



# Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Admissions Information Guide Fall 2024

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 1, 2024

### 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 2024 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 transferable post-secondary studies)
  - a. Completion of the following courses or equivalents:
    - i. Foundations of Mathematic 30 or Pre-Calculus 30
    - ii. English Language Arts A30 and B30 OR English Language Arts A30 and Francais Immersion 30 OR English Language Arts B30 and Francais Immersion 30 OR Literature 30 and Composition 30
    - iii. Biology 30
    - iv. Chemistry 30
    - v. One elective from social sciences, natural sciences or humanities at the 30 level
  - b. Grade 12 standing or equivalent
  - c. Minimum average of 75% based on the high school prerequisite subjects
2. **Regular Admission – Post-Secondary** (Applicants who have 18 or more transferable post-secondary studies)

- a. Completion of the following courses or equivalents:
  - i. Foundations of Mathematic 30 or Pre-Calculus 30
  - ii. English Language Arts A30 and B30 OR English Language Arts A30 and Francais Immersion 30 OR English Language Arts B30 and Francais Immersion 30 OR Literature 30 and Composition 30
  - iii. Biology 30
  - iv. Chemistry 30
  - v. One elective from social sciences, natural sciences or humanities at the 30 level
- b. Minimum average of 60% on 18 or more transferable credit units or the cumulative weighted average from a recognized and/or accredited post-secondary institution(s); average calculated on all attempted courses (without breaking up an academic session) which are transferable to the University of Saskatchewan.

#### 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 and B30 OR English Language Arts A30 and Francais Immersion 30 OR English Language Arts B30 and Francais Immersion 30 OR Literature 30 and Composition 30
  - iii. Biology 30
  - iv. Chemistry 30
  - v. One elective from social sciences, natural sciences or humanities 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 transferable post-secondary studies.
- e. Resume.

#### B. Personal Statement

Please provide a one-page essay (not to exceed 350 words) that will give us a clear picture of who you are and, most importantly, why you want to pursue a career in dental hygiene.

## C. 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>

## 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 26**. 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.

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## III. CATEGORIES OF APPLICANTS

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### 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 2024 intake, applicants must have resided in Saskatchewan since **September 1, 2020**.

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<sup>1</sup> **AND** either the date of issue of your Saskatchewan Drivers' License<sup>2</sup> **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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 **FOUR (4)** 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 **Indigenous Truth Policy on Indigenous citizenship/membership**.

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

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## IV. SELECTION CRITERIA

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

**Regular Admission:**

1. **Academic Average (80% overall weighting)**
2. **Personal Statement (20% overall weighting)**

### Special Mature Admission:

1. **Special admission package (100% overall weighting)**
2. **Applicants are admitted at the discretion of the college. The admission decision is based on the applicants written submission and demonstrated academic potential.**

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## V. PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

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In compliance with the practice agreements with our clinical partners, successful candidates will be requested to provide proof of the following requirements:

- Current Health Care Provider Level (C) CPR
- Updated Immunization Records
- Security Clearance
- Health and Wellness Status

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## VI. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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### 1. How to Apply for Admission

The College of Dentistry accepts online applications only. The online application is available **April 17– June 1, 2024**. 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 **\$165 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.

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## VII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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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, and if you are currently registered in classes, after June exams 2024.

### 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. 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 June 1**:

- Completed online application with payment of \$165 CDN application fee

All of the following required documentation must be received **no later than June 15**:

- Official transcripts or Final Grade 12 Term 1 High School Transcript from **all** 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 April 30 year in which admission is sought.
  - 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, 2024**.
  - Applicants currently in high school will be directed to complete a course timetable form upon submission of the application.

- Personal Statement

- Proof of Saskatchewan Residency

- If applicable, the following supporting documents:

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

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## VIII. NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS

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Applicants will be informed by email, of their application status in June/July.

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

- Final Official transcripts for courses taken during the 2023-2024 year are **due no later than August 1**.

All offers of admission are conditional upon the successful application maintaining:

- 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 1**.

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

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## IX. COUNSELLING OF APPLICANTS TO DENTAL HYGIENE DEGREE PROGRAM

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Admissions staff in the College of Dentistry Office of Student Services is available to assist all applicants who seek counsel regarding admission to the Dental Hygiene program.

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## X. DENTAL HYGIENE CURRICULUM

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### Year 1

Term 1:  
DEHY 101 Dental Hygiene Theory & Science I, DEHY 102 Health Sciences I, DEHY 103 Oral Health Sciences I, DEHY 104 Behavioural Sciences I, DETH 105 Gross Anatomy & Physiology I, DEHY 106 Principles and Practice in Dentistry, DENT 388 Infection Control in Dentistry, DEHY 108 Dental Hygiene Practice

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

### Year 2

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

### 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

### Year 3

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

### Term 2:

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

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## XI. ESTIMATED EXPENSES

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

	Year 1		
Annual Fees	SK Residents	Out of Province	International
Tuition	\$33,000	\$49,500	\$66,000
Fees	\$1,121	\$1,121	\$1,121
Equipment Rental	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
USask Fees/books	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,221</b>	<b>\$55,721</b>	<b>\$72,221</b>

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## XII. IMPORTANT DATES

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Please refer directly to specific policies when confirming required documentation.

Date	Activity
April 15	Online application opens
June 1	Online application closes and application fee due
June 15	Supporting documents due (where applicable): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final High School transcripts</li><li>• Personal Statement</li><li>• Proof of Saskatchewan residency</li><li>• Final post-secondary transcript</li><li>• Proof of Indigenous ancestry</li><li>• Proof of English proficiency</li><li>• Special Mature Admission Package (proof of age, resume and written submission)</li></ul>
August 26	If offered admission, Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening due and immunization records.

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## XIII. IMPORTANT NOTES

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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.

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## XIV. CONTACT INFORMATION

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