The Pre-Professional Dental Hygiene program at Red Deer College is essentially the first year of a Bachelor of Science program that is tailored to meet the admission requirements of the University of Alberta’s Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. In order to be eligible to apply to Dental Hygiene at the U of A, students must complete 30 credits (10 courses) of specific coursework. Entry into Dental Hygiene at the University of Alberta is competitive, and completion of the required courses does not guarantee admission.

More important information about applying for Dental Hygiene can be found on Page 3, or, from the University of Alberta: [https://www.ualberta.ca/school-of-dentistry/programs-and-admissions/dental-hygiene](https://www.ualberta.ca/school-of-dentistry/programs-and-admissions/dental-hygiene)

### PREREQUISITE COURSES FOR ADMISSION TO BSC DENTAL HYGIENE

Below are the courses that are required to be completed to be considered for admission into Dental Hygiene at the University of Alberta. Course sequencing recommendations found on Page 2.

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PATTERN OF COURSES FOR YEAR 1

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**It is not required to complete all courses in one year.** The minimum requirement for admission to the Dental Hygiene program is completion of 30 credits (10 courses) of transferable postsecondary courses of which, 24 credits (8 courses) must be taken during one academic year (September to April inclusive). The ten prerequisite courses must be completed prior to admission, but do not have to be taken in the same academic year.

Students can choose to spread the required courses over two years (or more). However, students are not eligible for admission until they have completed the pre-requisite courses and have at least one year of full time studies completed.

If a student wants to return to RDC for a second year (either to complete missing requirements or to improve GPA for admission), it is highly recommended that they start working towards a backup degree. As admission into Dental Hygiene is competitive, it is good to have a backup plan! The required courses for Dental Hygiene will fit well into almost any Bachelor of Science degree. If you are planning to return for a second year, please contact an Advising & Recruiting specialist for more information and advice on year 2 (see page 4 for contact information).

**NOTES:**

1. These courses are available and can be taken in either Fall or Winter term.

2. Examples of available Arts & Science Options for the 2019-2020 academic year can be viewed here: [https://rdc.ab.ca/node/80375/attachment](https://rdc.ab.ca/node/80375/attachment) (you can pick up this printout from the School of Arts & Sciences in Room 2203 or view it on the Loop)

   Not all of these courses may be transferable to your University (though the majority are). Remember to visit [Transfer Alberta](https://transfer.alberta.ca) to check for course transferability, or check with an advisor.
IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

University of Alberta Website for Dental Hygiene: https://www.ualberta.ca/school-of-dentistry/programs-and-admissions/dental-hygiene

It is highly advised you read and consult the University of Alberta calendar/website as it will have the answers to many questions, as well as provide information on the specifics of the program.

1. **The minimum requirement for admission** to the BSc Dental Hygiene is completion of 30 credits (10 courses) of transferable postsecondary courses of which, 24 credits (8 courses) must be taken during one academic year (September to April inclusive). The ten prerequisite courses must be completed prior to admission, but do not have to be taken in the same academic year.

2. **In order to be competitive**, applicants should strive for a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students with a GPA less than 2.7 will not be considered for admission.

3. **Application and document deadlines: November 1st is the deadline.** Applications are accepted between the beginning of July and November 1. Deadlines may change (generally, the document/transcript deadline is mid-June for the year admission is sought), so please refer to University of Alberta for current information. See School of Dentistry website for detailed application and deadline information.

4. **Applicant profiles are made up of the following:**
   - Overall GPA (OGPA) – (80% of overall rank score) achieved on all transferable postsecondary work completed as a full-time student taken during Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer terms. For OGPA calculation full-time study is equivalent to a minimum of 18 credits taken during Fall/Winter terms or 12 credits taken during Spring/Summer terms.
   - Interview score - (20% of overall rank score) **Competitive applicants are interviewed** by a team to determine if they possess the personal qualities necessary for the profession. The interview is usually in March – by invitation only – and is designed to evaluate an applicant’s degree of maturity, motivation, initiative, ability to communicate and personal qualities and interests.

5. **Admission to the program is limited to an annual quota of 41 students** and applications are selected on a competitive basis. 85% of the seats are reserved for Alberta residents, 5% for international students (Student Visitors), and 10% for other Canadians.

6. **Click here to view Admission Statistics for the program.** For the 2018 class profile, the overall GPA range fell between 3.05 and 3.97.

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND**

- **A minimum grade of C-** must be achieved in order for course credit to be transferable. While courses with grades of D or F will not transfer, they remain on your transcript and will be used in calculation of your GPA. Please talk to an Academic Advisor as soon as possible if you feel you may be in jeopardy of not getting a C- in a course you are enrolled in.

- **Spring term courses:** a spring term course may be taken in year of transfer if it is not required for admission to the program. The grade will not be calculated in the AGPA nor will it count towards Fall/Winter course load. Ensure the transcript submitted shows registration in the spring course. Please speak to an Advising & Recruiting Specialist if you want to take a Spring Course.
HOW TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

School of Arts & Sciences
Advising & Recruiting
Room 2203
artscienceinfo@rdc.ab.ca
403-342-3585 (select option 1)
www.rdc.ab.ca/artsandsciences

Alberta Transfer Guide
http://transferalberta.alberta.ca

University of Alberta
http://www.ualberta.ca
School of Dentistry,
Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry
http://www.dentistry.ualberta.ca/
admissions@dentistry.ualberta.ca

Dental Hygiene Admission Information

PLEASE NOTE:

This planning guide is designed to help you choose courses at RDC that will transfer to your destination institution and towards your intended degree. The recommendations in this guide are based off current RDC courses that transfer to the institution identified in this guide, as well as information provided by the institution (either through printed publication and/or communication between our institutions).

Institutions can make changes to their program and/or transfer requirements without consulting Red Deer College. As such, it is recommended you consult with the appropriate institutional information (i.e. university calendars, websites, advisors,) to gain the most up to date information.

You are responsible for ensuring that your registration is completed, and that your course choices comply with the program to which you have been admitted to at RDC and/or to the university to which you wish to transfer. This planning guide is meant to help you gain a basic understanding of your program and provide suggestions for course sequencing.

You are cautioned that any changes to your courses, your major, or your transfer destination may adversely affect your transferable credit or admission requirements for future programs. Consult with the student advisor (above) if you have any questions.

Students in university transfer programs are strongly advised to refer to the calendar of the university that they wish to attend, and should contact appropriate university departments as required.