

Athens Technical College

Dental Hygiene Program Packet

Dear Dental Hygiene Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Athens Technical College Dental Hygiene Program! The dental faculty and staff are very proud of the exceptional program and state-of-the-art dental facility that we offer and would like to assist you as you prepare for your academic career.

Accepting fourteen students per year, the program utilizes a competitive admissions process with an application deadline of 11:59 p.m., E.S.T., on January 10th of the year they seek admission to the program.

If you have not already applied for admission to Athens Technical College, you should do this first through the admissions office at <https://www.athenstech.edu/apply-now/>

We also invite you to visit our program website at <https://www.athenstech.edu/programs/dental-hygiene/> to better familiarize yourself with all aspects of our educational program.

Please read and review carefully the enclosed program information packet as it will assist you in the application process. Completing the ATC application and Dental Hygiene intent form will confirm your interest and will enable you to be considered for admissions into the Dental Assisting Program.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact me to schedule an advising appointment. We wish you much success as you begin to prepare for your future in the profession of Dental Hygiene.

Sincerely,
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DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET

GENERAL CAREER INFORMATION:

The **Dental Hygienist** is a valuable member of the dental team. Dental hygienists in a clinical role assess, diagnose, plan, implement, evaluate and document treatment for prevention, intervention and control of oral diseases, while practicing in collaboration with other health professionals.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION:

The Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene programs offered by Athens Technical College are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and have been granted the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements.” The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at 312. 440.4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission’s web address is <https://coda.ada.org/>.

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS INFORMATION:

The Dental Hygiene program can accept fourteen (14) students in the Fall term. Students not selected are encouraged to apply to the program for the following year. Students should receive advising and academic counseling from the dental program faculty regarding their status and academic planning.

The selection process will be weighted toward students who have completed human anatomy and physiology I and II ([BIOL 2113](#), [BIOL 2113L](#), [BIOL 2114](#), and [BIOL 2114L](#)), introductory microbiology ([BIOL 2117](#) and [BIOL 2117L](#)), chemistry ([CHEM 1151](#) and [CHEM 1151L](#) or [CHEM 1211](#) and [1211L](#)), and other core classes in the Dental Hygiene curriculum with grades of C or better by January 1 of the academic year for which they are seeking admission to the program. Applicants transferring from other colleges must confirm the transferability of credit for these courses with the college's director of registration and records by the January 10 application deadline.

The Dental Hygiene Program requires that all applicants attend a mandatory virtual information session in the year before they apply for the Program. They usually last 30 to 40 minutes, and time is available to ask questions after the program information has been discussed. Sessions are held 3 times a year (July, October, and December).

Please email bmckay@athenstech.edu for more information regarding the virtual information sessions.

Applicants will receive points and will be ranked by totaling the following criteria: Science GPA, TEAS score (scores from TEAS tests that are 5 years or less at time of application), and graduates of a CODA accredited Dental Assisting program.

Students who are accepted into the Dental Hygiene program must also attend mandatory Dental Hygiene orientation approximately 3 weeks prior to the first day of courses. Failure to attend this orientation will result in the forfeiture of admission to the program. The date of orientation will be announced in the Welcome Letter/Packet.

Students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program are at risk for exposure to blood and body fluids, and the potential does exist for transmission of blood-borne and other infectious diseases during patient care activities. Each applicant may view the Dental Hygiene Program Policies on Bloodborne and Infectious Diseases upon request; this document is also available at the Dental Hygiene Program orientation. The Dental Hygiene faculty will discuss or answer any questions that an applicant may have concerning these policies.

INFORMATION YOU WILL FIND IN THIS PACKET:

- Program Curriculum
- Estimated Expense Sheet
- Application Checklist

APPLICATION DUE DATES:

The Dental Hygiene program *begins* in the **Fall Semester**. Applications should be submitted online by **11:59 p.m. (E.S.T.) on January 10 of the year they seek admission to the program**, to be considered for Fall enrollment.

FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS:

Students desiring financial assistance are directed to the office of Financial Aid at <https://athenstech.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2023-2024/catalog/financial-aid-information/>

PROGRAM EXPENSES

The Higher Education Act requires all colleges and universities to notify students and prospective students of the all program costs for which they will be responsible. Please see the college catalog at <https://athenstech.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2023-2024/catalog/life-sciences-and-public-safety/dental-hygiene/program-expenses/> for a list of program expenses.

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

IMPORTANT: *All items must be received and posted to the student's computer record prior to the published application deadline or the application will be considered incomplete.*

THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM APPLICANT (STUDENT) MUST COMPLETE/SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

Apply for general admission to Athens Technical College (IF NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED)

Students MUST be in good academic standing. They cannot be on academic probation. Students must

have a GPA of 2.0 to 4.0. Primary consideration for the program is given to Georgia residents.

In the event that program slots cannot be filled with Georgia residents, out of state students can be admitted.

Provide all Official College/University Transcripts to the Admissions Office for evaluation.

Official transcripts must be submitted from ALL post-secondary educational colleges or universities attended and must display all periods of enrollment and/or degrees earned. **The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all college transcripts are evaluated prior to the application deadline.** Candidates will receive ranking points based on the cumulative GPA of all post-secondary coursework and general education requirements.

Submit a current intent form on the ATC website to the Dental Hygiene Program.

Completed Placement Test (TEAS)

The highest score is entered into our system by the application deadline. MUST be completed within the last 5 years



Mandatory Information Session

Students are required to attend a mandatory information session in the year they apply. The program will provide a list of attendees to the Office of Admissions at the conclusion of each sessions. These will NOT carry over to the next application session. The sessions are offered virtually three times a year (July, October, and December)



Optional Requirements

Graduates of a CODA accredited Dental Assisting program may submit college transcripts for additional points in the evaluation process.

DEADLINE TO APPLY ONLINE IS 11 : 59 P . M . , E . S . T . , on January 10 of the year they seek admission to the program