

**Roane State Community College
Dental Hygiene Program Admissions
Information**

Please read the following information carefully. Minimum requirements for admission to the DHYG Program are listed below. *All items are required. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.*

1. Complete the Roane State Community College (RSCC) admissions process to become an admitted student.

2. The applicant must meet one of the following minimum academic requirements:

A. Students under 21 years of age must attain a composite score of 20 or above on the ACT taken within the last 3 years OR attain a GPA of 2.50 or better after completion of at least 9 semester hours of general education courses required for the Dental Hygiene Program prior to the published application deadline.

OR

B. Students 21 years of age or older must attain a GPA of 2.50 or better after completion of 9 hours of general education courses required for the Dental Hygiene program prior to the published application deadline. These requirements are listed in the college catalog under the Dental Hygiene Program.

3. Meet the following admission requirements:

- Complete the electronic HS application on RaiderNet and submit by the published application deadline.
- Complete all Learning Support courses prior to acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program.

NOTE: Any required natural science course completed with a grade of B or better prior to the published application deadline may result in a higher selections ranking.

- Applicants must be able to physically meet the demands of the job as defined by the discipline, available industry standards and the public's expectations.

4. The top twenty-five candidates will be selected for an interview based on the admission criteria point system (1-5). Candidates must complete an interview to be considered for admission to the program.

Admission Criteria Point System

The following are the criteria used with the point weighting identified next to each criterion.

1. GRADES IN SCIENCE COURSES of the DHYG DEGREE PLAN: Points are awarded for GRADES given in these courses (up to 16 points). Note: these points are only awarded for A's and B's earned on the first attempt in the course. Repeating these courses may increase the student's GPA standing, but will not result in new or additional points.

POINT SYSTEM

Grade of A= 4 points

Grade of B= 2 points

- BIOL 2010 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2020 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- CHEM 1010 Introduction to Chemical Principles (*or a higher level chemistry course equivalency*)
- BIOL 2230 Microbiology

Science courses must be taken within 5 years of the February 28th deadline

2. GPA in the DHYG DEGREE PLAN: Points are awarded for completed Dental Hygiene general education courses (up to 15 points)

3.9 - 4.00	15 points
3.8 - 3.89	14 points
3.7 - 3.79	13 points
3.6 - 3.69	12 points
3.5 - 3.59	11 points
3.4 - 3.49	10 points
3.3 - 3.39	9 points
3.2 - 3.29	8 points
3.1 - 3.19	7 points
3.0 - 3.09	6 points
< 3.0	0 points

3. Current Certified Dental Assistant OR Current Registry Dental Assistant License (3 points)

Certified Dental Assistant or Registered Dental Assistant (registry with Radiology, Coronal Polish and Sealant Application).

PROOF OF CERTIFICATION/LICENSE MUST BE PROVIDED VIA EMAIL BEFORE THE PUBLISHED APPLICATION DEADLINE. PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER ITEM #4.

4. DENTAL-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE (up to 4 points)

10 or more years	4 points
5-9 years	3 points
2-4 years	2 points
1 year or less	1 point

*Candidate **must provide resume** documenting current work experience, employer, volunteerism, dental hygiene job shadowing and certified dental assistant/current registry dental assistant license before the published application deadline. This information should be scanned and emailed in one document to hsnadmissions@roanestate.edu. The subject line should read "**Dental Hygiene Additional Documentation.**"*

5. NUMBER OF COURSE HOURS COMPLETED IN THE DHYG DEGREE PLAN

26+ hours	3 points
17-25 hours	2 points
9-16 hours	1 point

6. INTERVIEW (up to 20 points)

A score from 1 to 4 used to rate the candidate from each of the following five categories:

- Professional Appearance
- Knowledge Base of the Dental and/or Dental Hygiene Profession
- Professionalism
- Communication Skills
- Writing Sample*

*Scoring: **Poor** (1 point) **Average** (2 points) **Good** (3 points) **Excellent** (4 points) Interview scores are averaged to determine the total points awarded.*

*A writing sample must be completed at the time of the interview. Topic of the writing sample will be assigned to the candidate at the scheduled interview. The writing sample is used to evaluate penmanship and the applicant's ability to formulate thoughts into a coherent, concise written communication response to the topic.

NOTE: Total scores of candidates determine the ranking of the twelve selected candidates for the incoming fall class. Candidates will be notified by RAIDERNET email of their selection status and must respond on or before the given response date. Failure to respond in the stated timeframe may result in the applicant forfeiting their selection for admission to the program.

If applicant is not admitted and chooses to reapply for the next academic year, all program applicant materials must be resubmitted including a new AHS electronic application.

Admissions Sequence of Events List

September-February

1. Complete online RSCC general application & required health forms
2. Submit an electronic Health Sciences Application for the DHYG program
3. Submit high school and college transcripts by published application deadline

March

1. GPAs are calculated for eligible applicants
2. Applicants are reviewed by the interview committee
3. Admission points are assigned based on published criteria
4. Top 25 applicants are offered an interview based off admissions points
5. Top applicants will be notified via RaiderNet email

March-April

1. Interviews will be conducted by the interview committee
2. Applicants are then ranked based on admission points and interview scores
3. Top 12 applicants are sent to AHS Admissions Committee for approval
4. Accepted and alternate groups notified via RaiderNet email
5. Denial group notified via RaiderNet email
6. Informational letter sent to selected class from Program Director via RaiderNet email

July

1. Mandatory orientation with selected class

August

1. Classes begin