UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN
College of Dentistry
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Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Admissions Information Guide Fall 2027

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2027

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The College of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan offers a 3-Year Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. This document provides information for applicants seeking admission for the Fall 2027 intake.

The College of Dentistry's Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene is a unique program in the province of Saskatchewan. This cutting edge inter-professional program will prepare students for a career working alongside dentists, dental assistants, and dental therapists to support patients with their dental care.

Students are required to attend classes on the U of S campus for this program. All classes, pre-clinical simulation and clinical experience will be offered between **5pm and 10pm** in the evening. Classroom learning is integrated into a dental clinic setting.

NOTE: Admissions requirements are subject to change from year to year. Applicants are encouraged to refer to the Dental Hygiene website for the most accurate information:
https://admissions.usask.ca/dental-hygiene.php

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Academic Requirements

1. **Regular Admission – High School** (Applicants who have less than 18 credit units of post-secondary coursework from a recognized and/or accredited institution)
   a. Completion of the following courses or equivalents**:**
      i. Foundations of Mathematic 30 or Pre-Calculus 30
      ii. English Language Arts A30 OR English Language Arts B30
      iii. Biology 30
      iv. Chemistry 30
      v. One elective from social sciences, natural sciences, humanities or fine or performing arts at the 30 level
   b. Grade 12 standing or equivalent
   c. Minimum average of 75% based on the high school prerequisite subjects

For applicants who:

- are currently enrolled in high school, marks for Grade 11-level subjects may be used as predictors for performance in Grade 12-level subjects if an appropriate Grade 12-level subject has not already been completed.
- are international students, we'll convert your marks to correspond with Canadian grading systems.
- have completed high school, only marks for senior-level (Grade 12) subjects will be used.

2. **Regular Admission – Post-Secondary** (Applicants who have 18 credit units or more of post-secondary Studies coursework from a recognized and/or accredited institution)
   a. Completion of the following courses or equivalents**:**
      i. Foundations of Mathematic 30 or Pre-Calculus 30
      ii. English Language Arts A30 OR English Language Arts B30
      iii. Biology 30
      iv. Chemistry 30
      v. One elective from social sciences, natural sciences, humanities or fine or performing arts at the 30 level
   b. Minimum average of 60% on 18 credit units or more of post-secondary coursework from a recognized and/or accredited post-secondary institution(s); average calculated on all attempted post-secondary level courses (without breaking up an academic session) from a recognized and/or accredited institution.

3. Special Mature Admission
   a. Completion of the following courses or equivalents**:**
      i. Foundations of Mathematic 30 or Pre-Calculus 30
      ii. English Language Arts A30 OR B30
      iii. Biology 30
      iv. Chemistry 30
      v. One elective from social sciences, natural sciences, humanities or fine or performing arts at the 30 level
   b. Proof of age (21 or older)
   c. A written submission demonstrating capacity to undertake university-level studies.
   d. Less than 18 credit units of post-secondary coursework from a recognized/accredited institution.
   e. Resume.

B. English Language Proficiency

All applicants must demonstrate English Language Proficiency prior to admission, including students educated in Canada.

The language of instruction at the University of Saskatchewan is English. Applicants whose primary language is not English must present evidence of proficiency in English per the University of Saskatchewan acceptable levels of academic English. Please refer to the following website for the acceptable tests of English language proficiency: https://admissions.usask.ca/requirements/english-language-proficiency.php#ProofofEnglishproficiency

C. Interview

All eligible applicants seeking admission are required to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Interviews are granted based on the academic average and/or Special Mature Admission package.

D. Criminal Record Check

Self-declaration of an adult criminal record is required of all applicants on the application form. Applicants accepted into the program are required to complete and submit a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening *after* the date of offer and no later than **August 23**. There are currently some Canadian provinces that will not register a dental hygienist to practice if they have a criminal record. Applicants are encouraged to contact the respective provincial Dental Hygienist Association for further information.

E. Immunization Requirements

Successful applicants must comply with the University of Saskatchewan's policy on immunization, which states that all students attending a Health Science College must provide documented proof of immunization. Immunization records for accepted applicants must be received by the date stated in the letter of offer.

III. CATEGORIES OF APPLICANTS

A. Saskatchewan Residents

To be eligible as a Saskatchewan resident, applicants must have resided in Saskatchewan for at least FOUR years immediately prior to September 1 of the year admission is being sought. For Fall 2027 intake, applicants must have resided in Saskatchewan since **September 1, 2023**. Applicants who have left the province, but previously lived in Saskatchewan for an accumulated period of 15 years (permanent residency), will be considered residents. Applicants who have previously lived in Saskatchewan for an accumulated period of less than 15 years and who do not qualify under the four-year requirement will receive credit of one year toward the four-year requirement for every four years of residency in the province. **There are NO EXCEPTIONS to the four-year Saskatchewan residency rule.**

In order to support a claim as a resident of Saskatchewan, the following proof and circumstances will be taken into account:

- **Date of issue** of your Saskatchewan Health Card[1] **AND** either the date of issue of your Saskatchewan Drivers' License[2] **OR** Saskatchewan Income Tax Forms confirming taxes paid in Saskatchewan.
- Applicants who have completed four years of full-time study at a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution immediately prior to the year admission is being sought are considered Saskatchewan residents. Official transcripts must be submitted by the document deadline to support this claim.
- Reasons for any break in continuity of residence, which includes attendance at an out-of-province educational institution, summer employment where applicable and any other reason deemed to be relevant
- Saskatchewan high school transcript (if you are NOT currently registered at the University of Saskatchewan) or
- Resident of the Yukon or Northwest Territories or Nunavut.

[1] If the date of issue of your Saskatchewan Health Card is newer than the original date of issue, a letter from Saskatchewan Health confirming the date of issue is required.

[2] If the date of issue of your Saskatchewan Drivers' License is newer than the original date of issue, a Drivers Abstract is required.

B. Indigenous Equity Access Program

There is a separate category in which **17%** of first-year spaces are reserved for persons of Canadian Indigenous Ancestry. Applicants must meet the minimum admission requirements.

Applicants self-identify as Indigenous on the application form and submit government documentation and/or other documentation in support of that claim as determined by the USask Admissions Office. For details see the https://indigenous.usask.ca/indigenous-initiatives/deybwewin-taapwaywin-tapwewin.php

Applicants will be evaluated on all of the above criteria. Admission under the Indigenous equity access category is **NOT** guaranteed.

IV. SELECTION CRITERA

Selection for admission to the Dental Hygiene program is based on the following:

Regular Admission:

1. **Academic Average (60% overall weighting)**
2. **Interview (40% overall weighting)**

Special Mature Admission:

1. **Special admission package (30% overall weighting)**
2. **Academic average (30% overall weighting)**
3. **Interview (40% overall weighting)**

Special Mature applicants are admitted at the discretion of the Admissions Committee.

V. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. How to Apply for Admission

The College of Dentistry accepts online applications only. The online application is available **September 25, 2026 – February 15, 2027**. The online application can be accessed on the following website: https://admissions.usask.ca/dental-hygiene.php

1. When accessing the application for the first time, click 'Create account' to set up an account.
2. Once an account has been created, login using the email and password to access the application.
3. Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed.
4. Review the Eligibility Requirements to understand the process and deadlines.
5. Apply to the Dental Hygiene program and submit your transcripts.
6. Log into https://apply.usask.ca to check your admission status.
7. Continue to monitor changes to your application status.

A non-refundable application fee in the amount of **$179 CDN** is required and **MUST** be paid online via credit card at the time the application is submitted. The application fee may be paid by Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Please refer directly to specific policies when confirming required documentation.

If you are attending or have graduated from a Saskatchewan high school:
Request official transcripts to be sent directly to the University of Saskatchewan by the Ministry of Education as soon as possible, after grade 12 semester 1 and if you are currently registered in classes, after June exams 2027.

If you have graduated from an International or out of province high school:
After you have applied, upload a copy of your most up-to-date report card or transcript.
Arrange to have your final, official transcript of marks sent directly to the University of Saskatchewan via postal mail or courier by the appropriate authority, such as your school, school board or governmental organization.

If you have taken classes in college or university:
Upload a copy of your most recent transcript showing marks for all the classes you've completed and listing classes still in progress. Transcript should include all final grades for courses completed during term 1 of the application year.
Arrange to have final, official transcript(s) mailed or couriered directly to the University of Saskatchewan by the institution(s) you attended.

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All of the following must be received **no later than February 15:**

☐ Completed online application with payment of $179 CDN application fee

All of the following required documentation must be received **no later than March 1:**

☐ Official transcripts or Final Grade 12 Term 1 High School Transcript from high school and official transcripts from **all** post-secondary institutions attended other than the University of Saskatchewan (including distance education classes) for post-secondary coursework completed by December 31, 2026.

- A conditional offer of admission may be granted based on your Final Grade 12 Term 1 High School Transcript from your school that you are expected to meet program admission requirements. A final official transcript must be requested by **August 1, 2027.**
- Applicants currently in high school will be directed to complete a course timetable form upon submission of the application.

☐ If applicable, the following supporting documents**:**

- Proof of Aboriginal ancestry
- Proof of English proficiency
- Proof of Saskatchewan residency
- Proof of age
- A written submission demonstrating capacity to undertake university-level studies.
- Resume

VII. NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS

Applicants will be informed by email, of their application status in May. To accept an offer of admission, applicants must pay a non-refundable deposit of 15% of tuition by the deadline stated in the offer letter. The deposit will be applied towards tuition

fees at the time of registration. Applicants who withdraw their admission acceptance after paying the fee forfeit the deposit.

If offered admission, applicants are required to submit the following documentation:

☐ Final Official transcripts for courses taken during the 2026-2027 year are **due no later than August 1.**

<u>All offers of admission are conditional upon the successful application maintaining:</u>

- Completion of the required courses or equivalents
- Grade 12 standing or equivalent for regular admission – high school applicants
- An admissions average of 75**%** or greater for regular admission – high school applicants; 60% admission average for regular admission – post-secondary applicants.

☐ Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening **due no later than August 23**.

The Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening must be completed **AFTER** the date of the offer of admission.

VIII. COUNSELLING OF APPLICANTS TO DENTAL HYGIENE DEGREE PROGRAM

Admissions staff in the College of Dentistry Office is available to assist all applicants who seek counsel regarding admission to the Dental Hygiene program. However, it is the College's policy not to instruct applicants as to a specific course of action they should follow, but rather provide the information needed for applicants to make their own choices with respect to the alternatives available.

IX. DENTAL HYGIENE CURRICULUM

Year 1
Term 1:
DEHY 101 Dental Hygiene Theory & Practice I, DEHY 102 Health Sciences I, DEHY 103 Oral Health Sciences I, DEHY 104 Behavioural Sciences I, DETH 105 General Anatomy Biochemistry & Physiology for Dental Hygiene I, DEHY 106 Principles and Practice for Oral Health Professionals, DEHY 107 Infection Control in Dentistry, DEHY 108 Dental Hygiene Practice I

Term 2:
DEHY 111 Dental Hygiene Theory & Practice II, DEHY 112 Health Sciences II, DEHY 113 Oral Health Sciences II, DEHY 114 Behavioural Sciences II, DETH 115 General Anatomy Biochemistry & Physiology for Dental Hygiene II, DEHY 116 Professional Communication, DEHY 117 Indigenous Health and Wellness, DEHY 118 Dental Hygiene Practice II

Year 2
Term 1:
DEHY 201 Dental Hygiene Theory & Practice III, DEHY 202 Health Sciences III, DEHY 203 Oral Health Sciences III, DEHY 204 Community Practice I, DEHY 208 Dental Hygiene Practice III

Term 2:
DEHY 211 Dental Hygiene Theory & Science IV, DEHY 212 Health Sciences IV, DEHY 213 Oral Health Sciences IV, DEHY 214 Community Practice II, DEHY 218 Dental Hygiene Practice IV

Year 3
Term 1:
DEHY 301 Dental Hygiene Theory & Practice V, DEHY 302 Health Sciences V, DETH 303 Oral Health Sciences V, DEHY 304 Community Practice II, DEHY 308 Dental Hygiene Practice V

Term 2:
DEHY 311 Dental Hygiene Theory & Practice VI, DEHY 312 Health Science VI, DETH 313 Oral Health Sciences VI, DEHY 314 Community Practice IV, DEHY 318 Dental Hygiene Practice IV

X. ESTIMATED EXPENSES

As a guideline, below are the estimated expenses for students registered for the Dental Hygiene program. Please note these are estimates only (2026-2027 rates) and subject to change from year to year.

	Year 1		
Annual Fees	**SK Residents**	**Out of Province**	**International**
Tuition	$34,577	$51,866	$69,154
Fees	$1,331.66	$1,331.66	$1,331.66
Equipment Rental	$3,934	$3,934	$3,934
USask Fees/books	$1,500	$1,500	$1,500
Total	**$41,342.66**	**$58,631.66**	**$75,919.66**

XI. IMPORTANT DATES

Please refer directly to specific policies when confirming required documentation.

Date	**Activity**
September 25	Online application opens
February 15	Online application closes and application fee due
March 1	Supporting documents due (where applicable): • High School transcripts • Proof of Saskatchewan residency

	• Post-secondary transcript • Proof of Indigenous ancestry • Proof of English proficiency • Special Mature Admission Package (proof of age, resume and written submission)
August 23	If offered admission, Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening due and immunization records.

XII. IMPORTANT NOTES

Final official transcripts sent ***DIRECTLY*** from **all** high school and post-secondary institutions attended, including distance education courses, are required. All transcripts and other official documents become the property of the University of Saskatchewan and will not be returned.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of official documents that are in a language other than English must submit notarized copies of their original documents attached to notarized, word for word, English translations.

All correspondence will be via email. Please ensure your email address is current and that your email account will accept email from the University of Saskatchewan (add the @usask.ca domain to your safe list).

Applications are not complete until **ALL** required documents are received. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all required documentation is received. Applicants can check the status of their application online by logging in to their application.

XIII. CONTACT INFORMATION

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