



# Pre-Dental Hygiene Diploma

Applicants to the Dental Hygiene Diploma Programs must complete one full year of university coursework (30 credits) prior to applying for admission.

Be aware, the number of applicants to Dental Hygiene often exceeds the total number of available spaces. Please note: It is recommended that students have a second academic/career goal in mind when choosing the elective course.

Program requirements are subject to change annually -

- Students must review up-to-date program information within each institution’s calendar and Dental Hygiene website, to confirm the application process, course requirements, volunteer or paid experience, and any additional requirements needed, to be admitted
- Potential applicants should note the **competitive** GPA recommended at each institution to be considered for admission and note the minimum grade required may differ at each institution.
- Course transfers should be checked by using the online transfer guide at: [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca) for BC applicants and for out of province applicants; sent to each institution by their stated deadlines

The following TRU courses are recommended for application

30 Credits of University Coursework	TRU Prerequisites
1. 6 credits of 1st year English <b>ENGL 1100, 1110, 1210*, 1120, 1140</b> *Engl 1100/1110/1210 for Vancouver Island U.	73% on English 12 and Gov’t exam (within the last 5 years) or Level 5 on the Composition section of the LPI (within the last 2 years) and 70% on all sections of Part 1; or completion of English 0600 or completion of ESAL 0570 and 0580 with C+ or better
2. 6 credits of Anatomy and Physiology (with labs) <b>BIOL 1592/1594 and 1692/1694</b>	BIOL 12 (or BIOL 0600), C+ minimum; CHEM 11 (or Chem 0500)
3. 6 credits of 1st year Chemistry (with labs) <b>CHEM 1500 and CHEM 1510 or CHEM 1520</b>	CHEM 11 (or CHEM 0500) or Chem 12 (CHEM 0600); Pre- Calculus 12 (or Math 0600/0610); CHEM 1500 (C-) or CHEM 1500 (C-) and Chem 12 (or CHEM 0600) B grade recommended
4. 6 credits of 1st year Psychology <b>PSYC 1110/1210</b>	None
5. 3 credits of Statistics <b>STAT 1200</b>	Principles of Math 11 or MATH 0410/0510, C grade minimum
6. 3 credit Elective	Check each course you are considering for your electives to ensure you meet the pre-requisite(s) if any required.

**In addition to the educational requirements**, there are a number of general requirements that must be satisfied prior to applying for admission. Students should consult the appropriate institution(s) website and online calendar for this information.

*Note: This is to be used as a guideline for students planning on transferring to Dental Hygiene programs. Due to changes that can occur at any post-secondary institution, it is the student’s responsibility to check that courses selected meet the requirements of the institution(s) where they plan to complete the Dental Hygiene program.*

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**Dental Hygiene is a two-year diploma program offered at the following institutions in British Columbia:**

**Camosun College**

Lansdowne Campus  
Enrolment Services • Dawson 103  
3100 Foul Bay Rd  
Victoria BC V8P 5J2

Phone: (250) 370-3161  
Email: [hsinfo@camosun.bc.ca](mailto:hsinfo@camosun.bc.ca)  
Website: <http://camosun.ca/learn/programs/dental-hygiene/>

**College of New Caledonia**

Office of Admissions, Registration & Records  
3330 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Prince George, BC V2N 1P8

Phone: (250) 562-2131 ext. 5378  
Email: [admissions-info@cnc.bc.ca](mailto:admissions-info@cnc.bc.ca)  
Website: [http://www.cnc.bc.ca/CNC\\_Programs/Dental\\_Hygiene.htm](http://www.cnc.bc.ca/CNC_Programs/Dental_Hygiene.htm)

**Vancouver Island University**

Nanaimo Campus  
Admissions Office  
900 Fifth Street  
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5

Phone: (250) 740-6161  
Email: [Geri.McPherson@viu.ca](mailto:Geri.McPherson@viu.ca)  
Website: <http://www.viu.ca/dentalhygiene/index.asp>

**Vancouver Community College**

C/O Admissions Department  
Downtown Campus  
250 West Pender Street  
Vancouver, BC V6B 1S9  
Academic Advising: Angela Abbinante

Phone: (604) 443-8453 (Program and Course Information/Enquiries)  
Phone: (604)871-7000 ext. 8441 (Program Advising)  
Contact: Angela Abbinante, Advising Service  
Email: [aabbinante@vcc.ca](mailto:aabbinante@vcc.ca)  
Website: <http://www.vcc.ca/programscourses/program-areas/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/>

**After completing your 30 credits of prerequisites and Dental Hygiene Diploma, you may consider:**

**TRU-** Bachelor of Health Science <http://www.tru.ca/distance/programs/health-science/bachelor-health-science.html>

**UBC – Bachelor of Dental Science in Dental Hygiene (BDSc)**

Admission Option 1 : Degree Completion Category 1 (4<sup>th</sup> Year entry) – After completion of 30 credits of specified university transferable courses and a dental hygiene diploma/certificate from an accredited North American dental hygiene diploma.(min. 90 credits)

**Dental Hygiene Degree Program - Admissions**

UBC Faculty of Dentistry  
278 - 2199 Wesbrook Mall  
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3  
Phone: (604) 822-9726

Website: <http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca/dental-hygiene-degree-completion-category-1/general-info/>

**College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia**

Phone: 1-800-778-8277  
Website: [www.cdhbc.com](http://www.cdhbc.com)