



Dear Dental Hygiene Program Applicant:

The faculty members of the Dental Hygiene program at Athens Technical College (ATC) are pleased you have expressed interest in pursuing the Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene!

Enclosed you will find an application checklist and some general information about the program. What you specifically will need to submit by the **January 10th** deadline depends upon your student status at ATC (see the “Dental Hygiene Program Application Checklist” included in this packet).

All Application Materials must be submitted by January 10th to:

Admissions Coordinator for Dental Hygiene
Athens Technical College
800 US Highway 29N
Athens, Ga 30601

The Dental Hygiene Program will conduct three (3) virtual information sessions per calendar year. (July, October, December dates to be determined in April of each year) Documented attendance is **required** by all Dental Hygiene program applicants. Applicants must attend one of the virtual information sessions prior to the January 10th deadline of the year that application is being submitted. Attendance to a mandatory information session for a previous year’s application does **NOT** carry over to the next year’s application process.

Official transcripts (must be sent directly to Athens Technical College from the institution at which you earned course credit) and TEAS-V scores (must be sent directly to Athens Technical College by the test administrator).

All transcripts from colleges you attended previously must be official and it is your responsibility to request that they be sent to Athens Technical College such that they will arrive well before the application deadline. Once you have been accepted into the college, The Director of Registration and Records will evaluate your transcripts to determine if credit will be granted for previous coursework and will inform you by letter or ATC student email address of the credit awarded for previous college-level study. Applicants transferring from other colleges must have official transcripts sent directly to the ATC Office of Admissions. It is the student’s responsibility to confirm transferability of equivalent coursework with the ATC Director of Registration and Records before the January 10th application deadline.

Students who seek financial aid to help fund their college education should contact the Athens Technical College Financial Aid Office at (706) 583-5009 to speak to a financial aid counselor.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to visit the college website at www.athenstech.edu to learn more about the college, the Dental Hygiene program, the admission process, and financial aid. You may also contact the program administrative assistant, Becky McKay bmckay@athenstech.edu, or program chair Jennifer Davis jdavis@athenstech.edu, if you have additional specific questions about the program.

We wish you success in the application process.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Davis, MSAH, RDH, CDA
Program Chair, Dental Programs

Program Instructors:



The Program Chair, Jennifer Davis received her Master's degree in Allied Health from East Tennessee State University. She received her Bachelors of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene from St. Petersburg College, and her Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene from Darton College. Mrs. Davis is a Certified Dental Assistant and a Registered Dental Hygienist. Mrs. Davis has served as the Dental Assisting Coordinator, Dental Assisting Program Chair, and now the Program Chair for Dental Programs at Athens Technical College. She has extensive expertise in all areas of the dental office Mrs. Davis is originally from Cumming GA, and currently resides in Winterville GA with her husband and three children.



Candace Coker is the Clinical Coordinator for the Dental Hygiene Program. She received her Master's degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs from Kennesaw State University, and her Bachelor's degree in English from Clayton State University. ATC is her original alma-mater, she received her Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene in 2004. Mrs. Coker is registered with the Georgia Board of Dentistry as a licensed dental hygienist, and practiced clinically for 16 years before making the transition to education. Originally from West Virginia, she moved to Georgia as a child and currently resides in Walton County with her husband, 2 children, and fur-babies.



Allison Young is an instructor in the Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Programs. Mrs. Young earned a Bachelor's of Science from The University of Georgia with a minor in Spanish in 2004. In 2012, Mrs. Young graduated with an Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene from Athens Technical College earning the title of Registered Dental Hygienist. Mrs. Young is also a Certified Dental Assistant and has extensive knowledge in all aspects of dentistry. Prior to becoming a member of the Athens Tech Dental Programs team in 2019, Mrs. Young worked as a Registered Dental Hygienist and gained expertise in the area of patient oral health care. Mrs. Young is passionate about teaching students all aspects of tooth anatomy and firmly believes in Athens Technical College's mission of producing work ready students. Mrs. Young is a wife, mother to three children, and very involved in Cub Scouts. Mrs. Young and her family reside in Barrow County with 2 dogs and 2 hermit crabs.



Kell Hall is an instructor with the Dental Hygiene Program. Kelly Hall received her Bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene from Georgia Highlands College. She received her Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene from Lanier Technical College. Ms. Hall is a Certified Dental Assistant, a Registered Dental Hygienist and is Certified in Local Anesthesia. Ms. Hall worked as a clinical dental hygienist in private practice for 7 years and has been a member of the full-time faculty at Athens Technical College since 2022. Ms. Hall has extensive expertise in the area of clinical dental hygiene and is passionate about the profession. She is originally from Corpus Christi, TX and has lived in Georgia for over 25 years. Ms. Hall enjoys hanging out with her daughter, Kimberly, her dog Bachi, and loves anything outdoors!

Application Process:

The Dental Hygiene program cannot admit all qualified applicants. Program enrollment is limited to 16 students. Only students meeting the minimum requirements will be presented to the admissions committee. Final selection will be made by the admission committee and the 16 applicants with the highest total score will be admitted to the

program. Candidates will be scored using selection points in the following courses, Mathematical Modeling (MATH 1101) or College Algebra (MATH 1111), Survey of Inorganic Chemistry w/lab (CHEM 1151/CHEM 1151L) or Chemistry I w/lab (CHEM 1211/CHEM 1211L), Anatomy and Physiology I and II w/lab (BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114/BIOL 2114L), Introductory Microbiology w/lab (BIOL 2117/BIOL 2117L); and ATI TEAS score (see the “Dental Hygiene Program Application Checklist” included in this packet). If a course has been repeated, only the first two attempts will be considered in the competitive selection process. Each withdrawal attempt will result in a 10-point reduction in admission points. Exceptions may be determined by the program chair on a case-by-case basis i.e. medical withdrawal.

Length of the Program:

After the pre-application courses have been successfully completed and a student has been accepted into the program, the curriculum can be completed in five consecutive semesters. Most students complete most if not all of the general education courses prior to enrolling in program-specific courses. Program-specific courses are taught in a strict sequence that begins each fall. Students are awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree upon program completion.

Academic Rigor:

Each course in the curriculum is offered only once per year in a very strict course sequence. Even when students have completed most or all of the general education courses in the curriculum, many students find that to be successful in the program academically they must make a full-time commitment to the program. Students are expected to be ACTIVE participants in the learning process. Successful completion requires dedicated, hard-working students who can conduct themselves in a professional manner during the learning process.

General Program Information:

The program combines general liberal arts courses with science and technical courses to prepare students to be employed as Dental Hygienists in a variety of settings. During the duration of the program, didactic and laboratory instructions are used to form a foundation upon which students can rely during the clinical phase of the program.

Hands-On and Clinical Experience:

In the ATC Dental Hygiene Program, initial training often utilizes models and alternative learning methods to allow students the opportunity to become proficient in technical skills prior to performing those skills in the clinical setting. The program schedules learning laboratories in which students can fine-tune their skills. Clinical sessions are performed on campus in the Dental Clinic along with rotations with three externships in the Athens area.

Clinical education plays a very significant role in your development as a professional Dental Hygienist. Attendance in clinical rotations is not optional. This means that you will need to plan carefully to avoid clinical absences. Your clinical rotations will occur at the Dental Clinic on campus and three rotational sites.

Some questions you should ask yourself include:

- Do I have dependable transportation?
- Do I have enough money to cover my gas expense to get to and from clinical?
- Will my employer be flexible with my clinical education schedule?
- How reliable is your support structure outside of school?
- What alternatives do you have for unexpected personal schedule changes?
- There may be times when you will miss a clinical rotation because of illness, but if you miss too much time you may be required to make that time up, repeat the course, or you may be released from the program.

Student Health:

After admission to the Dental Hygiene Program, the following are required by our on-campus clinic and the rotation clinical sites and copies of immunization records must show:

- **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR):** Series of 2 vaccines requires or must have a positive antibody titer to demonstrate immunity.
- **TB:** Quantiferon Gold Blood Test.
- **Hepatitis B:** Requires a series of 3 vaccines, with a subsequent titer to document immunity and signed Declination form if titer shows negative immunity.

- **Varicella (Chicken Pox):** Positive varicella antibody titer of 2 doses of vaccine required, we can no longer accept documented history of chicken pox.
- **Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis): Required to be within the last 8 Years.

Also Required:

- **Current Health and History Exam:** This exam should be administered by a qualified health care professional and reflect the student's competence in all areas of our Technical Performance standards (Located in the Dental Hygiene Program Student Handbook).
- **Background check and Drug screen** through Advantage Students.
- **Current Healthcare Provider CPR certification** from the American Heart Association/Red Cross (BLS Provider). All accepted students will attend a CPR class during Mandatory Orientation during July before Fall semester begins.
- **Malpractice insurance coverage** (paid for in tuition/fees).

General core education classes required are: ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric; SPCH 1101 Public Speaking; PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology; SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology; and FSSE 1000 First Semester Seminar.

Also required one from the following: ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation, MUSIC 1100 Music Appreciation, HUMN 1101 Introduction to Humanities, ENGL 2130 American Literature, ENGL 2310 English Literature I, or ENGL 2110 World Literature. (Total general education semester hours = 18)

It is highly recommended that the general education courses be completed prior to entering the program.

Pre-Application Requirements		Year 1			
Pre-Requisite Core	Hr	Fall	Hr	Spring	Hr
BIOL 2113 & L: A&P I	4	DHYG 1000: Tooth Anatomy	2	DHYG 1110: Clinic I Lecture	2
BIOL 2114 & L: A&P II	4	DHYG 1010: Oral Embryology	1	DHYG 1111: Clinic I Lab	3
BIOL 2117 & L: Intro Microbiology	4	DHYG 1020: Head & Neck	2	DHYG 1070: Radiology Lecture	2
CHEM 1211 & L: Chemistry I OR CHEM 1151 & L: Inorganic Chemistry	4	DHYG 1040: Pre-Clinic Lecture	2	DHYG 1090: Radiology Lab	1
MATH 1111: College Algebra OR MATH 1101: Math Modeling	3	DHYG 1050: Pre-Clinic Lab	2	DHYG 2200: Periodontology	3
				DHYG 1206: Pharmacology	3
Totals	19		9		14

		Year 2			
Summer	Hr	Fall	Hr	Spring	Hr
DHYG 1030: Dental Materials	2	DHYG 2070: Community Health	3	DHYG 2130: Clinic IV Lecture	2
DHYG 2010: Clinic II Lecture	2	DHYG 2110: Biochem/Nutrition	2	DHYG 2140: Clinic IV Lab	4
DHYG 2020: Clinic II Lab	2	DHYG 2080: Clinic III Lecture	2		
DHYG 2050: General & Oral Pathology/Pathophysiology	3	DHYG 2090: Clinic III Lab	4		
Totals	9		11		6

****All courses subject to change. Please refer the current ATC College Catalog for any updates/changes.**

Dental Hygiene Program Application Checklist

All Applicants – submit all items in the following list plus Option A, B or C depending upon your status:

- _____ Verification of Lawful Presence in the United States and applicant age (submit a photocopy of your passport, driver's license or state-issued photo identification card);
- _____ ***Dental Hygiene Program Intent Form*** - this form is to be submitted electronically at www.athenstech.edu.
- _____ Documented attendance at one **REQUIRED** Dental Hygiene program mandatory information session. Times and dates are available online at www.athenstech.edu – select *Future Students*, and then *Health Information Sessions*. (Dates and times for the information sessions are set in April)
- _____ Valid (less than 5 years old) official TEAS-V Test Results (ATC regularly offers the TEAS-V examination; registration forms are available online at www.athenstech.edu – Select *Prospective Students*, then *Testing Services*, then *Selective Admission Testing*);
- _____ Documentation of completion of College Algebra (MATH 1111) or Mathematical Modeling (MATH 1101), Anatomy and Physiology I and II w/ Lab (BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114/BIOL 2114L), Introductory Microbiology w/Lab (BIOL 2117/BIOL 2117L), Chemistry I w/Lab (CHEM 1211/CHEM 1211L), or Inorganic Chemistry w/Lab (CHEM 1151/CHEM 1151L) with final course grades of C or better;
- _____ Applicants transferring from other colleges must have official transcripts sent directly to the ATC Office of Admissions. It is the student's responsibility to confirm transferability of equivalent coursework with the ATC Director of Registration and Records *before the January 10th* application deadline.
- Applicants currently/previously enrolled at ATC should submit copies of their on-line academic transcript.

Option A - New students (not currently or previously enrolled at Athens Technical College):

- _____ Completed and signed Application for Admission to Athens Technical College (available on-line at www.athenstech.edu - Select *Prospective Students*, then *Admissions Process*) and the required application fee;
- Indicate "Dental Hygiene" on the application form as your intended program of study.
- _____ Official transcripts from every college attended previously (if applicable) **OR** Official transcripts from the high school from which the applicant graduated (or GED documentation) if no prior college-level coursework has been completed. (College and University Transcript Request forms are available online at www.athenstech.edu – Select *Prospective Students*, then *Admissions Process*).

Option B - Currently enrolled ATC students:

- _____ Completed and signed Program Change Form (available on-line at www.athenstech.edu - Select *Prospective Students*, then *Admissions Process*) indicating "Dental Hygiene" as your intended program of study.

Option C - Former Students (not enrolled at ATC within the last two consecutive semesters of application):

- _____ Completed and signed Readmission Request Form (available on-line at www.athenstech.edu - Select *Prospective Students*, then *Admissions Process*) indicating "Dental Hygiene" as your intended program of study;
- _____ Placement Test Results (required if your scores on file at Athens Technical College are more than FIVE years old unless you have completed both MATH 1101 and ENGL 1101).

Dental Hygiene Program Estimated Additional Expenses

Many expenses will be incurred in addition to class tuition and fees. While we have tried to be as thorough as possible, expenses may vary from the estimates listed.

Semester 1		
	Books	\$200.00
	Notebooks and other supplies	\$50.00
	Uniforms and shoes	\$300.00
	Criminal Background Check & Drug Testing	\$90.00
	Physical Exam	\$100.00
	Immunizations & Hepatitis B Vaccine & Lab work	\$300.00
	Dental Exam	\$345.00
	CPR	\$45.00
	Malpractice Insurance	\$11.00
	Instrument Kit	\$1500.00
	Loupes w/Light (Magnification Lens)	\$1800.00
	Personal Protective Equipment (Lab coats, gloves, safety glasses, etc for first year)	\$400.00
	GDGA/SCADHA	\$85.00
Semester 2		
	Books	\$200.00
	Notebooks and other supplies	\$50.00
	Uniforms (second set)	\$200.00
	Hand-piece	\$850.00
	HVE Kit	\$300.00
	Dosimeter (Film badge)	\$25.00
Semester 3		
	Books	\$200.00
	Notebooks and other supplies	\$50.00
	Personal Protective Equipment (Lab coats, gloves, safety glasses, etc for second year)	\$350.00
	Instrument Kit	\$300.00
	Dosimeter	\$25.00
	Miscellaneous (class projects)	\$50.00
Year 1 Total		\$7801.00
Semester 4		
	Books	\$200.00
	Notebooks and other supplies	\$50.00
	GDGA/SCADHA	\$85.00
	Dosimeter	\$25.00
	Miscellaneous (class projects)	\$50.00
	Physical Exam	\$100.00
	TB test	\$50.00
Semester 5		
	Books	\$200.00
	Notebooks and other supplies	\$50.00
	Dosimeter	\$25.00
	National Board Review (does not include hotel/meals, etc.)	\$500.00
	National Board Application	\$450.00
	Photographs for Boards	\$20.00
	Clinical Exam	\$1200.00
	Board Related Expenses (approximate)	\$500.00
	Dental Hygiene Pin	\$30.00
	Graduation Application	\$35.00
	Cap & Gown	\$71.00
Year 2 Total		\$3641.00
	Estimated Additional Expenses Total	\$11442.00

Year _____

Athens Technical College
Dental Hygiene
Admission Criteria & Evaluation

1. GPA in science courses: _____
A 10pt deduction will be taken from the overall points if the first two attempts resulted in a withdrawal. The first graded attempt will be considered in the GPA.

GPA	POINTS
4.00-3.80	35
3.80-3.60	33
3.60-3.40	31
3.40-3.20	29
3.20-3.00	27
3.00-2.80	25
2.80-2.60	23
2.60-2.40	21
2.40-2.20	19
2.20-2.00	17

GPA: 35 points max _____

2. TEAS score

Score	POINTS
90-100	5
80-89	4
70-79	3
60-69	2
50-59	1
Below 50	0

TEAS points (5 points max) _____

3. CODA Accredited Dental Assisting Program (5 points total) _____

Total Possible Points: 45

Total Points _____

Attends mandatory program Information Session: _____ Date Attended: _____