

Lake Washington Institute of Technology
2024 Dental Hygiene Bachelor of Applied Science
Supporting Information for the Application Process

INTRODUCTION

Admission criteria for the Dental Hygiene BAS program reflects an approach that includes the student’s test scores, observations, short essay, and pre-requisite course grades.

ACCREDITATION

The Dental Hygiene Program is accredited (approval-without reporting requirements) by the American Dental Association (ADA) and Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Approval (without reporting requirements) is an accreditation classification granted to an educational program indicating that the program achieves or exceeds the basic requirements for accreditation. In addition, the Lake Washington Institute of Technology is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

ADMISSION

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Task	Deadline Dates
Application Deadline	January 4, 2024
The top 60 applicants selected and notified	February 2, 2024
Onsite essay (location TBA) for top 60 applicants 3-5 pm	February 9, 2024
Selected students notified of admission	March 15, 2024
Accept/Decline offer of admissions form returned	March 20, 2024
Mandatory new cohort orientation Part I (location and time TBD)	March 29, 2024
Mandatory BLS/1st Aid class (must be completed before Part II)	June TBD, 2024
Mandatory new cohort orientation Part II (location and time TBD)	June 21, 2024
Summer term start date	July 8, 2024

The dates, procedures, and requirements stated are subject to change

To request disability accommodations in the application process, contact Disability Support Services at (425) 739-8300 or FAX requests to (425) 739-8275 or email dssinfo@lwtech.edu

NEW APPLICANTS

STEP 1

Apply for general admission to Lake Washington Institute of Technology to receive a Student ID number (SID) if you have not already done so. You may apply online at LWtech.edu/apply

STEP 2

Attending a Dental Hygiene information session or completing one online is strongly suggested. Session dates are listed on the Dental Hygiene webpage at LWtech.edu/dental

STEP 3

Fill out the Dental Hygiene BAS application online at LWTech.edu/dental. If you are not able to complete an online application, please contact selective admissions for an alternate way to submit an application. Selective admissions can be reached by calling 425-739-8104 or emailing selective.admission@LWtech.edu.

RE-APPLICANTS

If you are denied admission to the program and would like your application to be carried over to another application cycle, you must do the following:

STEP 1

Contact Enrollment Services by emailing a request to re-apply to selective.admission@lwtech.edu. It is important that you indicate in the subject line "Attention: Request to reapply to DHYG BAS Program". Inside your email request, please supply your name, SID number and identify the year of your most recent application.

STEP 2

Submit an online application at LWTech.edu/dental and fill out the section for re-applicants. If you want to reuse your DH observation forms, TEAS results, essay score and transcripts from your previous application, please indicate that in the new application.

APPLICATION SIGNATURES

In signing forms in the application, you will be certifying that to the best of your knowledge the statements made are complete and true. This means that failure to disclose and submit official transcripts from all schools, colleges, or universities attended and failure to disclose and submit complete and accurate information may result in the denial of admission or subsequent dismissal from Lake Washington Institute of Technology. Your application will be considered incomplete without the required signatures.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Generally, applicants must complete all of the following to be considered for the Dental Hygiene BAS Program:

LWTech Selective Admissions Related Requirements

- Apply for general admission to LWTech and obtain a Student ID number (SID).
- Set up an LWTech student email account
- **Determine that all science courses are no more than 7 years old by the application deadline.**
- Minimum grade for transfer and completion of courses is 2.0, but for the Dental Hygiene program, a higher standard applies (grades less than 2.5 are not accepted).
- Provide official transcripts pertaining to prerequisites used towards application.
- International transcripts will need a course-by course evaluation by an international credential evaluation agency ([link to agencies](#)).

DHYG BAS Specific Requirements

- Meet or exceed a 2.5/B- in the following pre-requisite courses prior to application.
 - BIOL&241 and BIOL&242
 - CHEM&121(or CHEM&161) and CHEM&131(or CHEM&261)
 - BIOL&260
 - Both ENGL&101 and ENGL&102 must be completed to apply. For your application, please use the course where you earned the highest grade.
- Meet or exceed a 2.5/B- in the following co-requisites courses by the end of Winter Quarter 2024. These courses are not tabulated in the cumulative GPA scoring.
 - NUTR&101
 - PSYC&100 OR 200
 - CMST&210 OR 220
 - SOC&101
 - MATH&146
 - CMST280 OR HUM215 or equivalent

Please notice – For the Summer 2025 application cycle, all co-requisites listed above must be completed by the application deadline (December 2024)

- Submit two Registered Dental Hygienist observation forms for a combined total of 16 hours.
- Take ATI TEAS and submit TEAS scores that are less than two years old. **Attention: Minimum score of 70 is required.**
- High school diploma or GED is completed and noted on the application.
 - Official transcripts for GED or Diploma are not required
- Onsite essay for the top 60 selected applicants only. Applicants will be notified if they are selected and no essay should be submitted with the initial application.

The Dental Hygiene BAS program requires applicants that are accepted to the program have:

1. Proof of complete COVID-19 Vaccination by the application deadline

- Approved religious and medical exemptions are accepted; however, not all extern sites will allow unvaccinated student participation. Unvaccinated students are to meet specific patient population requirements regardless.
- Boosters may be required every 6 months.

2. 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccination series or a positive titer showing immunity if dose series is more than 10 years old.

- The third dose must be completed by the first day of summer quarter.
- Applicants must have **one** of the following:
 - A copy of your signed proof from the doctor/clinic of 3 Hepatitis B vaccinations completed
 - OR a copy of the titer showing immunity.
 - A titer must be provided if the Hepatitis vaccination series is more than 10 years old.

3. Tuberculosis screening (Skin or blood test)

- 2 step tuberculin test OR QuantiFERON TB Gold In-Tube test (GFT-GIT) showing no active TB
 - If the TB test is positive, it is necessary to have a chest x-ray and a TB Assessment signed by a healthcare provider.

4. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)

- Must provide a positive titer showing immunity

5. Varicella (chickenpox)

- Must provide a positive titer showing immunity

6. Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis

- Must provide proof of 1-dose within the last two years of TD within the last 10 years.

Additional documentation may be required for Dental Hygiene students to participate in clinical settings. Documentation may include but is not limited to:

- Verification of Immunizations
- Background check
- Drug Screening
- First aid/CPR for healthcare provider's card

ATI TEAS INFORMATION

TEAS testing is offered by appointment only. Please visit the Assessment Center website LWTech.edu/assessment and click “Register for a Test” to schedule your appointment. If you have questions about scheduling, contact The Assessment Center at (425)739-8115. TEAS scores that are less than 2 years old will be accepted. The ATI TEAS (now the new title) is the latest version of the TEAS test.

- Scores are valid for two years at LWTech
- Tests taken at LWTech will automatically be submitted electronically to the ATI database for LWTech viewing.
- If you take the test elsewhere, you must pay a transcript fee to ATI in order for scores to be viewed by LWTECH. You can do that by visiting the ATI [website](#) or by calling 1(800) 667-7531. Select *Lake Washington Institute of Technology TEAS Applicant* to submit scores to LWTECH.
- Please do not email your TEAS score to LWTech; we only accept scores sent directly from ATI.
- **Attention: Minimum score of 70 is required on your TEAS score.**

SELECTION CRITERIA

Prerequisite courses and admission requirements not mentioned in the calculation below are still required for your application to be considered complete.

POINTS	DESCRIPTION OF WHY POINTS ARE AWARDED
40 pts	GPA Multiply your required prerequisite course cumulative GPA by 10. Instructions on pg. 6
30 pts	The ATI TEAS scores that are less than 2 years old (minimum score of 70 required) Multiply the Adjusted Individual Total Score by 0.30 for total points To tabulate TEAS points, see a table with the formula on p.6
No points	RDH Observations: Observe two registered dental hygienists in two separate clinical settings for a combined total of 16 hours See instructions on page 8
25 points	Onsite Essay for selected applicants only. See page 7 for more information

SELECTION TO COHORT

The 30 students with the highest points will be offered admission to the Dental Hygiene BAS. Completion of Co-Requisite courses may be used to determine final admission in the result of a tie. There is no waiting list for this program. It is not possible for the admissions office to notify applicants of missing materials or respond to applicant inquiries as to the status of their application.

DETERMINING YOUR UNOFFICIAL GPA AND TEAS POINTS

To tabulate your cumulative GPA, first:

- Convert any semester credits by multiplying them by 1.5
- Convert any letter grades to numerical grades using the table provided

Letter Grade	GPA
A	4.0
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
Less than a B-	Less than 2.5 Does Not Qualify

Then:

- Enter all course information along with numerical grades and credit hours in the columns below
- Multiply each course's credits by its numerical grade. This will give you the "grade points". Enter that number in the last column
- When you have completed entries for all courses add all numbers in the Credits column and enter the total. Then add all the numbers in the Grade Points column and enter the total.
- Divide the Grade Points total by the Credits total. The result is your cumulative GPA.
- Use the following table to tabulate your total points prior to application

LWTech Course # /Title	Credits	Grade	Grade Points
CHEM& 121 – Intro to Chemistry			
CHEM& 131– Biochemistry			
BIOL& 241 – A & P I			
BIOL& 242 – A & P II			
BIOL& 260 - Microbiology			
ENGL&101 and/ 102			
Total Credits ►		Total Grade Points ►	

Estimated Pre-Requisite Course GPA	Estimated GPA points earned (out of 40 Max)
Take Total Grade Points ÷ Total Credits	Take the Estimated GPA multiplied by 10
Fill in the calculation here =	Fill in the Calculation here =

Note: Represents unofficial points prior to applying. Your official score will be calculated and verified by the Admissions Committee

The ATI TEAS score less than 2 years old UNOFFICIAL APPLICATION POINTS TABULATION

TEAS total score	Multiply Score by 0.30	= Application TEAS points

Please notice – For the Summer 2024 application cycle, all the co-requisites must be completed by the end of Winter Quarter 2024.

The following co-requisite courses must be completed with a 2.5 /B- or better by the end of the winter quarter 2024. Cumulative GPA will not be tallied for these courses.

LWTech Course #/Title	Grade
PSYC&100 or PSYC&200 – Gen. Psych or Lifespan Psych	
SOC& 101 – Intro to Sociology	
NUTR& 101 – Nutrition	
CMST&210, 220 or 230	
MATH& 146	
HUM 215 or CMST 280 or equivalent	

APPLICANT SHORT ESSAY

The top 75 applicants will be selected and notified by_email to participate in an onsite essay writing exercise. The onsite essay is mandatory and it will be evaluated and considered together with the rest of the application materials. The essay prompt will be provided to the selected applicants at the time of the essay writing exercise on February 9, 2024. The prompt will not be given out beforehand to applicants under any circumstances.

Please note: Any evidence of plagiarism or academic dishonesty in your application materials will render your application unacceptable, and all materials will be forwarded to the LWTECH conduct officer for review and possible adjudication.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

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
- Background check
- Drug Screening
- First aid/CPR for healthcare provider’s card (Date to be determined)

TRANSFER INTO DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

The LWTech Dental Hygiene program is not designed to allow for students to enter the program as a “mid-program” transfer from another Dental Hygiene program. All students must apply, be selected, and start the program from quarter one and progress through the program in the intended cohort model.

BACKGROUND CHECK

Each successful Dental Hygiene applicant is required to complete a background check and forms will be provided in the orientation packet if selected into the program. Each student is responsible for all associated fees for the background check. Fees for this online service vary depending on the number of places in which the student has resided within the past seven years. If a criminal check for a particular student 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. Throughout the program, Dental Hygiene students may be asked to complete and sign a form that asks for confirmation of the students’ present and past criminal history.

REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST OBSERVATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

When you review the online application available at LWTech.edu/dental, you will see that observations of two Registered Dental Hygienists are an application requirement. The following tips will assist you in submitting complete electronic forms.

- Observations must be conducted in separate clinical facilities
- If you are employed as a Dental Assistant, it is permissible to use your place of employment as one of your RDH clinical observation sites provided it is outside your normal scheduled hours.
- Split your hours as evenly as possible between the two RDH sites to make up a combined total of 16 hours
- Not following RDH Observation Form instructions will result in an incomplete application that will not be considered for admissions.

ESSENTIAL CURRICULUM COMPONENTS AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Physical Criteria

- Communicate satisfactorily with clients, physicians, peers, family members, and the health care team
- See and hear adequately to note slight changes in the client’s condition
- Hear adequately to perceive and interpret various equipment signals
- Demonstrate adequate eye/hand coordination for dexterity in manipulation of hand instruments and other equipment used in clinical practice
- Use hands for fine manipulation
- Manage the care of a client in a sudden emergency, including one-man CPR when necessary
- Possess the visual acuity to correctly read handwritten orders, medication records, and chart contents, and provide safety for clients
- Read, comprehend and apply knowledge from complex science and dental science texts
- Use critical thinking skills by identifying cause and effect relationships in clinical situations and having the ability to synthesize data

Despite the aforementioned, a qualified person with a disability who can perform these essential functions with reasonable accommodation will be considered for admission along with other qualified applicants

LWTech DENTAL HYGIENE DEPARTMENT POLICY ON REQUIRED STUDENT PARTICIPATION

While in the program, Dental Hygiene students are required to participate as operators and patients, deliver and receive injections of local anesthetic and administer and receive nitrous oxide sedation, expose radiographs, and place rubber dam clamps for dental hygiene learning experiences. These activities are essential components of the dental hygiene curriculum.

LWTech DENTAL HYGIENE POLICY STATEMENT

Students previously dismissed from the dental hygiene program at LWTech are not eligible for readmission under the new student admission process. This procedure is under the authority of RCW 28B.50.090(3)(b):

“the administrative officers of a community or technical college may deny admission to a prospective student or attendance to an enrolled student if, in their judgment, the student would not be competent to profit from the curriculum offerings of the college, or would, by his or her presence or conduct, create a disruptive atmosphere within the college not consistent with the purposes of the institution.”

LWTech POLICY STATEMENTS

Use of the Social Security Number (SSN):

To comply with federal laws, we are required to ask for your Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). We will use your SSN/ITIN to report Hope Scholarship/Life Time tax credit, to administer state/federal financial aid, to verify enrollment, degree and academic transcript records, and to conduct institutional research. If you do not submit your SSN/ITIN, you will not be denied access to the college; however, you may be subject to civil penalties (refer to Internal Revenue Service Treasury Regulation 1.6050S-1(e) (4) for more information). Pursuant to state law (RCW 28B.10.042) and federal law (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), the college will protect your SSN from unauthorized use and/or disclosure.

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