective.admission@lwtech.edu).

These courses are examples of classes that can fulfill the diversity requirement:

- Language and Gender: Introduction to Gender and Stereotypes
- Women and Power in Ancient World
- Introduction to Ethnic Studies
- Race, Ethnicity, Identity in Greco-Roman World
- Introduction to American Cultures
- African Studies
- Chicana/Chicano Literature
- Cultures of Middle Age
- History of Religion in U.S.
- Comparing Global Cultures
- Society and the Arts
- Media Matters: Race, Class and Gender
- Native American Studies
- Language, Culture and Power: The Politics of Language
- Women Writers

# Optional: Chairside Dental Assisting

Dental Hygiene BAS  
applicants **Optional** 4  
handed chairside  
assisting documentation

**No partial points given  
to those who have  
less than 1000 hours.**

- 1000 hours of 4 handed Chairside Dental Assisting
  - There are no time limits on Chairside Dental Assisting Experience forms
  - Chairside Dental Assisting Experience forms must be completely filled out.
  - The “Specific Duties” area of the form is to be filled out by the applicant. Please do not have your employer or supervisor fill out that area, as it will invalidate the form and result in “0” points for this application element.
  - Please use this area to give as much detail about the tasks and duties you performed. Attaching a job description is only considered supplemental documentation
- The Chairside Dental Assisting form is part of the online Dental Hygiene Application, you will self report these hours
- Your Employer must verify your total number of hours performing Dental Assisting Chairside Experience
- Forms can be found in your online Dental Hygiene application

# Registered Dental Hygienist Observation Requirement

Two registered dental hygienist observation forms are required.

## **Observation Sites:**

LWTech does not provide referrals for where an applicant can complete their observations. It is the applicants responsibility to find observation sites. You may want to call around to different dental offices (including your own) to ask if you can complete your observation hours at their office.

- Two registered dental hygienist observation forms are required
- Observations must be conducted in separate clinical facilities
- Split your hours as evenly as possible between the two RDH sites to make up a combined total of 20 hours
- It is permissible to use your “Chairside Dental Assisting” site for one of your RDH clinical observation sites if appropriate but you are required to seek out a completely separate, second RDH observation clinical site
- Forms can be found in your online Dental Hygiene application

# TEAS Test

## All Applicants must take the TEAS Test

**What is the TEAS?** The TEAS, or Test of Essential Academic Skills, is designed specifically to assess a student's preparedness entering the health science fields.

**Test Format:** The TEAS test is comprised of 170 questions set up in a multiple-choice format with four-option answers. The test takes approximately 3.5 hours.

**Test Content:** Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills you will need to perform in class in the areas of: Reading, Math, Science, and English and Language Usage.

**Preparation:** The TEAS test should be taken after completion of your pre-requisite courses. Students are highly encouraged to study in advance of the test. Next to your cumulative GPA in the pre-requisite courses, the TEAS is the next highest points value in the admission process. Performing strongly on the TEAS is important to be a competitive applicant.

# TEAS Test (cont.)

## LWTech TEAS Testing Policy

**Where to Take:** LWTech's Assessment Center offers the TEAS test in-person and remotely.

- Email [assessment@lwtech.edu](mailto:assessment@lwtech.edu) to schedule.
- Students can take the TEAS test at another college and transfer their scores to LWTech.

**Cost:** LWTech charges **\$115.00** (subject to change) for the test

**Time limit:** Test scores are valid for **two years**.

**TEAS Testing Policy:** Submit your highest TEAS score that is no older than two years from the application deadline.

# HEPATITIS B VACCINATION INFORMATION

- Hepatitis B vaccination series – complete the first 2 of 3 (one month apart) by the application deadline, the third must be completed (6 months later) by orientation day
- Signed proof from a doctor or clinic is needed
- 2 copies should be submitted
- Make a copy to keep for your records, and update with the third vaccination
- If accepted, you will need copies of this vaccination information for your internship and for employment after graduation

# Application Process Overview

# Application Deadlines

Dental Hygiene students are accepted on a competitive admission process.

Dates, procedures, and requirements stated in this information session and/or application are subject to change.

- Quarter Start
  - **Summer 2022**
- Application Deadline
  - **December 27, 2021**
- Top 75 applicants selected and notified
  - **January 27, 2022**
- Mandatory on-site essay for 75 applicants
  - **February 7, 2022**
- Final 30 candidates selected and notified
  - **February 23, 2022**
- BLS/1<sup>st</sup> Aid class
  - **TBD**
- Mandatory Orientation
  - **June 24, 2022**

# Locating the Application

The Dental Hygiene BAS application is an online application

To request disability accommodations in the application process, contact Disability Support Services at [dssinfo@lwtech.edu](mailto:dssinfo@lwtech.edu).

- The Dental Hygiene BAS application and information is available online at [LWTech.edu/Dental](http://LWTech.edu/Dental)

Dental Hygiene Applied Bachelor's  
Online Admission Application

- There is a “Supporting Information Packet” that you can download, which includes an application checklist and an unofficial scoring table. This should not be submitted and is for your personal use only.
- If you have any difficulties in submitting application, please email [selective.admission@lwtech.edu](mailto:selective.admission@lwtech.edu)
- Frequently asked questions regarding the application and other important information to prepare for your application is located at [LWTech.edu/DentalAdvising](http://LWTech.edu/DentalAdvising)

# Application Requirements

- Completed prerequisite courses with a minimum 2.5 GPA/B-
- Provide to Enrollment Services official transcripts documenting prerequisites used towards this application and/or proof of prior education
- Registered Dental Hygienist Observations
- 4 handed chairside assisting forms (optional)
- High school diploma or GED is completed and noted on application
- TEAS Test
- Vaccinations
- Onsite essay for the top 75 selected applicants only.

# Online Application

- Once your application is completed, make sure to click the "**Submit Application**" button on the last page.
- If you do not "**Submit**" your application is considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.



## Admissions Application Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene

[LWTech.edu/dental](http://LWTech.edu/dental)

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|   |                                       |                                |                          |                   |                   |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Program Admission Requirements                      | Selection Criteria                    | Dental Hygiene BAS Application | Re-Applicants            | Essay Information | TEAS Test results |
| Recommendations and Observation of Dental Hygienist | Chairside Dental Assisting Experience | Required Vaccinations          | \$50 USD Application Fee |                   |                   |
| Program Contact Information                         | Requirements                          | Charges and Additional Items   |                          |                   |                   |

\* = Required Field

### Application Process & Requirements

The Dental Hygiene BAS at Lake Washington Institute of Technology has admission requirements beyond those necessary for general admission to the college. Please follow all directions in this application carefully. Failure to comply with the process described within may result in disqualification from the admissions pool for this program.

Please allow adequate processing time for all documents and transcripts you need to submit to LWTech. In order to create a fair selection process, we will only consider application packets to be complete when they include all the necessary official transcripts and other documents and have met the stated deadline. **We do not contact applicants who have missing documents.** Only students with completed applications will be considered for admissions to the LWTech Dental Hygiene BAS Program. It is the student's responsibility to make sure all requirements are met and all required documents are received for the application.



# Checking Application Status

Top 75 applicants will be selected and notified January 27, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Onsite essay for top 75 applicants  
February 7, 2022.

- You can check on the progress of your admission decision status by logging into your Self-Service Center.
- Requirement status will be updated manually, when admission staff process and verify your application documents.
- This field does not update automatically.

| Requirements             |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Name                     | Status         |
| Degree or College Credit | ! Not Received |
| Minimum College GPA      | ! Not Received |
| English Composition      | ! Not Received |

# Application Decision Status

- The final decision **status** will be available **February 28, 2022** on your online account. You can check decision status by logging into your Self-Service Center.
- To accept the offer of admission, you must return an accept/decline form.
  - Click 'Respond' in the top-right of this letter and submit online
    - If you experience any difficulty with this form, please email [selective.admission@lwtech.edu](mailto:selective.admission@lwtech.edu) or call (425) 739-8104 to get assistance



# Mandatory Orientation for Accepted Dental Hygiene Students

- Students accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program are required to complete a mandatory Orientation.
- Orientation will take place on June 24, 2022
- Failure to complete the orientation will result in the student's withdrawal from the Cohort.

# **Additional documentation needed for successful applicants**

**Additional documentation may be required for Dental Hygiene students to participate in clinical settings.**

Documentation may include but is not limited to:

- Tuberculosis screening
- Verification of Immunizations
- HIV/AIDS 7 hr. Training Certificate (taken in the program)
- Drug Screening
- First aid/CPR for healthcare provider's card (all students complete during the program orientation)
- Background check

If a criminal check for the particular students shows a "less than satisfactory" rating, clinical extern facilities may deny access to that student. While entrance to the Dental Hygiene program may not be denied because of such a rating, without access to the clinical extern facilities such a student may not be able to satisfactorily complete the Dental Hygiene program and will be so advised.

# Planning & Support

# Planning for Pre-Requisites

The Dental Hygiene BAS program at LWTech, like programs across the country, is **very competitive**. Grades are weighted heavily in our admission process.

**Careful pre-requisite planning is strongly encouraged.** Ask yourself the following questions as you plan to take the pre-requisite courses:

## **What are your life obligations?**

- Do you work? Have children? Have other obligations in addition to going to school? It is important to consider the pace and order in which you take classes. It is also important to look into support services you may qualify for.

## **How much time do you have to dedicate to each class you're taking?**

- Consider taking 1-2 classes per quarter. Going slower may allow you to dedicate more time to your class(es) and higher grades.

## **Can you get a 3.8 or higher (the average grade for the required courses) if you take these classes together?**

- Pair classes thoughtfully. Know which courses are going to take you more effort and pair them with class(es) that you feel more confident in.

# Planning for Pre-Requisites

- **Do you enjoy and understand the pre-requisite class content?**
  - As you take your pre-requisite courses in preparation of applying to the Dental Hygiene program, please keep in mind that the courses required are required for a reason.
  - The pre-requisite courses are core components of your education and the knowledge gained in them will be used throughout the Hygiene curriculum. You will be expected to bring that knowledge to the very first quarter of classes. This is especially true of the science courses.
- **Why am I choosing Dental Hygiene?**
  - Many students are interested in the healthcare field and are unaware of the vast opportunities and careers in the field. There are other healthcare careers available, many of which are less competitive that also offer stable careers and salary. Check out LWTech's other [healthcare programs](#), which include:
    - **Behavioral Healthcare**
    - **Fitness**
    - **Funeral Service Education**
    - **Medical Assisting**
    - **Occupational Therapist Assistant**
    - **Physical Therapist Assistant**
    - **Public Health**

# Past Cohort Statistics

| Description   | 2020 Statistics   | 2021 Statistics  |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Total Applicants  | 107 (30 accepted) | 95 (30 accepted) |
| Average Cumulative Prerequisites GPA                    | 3.8               | 3.8              |
| Average total points for Chairside assisting experience | 2.6               | 3.7              |
| Average TEAS Composite Score                            | 84.1              | 82.7             |
| Average Essay Points                                    | 21.4              | 19.6             |
| Average Total Points                                    | 87.47             | 84.64            |

# Planning for Pre-Requisites

Below are two example plans for completion of pre-requisites. There are many different timelines and combinations to take your pre-requisite courses. Individual circumstances will determine which plan is best for you. Visit [LWTech.edu/DentalAdvising](http://LWTech.edu/DentalAdvising) for more academic planning resources. \*denotes GPA bearing course

## 1. Example of plan for student who has few outside obligations and wishes to complete pre-requisites quickly:

| Fall      | Winter                    | Spring            | Summer          | Fall            |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| BIOL&160  | *BIOL&241                 | *BIOL&242         | *BIOL&260       | *CHEM&131       |
| *CHEM&121 | CMST&210 or 220<br>or 230 | NUTR&101          | MATH&146        | PSYC&100 or 200 |
| *ENGL&101 | SOC&101                   | CMST150 or HUM215 | CMST&210 or 220 | ENGL&102        |

## 2. Example of plan for student who has outside obligations and wishes to take a reduced course load:

| Fall                  | Winter               | Spring                          | Summer    | Fall                  | Winter                           | Spring                          | Summer<br>or Fall |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| *CHEM&121<br>BIOL&160 | *BIOL&241<br>SOC&101 | *BIOL&242<br>PSYC&100<br>or 200 | *BIOL&260 | *CHEM&131<br>NUTR&101 | MATH&146<br>CMST150<br>or HUM215 | *ENGL&101<br>CMST&210<br>or 220 | ENGL&102          |

# Planning Considerations for Science Courses

The Advising Department and the Science Department strongly recommend students consider the following:

## Sequencing:

- Take the science courses in the following sequence: CHEM&121, BIOL&160, BIOL&241, BIOL&242, BIOL&260.
- Take BIOL&241 and BIOL&242 sequentially, without any gap quarters, to ensure you retain information.
- BIOL&260 should be taken last in the science sequence even though the pre-requisites allow it to be taken after completion of CHEM&121/BIOL&160.

## Course Load:

- With the exception of CHEM&121 and BIOL&160, students never take two sciences together in the same quarter. For some students, even taking CHEM&121 and BIOL&160 in the same quarter can be an overload. Talk to an advisor to determine if taking them together is the right choice for you.
- Start your BIOL&241 and BIOL&242 sequence in Fall or Winter so that you can take the courses sequentially during the longer quarters. The summer quarter is a short quarter, which can be overwhelming to many students. If students plan to take one of these courses in a summer quarter, they are strongly advised to only take 1 course.

## Studying:

- While not required or considered for admission, work hard and pay close attention to BIOL&160. This course is important to build a strong foundation in preparation for your other science requirements.
- LWTech offers free tutoring for all of the Dental Hygiene pre-requisites. Students are strongly encouraged to utilize the [Learning Lab](#) for their sciences and other requirements.



# Dental Hygiene Planning

- Review the Dental Hygiene Application, supplemental information packet, and [Dental Hygiene BAS advising webpage](#) in depth to ensure you understand all requirements and how admissions to the program works. This will help you be the most competitive applicant possible!
  - [LWTech.edu/DentalAdvising](http://LWTech.edu/DentalAdvising)
- Complete your observations early – make sure that Dental Hygiene is the right career choice for you.
  - Unsure if Dental Hygiene is the right path for you? Attend a [Career Choice Workshop](#) to explore other pathways.

# Transferring in Pre-Requisites from Other Institutions

## Sending Official Transcripts

- Visit [LWTech.edu/Transfer](https://www.lwtech.edu/Transfer) for details on how and where to send your transcripts to LWTech.

## Verifying LWTech Received your Transcript

- Evaluation results will be available 2 – 4 weeks after the receipt of official transcripts. The total number of credits transferred in and the institution from which the credits were transferred will be posted to your [LWTech transcript](#).
- The results of the evaluation can be viewed by running a [Degree Audit](#) (SID and PIN required) for the Dental Hygiene BAS.

## Unofficial Transcript Evaluation

- Advisors cannot guarantee that a course from another institution will count towards the pre-requisite for a competitive admission program.
- ALL students must submit an official transcript to the college for evaluation to receive official confirmation that the course they are transferring in meets the requirements.

## Additional Questions?

- Applicants with further questions can contact: [Selective.Admission@LWTech.edu](mailto:Selective.Admission@LWTech.edu)



# Transferring Courses to LWTech

## Washington Community and Technical College Courses and Transcripts

Many of the pre-requisite courses for the program are common core academic courses across the community and technical college system. This is denoted by the “&” symbol. If you took a class with the exact same coding and title such as PSYC&200 Lifespan Psychology at another community or technical college the course is equivalent and will transfer easily.

## Washington State Colleges and Universities

If you have a course that does not have the exact coding and title as the requirement at a university in Washington State, you can email [Selective.Admission@LWTech.edu](mailto:Selective.Admission@LWTech.edu) to ask about course equivalency.

## Out of State Colleges and Universities

If you took courses at an out of state college or university, you must apply for general admission and submit an official transcript for evaluation. This process can take 2 – 4 weeks from the time we receive the transcript.

## International Transcripts

Must be evaluated (referred to as a course by course evaluation) and translated by an international transcript evaluation company such as FIS. Send the official evaluated transcript to LWTech for transfer evaluation.

## Semester Credits

If you are transferring credits from a semester college, you can multiply the amount of semester credits by 1.5 to find the quarter credit amount. It is common for you to have a 3 credit semester course that will transfer in as 4.5 quarter credits. This is ok for the admission process.

## Courses Without Decimal or Letter Grades:

For selective admission healthcare programs, LWTech does not accept transfer credits from colleges that do not provide a decimal or letter grade for completed classes. Classes from any college that are graded only as a “pass” or “satisfactory” or credits earned via CLEP, AP, IB, or other testing process will be converted to a 2.0 in the admission process which may make you ineligible for admission.



# Determining Unofficial Points GPA & TEAS

There is an unofficial points calculator available for both GPA and TEAS score.

This is available in the 2022 Dental Hygiene BAS Supporting Information Packet, located at [LWTech.edu/Dental](http://LWTech.edu/Dental)

Academic Advisors and Selective Admission staff cannot calculate points for a student. Please review the information available in the Supporting Information Packet.

# Academic Advising

Please visit [LWTech.edu/DentalAdvising](http://LWTech.edu/DentalAdvising) for all Advising options and additional academic planning resources.

Individual appointments with a general advisors are not available at this time for prospective Dental Hygiene students. Visit [LWTech.edu/DentalAdvising](http://LWTech.edu/DentalAdvising) for all Advising details. Options include:

- Attend a **Dental Hygiene Group Advising & Information Session** where advisor's offer one-on-one breakout rooms for academic advising.
- Attend **Drop-in Advising** which is offered 3x per week with no appointment necessary. More information available at [www.lwtech.edu/Advising](http://www.lwtech.edu/Advising).
- Join LWTech's **TRIO** and/or **Workforce Development** programs. They offer individual advising appointments and academic planning to qualified students in addition to other support and resources.
  - [LWTech.edu/TRIO](http://LWTech.edu/TRIO)
  - [LWTech.edu/WFD](http://LWTech.edu/WFD)



# Intensive Advising & Support Programs

Need more intensive support with planning for and taking your pre-requisites?

See if you qualify for TRIO and or Workforce Development today.

All students are encouraged to see if they meet the qualifications for the following support programs which do offer one-on-one advising assistance to eligible students.

## TRIO

The goal of TRIO is to provide support services such as intensive academic advising, one-on-one tutoring, and more to students who are citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the US who identify as:

- Low-income and or
- First generation (neither parent nor guardian has a bachelor's degree and neither does the student) and/or
- Students with disabilities.

See if you qualify by going to [www.lwtech.edu/TRIO](http://www.lwtech.edu/TRIO)

## Workforce Development

This department consists of several federal and state funded programs including:

- [BFET](#) (on or eligible for federal food assistance)
- [Opportunity Grant](#) (low-income students pursuing high wage, high demand careers)
- [Worker Retraining](#) (laid off workers, displaced homemakers, vulnerable workers, formerly-self employed, military veterans discharged in last 48 months, active duty military with separation orders.)
- [WorkfFirst](#) (on TANF/welfare)

The programs may provide assistance with tuition, books, advising and individualized support services.

See if you qualify by going to [www.lwtech.edu/WFD](http://www.lwtech.edu/WFD)



# Tutoring Resources

Students are highly encouraged to utilize LWTech's free tutoring resources in their pre-requisite coursework.



**The Learning Lab**: The Learning Lab is a drop-in tutoring center that supports All LWTech students in math, English, science, social science, pre-requisite, and select program classes. The Learning Lab offers free drop-in tutoring from faculty, staff, and certified tutors to support students in understanding course concepts and accessing resources.

**TRiO**: The goal of TRiO is to provide services to students who are low-income, first-generation (neither parent nor guardian has a bachelor's degree and neither does the student), or students with disabilities. TRiO offers one-on-one tutoring, academic advising, and more.

# Paying for College

LWTech offers resources to assist students with paying for college.

The Pay for College webpage includes information about Federal and State financial aid as well as scholarships and special population funding opportunities.

- Visit [LWTech.edu/PayForCollege](https://LWTech.edu/PayForCollege) for details.

The most common way students pay for school is through federal or state financial aid - FAFSA or WASFA

- To learn more go to [LWTech.edu/FinancialAid](https://LWTech.edu/FinancialAid)
- The application is FREE
- Once submitted, your application will take up to 20 weeks to process. Apply for financial aid before you apply to the program so that you are not delayed in receiving funding.

# Pre-Requisite Programs of Study

While pursuing pre-requisites, students are encouraged to consider declaring the following major:

- [Health Sciences AAS-T \(90 cr\)](#)

This program provides the following benefits:

- **Not competitive admission, can declare major any time and start any quarter.**
- Program embeds all pre-requisites for Dental Hygiene BAS program, which presents a financial aid benefit (pre-requisite courses are eligible to be paid for by financial aid).
- Unsuccessful applicants to the Dental Hygiene program may use this degree as a “backup plan” and can continue to complete the program and earn a credential to apply to other programs.
- Graduates of this program can apply to other healthcare related BAS programs such as LWTech’s Behavioral Health BAS and Public Health BAS programs

# Additional Information & Resources available on the Dental Advising Webpage

## Additional Dental Hygiene Admission and Advising Information

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Health Sciences AAS-T

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[LWTech.edu/DentalAdvising](https://lwtech.edu/DentalAdvising)

