

**Idaho State University  
Department of Dental Hygiene**

**2010 PREREQUISITE AND ADMISSION INFORMATION**

**General Program Information**

The Department of Dental Hygiene awards a Bachelor of Science degree. Students apply to the program on or before **January 15** to be considered for admission to the dental hygiene program which begins each fall semester. Individuals must be accepted to the program to enroll in upper division (300 and 400 level) dental hygiene courses. Students will be notified by **April 1, 2010** as to their admission status.

**Advising**

All students should be advised by a dental hygiene faculty member early in their academic career to aid in completion of all core and general education courses. Transfer students should be advised in order to facilitate the transfer of courses to ISU to assure fulfillment of core and general education courses. Advising can be accomplished by telephone or in person. Appointments are made by calling the Department at **(208) 282-3796**. Other topics also discussed during the advising appointment might include immunizations and testing related to infectious diseases, students as patients, potential disabilities, expenses, and scholarships.

Applicants must complete DENT 201 by the end of the spring semester (May) of the year of application. On-campus students will register for *DENT 201, Section 1*. Non-ISU students who wish to take this course will register for *DENT 201, Section 2*. This is an on-line course offered each **Fall** (August-December) and **Spring** (January-May) semester. Registration is accomplished through Idaho State University as a non-degree seeking student.

All core and general education courses, **with the exception of DENT 201**, must be completed by **July 15** of the year of application. Please see Admissions Criteria #3 (Completion of Core and General Education Goals) on page three for more specific information.

**Prerequisite Core Courses**

DENT 201	Principles of Dental Hygiene, 2 cr
ENG 101	English Composition, 3 cr
ENG 102	Critical Reading and Writing, 3 cr
COMM 101	Speech, 3 cr
MATH 253	Statistics, 3 cr
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology, 3 cr
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology, 3 cr
NTD 239 or 340	Nutrition, 3 cr
BIOL 101 & 101L	Biology I and Lab, 4 cr
BIOL 301	Anatomy and Physiology, 4 cr (lab included)
BIOL302	Anatomy and Physiology, 4 cr (lab included)
BIOL 221 & 221L or 235	Microbiology and Lab, 4 cr
CHEM 101 or 111	Intro to General Chemistry (Inorganic), 3 cr
CHEM 102 & 103L	Intro to Organic and Biochemistry and Lab, 4 cr

**Electives**

HCA 110	Introduction to Allied Health, 2 cr
DENT 220	Introduction to the Dental Office, 2 cr
CIS 101/101L	Introduction to Computer Systems, 3 cr

## The Admissions Process

### Application

Persons interested in applying for admission to the program should obtain a “Dental Hygiene Application for 2010 Admission.” An application can be obtained by downloading it from the dental hygiene website at <http://www.isu.edu/departments/dentalhy> or by calling (208) 282-3796. Send the completed application and a check or money order for \$75.00 payable to ISU Department of Dental Hygiene directly to the Department of Dental Hygiene. Transfer students also must complete an “Idaho State University Admission Application” as a separate process. Those applications can be obtained by calling (208) 282-2475 or at <http://www.isu.edu>.

Official copies of all transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be sent to the Department of Dental Hygiene. Transfer Students also must send an official copy of all transcripts to the Idaho State University Admissions Office. It is the student’s responsibility to verify receipt of transcripts. Current ISU students do not need to request that ISU transcripts be sent to the Dental Hygiene Department.

### Selection

Academic Rating. Initially, applicants are ranked based on the academic criteria described in the section, “Admissions Criteria” below. A score is computed using the admissions criteria on the “2010 Admissions Rating Form” (see page 6).

Open House. Based on the “Academic Rating” score approximately 50 top candidates will be invited to attend an open house. **Students must attend one of two scheduled dates or otherwise forfeit their applications.** Open House dates are tentatively scheduled for March 12-13 2010. Activities evaluated at that time are a critical thinking/reasoning activity and a manual dexterity (hand skills) activity.

### Final Selection

The final selection of 26 accepted students is based on a combination of the following factors:

- Admissions score computed on the “2010 Admissions Rating Form” (70%)
- Open House activities (30%)

**The following are selection criteria established to aid the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee in selecting students for admission to the ISU Dental Hygiene Program.**

### Admissions Criteria

The applicant is ranked based on the following criteria:

- 1. Cumulative Core Grade Point Average (GPA) = 28%.** A 2.5 minimum is required to be considered; however, this does not guarantee selection. Refer to the Prerequisite Core Courses section to determine the courses included in this GPA. The average core GPA for students admitted to the 2009 junior class was 3.52.
- 2. Natural Science Grade Point Average (GPA) = 35%.** A 2.5 minimum is required to be considered; however, this does not guarantee selection. Prerequisite science courses and additional science credits in the areas of biology, chemistry, geology, physics, and pharmacology may be computed into this GPA. It is optional to list up to 9 credits of non-core science courses most recently completed. If the applicant chooses to include additional science credits, all science credits (up to 9) must be calculated in the natural science GPA. Additional science credits are recorded under Section C of the application for 2010 admission form. Geography and nutrition are not considered in the

science GPA computation. Science courses at the 400 level are computed using a 5-point scale. The average science GPA for students admitted to the 2009 junior class was 3.50.

**3. Completion of Core and General Education Goals #6-11 = 15%.** The specific departmental core courses are listed in the previous section, “Prerequisite Core Courses” (see page 1). These prerequisite courses are essential for subsequent dental hygiene major courses and must be completed prior to fall admission. General education courses to fulfill ISU’s Goals #6-11 are necessary to complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree. Additionally, **four of the six** required science courses (or equivalents) must be completed prior to application. Science lab classes are counted in combination with the accompanying lecture course. For example, Biology 101 Lab does not count as an individual science course. **No more than five total courses** (including general education) may be left to take during the spring/summer. DENT 201 must be completed by the end of spring semester (May 2010). All courses must be completed by July 15 of the year of application or they will be counted as deficiencies. **Acceptance status may change if required courses are not completed by July 15.**

Individuals who have a Bachelor’s degree or the AA, AS, or AA&S degree (NOT AAS) from a regionally accredited institution have fulfilled the general education requirements at ISU. The associate degree must have been received after 1994.

**All ISU students and transfer students with 57 credits or less** need to fulfill:

- Two separate goals from #6, 7, 8 **AND**
- Two separate goals from #9, 10A or 10B, 11

**Transfer students with 58 credits or more** who do not have the acceptable associate degree need to fulfill:

- Humanities – 6 credits (instead of goals #6, 7, 8) **AND**
- Social Science – 9 credits (Psych 101, Soc 101 and 3 additional credits of Social Science) **OR**  
14 credits (Psych 101, Soc 101 and 8 credits of foreign language)

**4. Academic Record for Core Courses = 20%.** Academic progress is evaluated with respect to the applicant’s performance in completed courses. Course grades of “D”, “F”, “I” and repeated courses may result in a lower point value (refer to the “2010 Admissions Rating Form”).

**5. Course Withdrawals from Core Courses and General Education Goals #6-11 = 2%.**

A maximum of 2 points will be added to the academic score based on the number of course withdrawals per credit hours completed (refer to the “2010 Admissions Rating Form”).

**6. Bonus Points.** Bonus points will be added to the “Academic Rating Form” for:

- a. Applicants who previously applied and met the minimum criteria but were not successful in attaining admission to the Dental Hygiene Program will be awarded one bonus point for each subsequent year of application. A maximum of three points may be earned through reapplication.
- b. Applicants who complete at least three of the required six (6) science courses at Idaho State University will receive one bonus point.

### **Dental Hygiene Academic Renewal Policy**

This policy is to allow applicants who previously earned poor grades an opportunity for academic forgiveness. For purposes of the dental hygiene admission process, applicants who had a three-year break in enrollment at a college or university are eligible. Academic renewal allows students to select semesters or quarters before the break in their education and have those courses deleted from

consideration for the dental hygiene admissions process. Grades or withdrawals received on transcripts during the selected semesters or quarters will have no effect on the calculation of the admissions score.

When selecting semesters or quarters, all courses within that time will be deleted from consideration; therefore, any core and/or general education courses taken during the selected semesters/quarter must be repeated after the break in education. In order for the academic renewal policy to be considered applicants must submit a written request with the application form. Academic renewal may be awarded one time only.

### **Other Criteria**

Admissions criteria and the selection process vary from year to year. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the Department of Dental Hygiene after October 1 to obtain updated admissions information.

### **Admissions Status**

Applicants will be notified by **April 1, 2010** as to their admissions status.

Accept – Students are admitted to the program based on successful completion of the planned courses outlined on the “Dental Hygiene Application for 2010 Admission” and Open House activities. Failure to successfully complete planned courses as indicated in the application will forfeit acceptance. A ***nonrefundable*** \$200.00 deposit is required by April 18 to hold a position in the program. Final transcripts for coursework completed in the spring semester and early summer session are necessary to complete the application. Final transcripts must be received by July 15. Any course work not completed with a grade of C- or above by this date will require re-evaluation of admission status along with alternate students. This final evaluation may result in a decrease in status from “accept” to “alternate”.

Alternate – Admission scores of students in the alternate category are recalculated after the spring semester courses are completed. Alternates are ranked according to their recalculated admission score after spring semester. In the event that one of the accepted students declines a position, an alternate will be selected. Alternates may be admitted any time prior to the beginning of fall semester. Final transcripts from coursework completed in the spring semester (by June 9) and early summer session (by July 15) are necessary to complete the application.

Unqualified – The admissions committee could not consider the application for admission for one of the following reasons:

1. The “Dental Hygiene Application for 2010 Admission” and supporting materials were not received or postmarked by the January 15 deadline.
2. Official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended were not received by the January 15 deadline. (One copy is sent to the Dental Hygiene Department. Transfer students must send another official copy of all transcripts to the Idaho State University Admissions Office).
3. The “Dental Hygiene Application for 2010 Admission” and supporting materials were incomplete.
4. Cumulative core grade point average or science grade point average was below the 2.5 minimum required for consideration.
5. Four of the six required science courses (or the equivalents) were not completed before the January 15 deadline.
6. Six or more courses (core courses and/or general education goals) remain incomplete.

7. Information on the “Dental Hygiene Application for 2010 Admission” and supporting materials was misrepresented or falsified.

## **DATELINE**

### As Soon As Possible

- Initiate contact with an academic advisor
- When applicable, consider Academic Renewal Policy

### January 15

- Application for admission to the dental hygiene program is due. Include official transcripts from all institutions attended. One set must be sent to the Idaho State University Dental Hygiene Department and one set sent to the ISU Admissions Office. Current ISU students do not need to forward transcripts.
- Application for admission to Idaho State University is due.

### End of Spring Semester

- DENT 201 course must be complete.  
NOTE: This course is offered only Fall (August-December) and Spring (January-May) semesters – **NOT** summer session. The course is offered to ISU students on campus and to non-ISU students on-line. Please contact the Dental Hygiene Department if you have questions or problems with registration.

### April 1

- Notification of admissions status: Accept, Alternate, Unqualified.

### April 18

- Non-refundable deposit due from “Accept” students.

### June 9

- Final official spring transcripts due from “Alternate” students

### July 15

- Final official transcripts of spring/summer course work due from “Accept” and “Alternate” students.

**2010 ADMISSIONS RATING FORM**

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

•**Cumulative Core GPA (28 points)** Your GPA \_\_\_\_\_  $\div$  4.0 = Score \_\_\_\_\_ X 28 = \_\_\_\_\_

*Example: 3.0  $\div$  4.0 = .75 X 28 = 21.00*

•**Cumulative Science GPA (35 points)** Your GPA \_\_\_\_\_  $\div$  4.0 = Score \_\_\_\_\_ X 35 = \_\_\_\_\_

*Example: 3.0  $\div$  4.0 = .75 X 35 = 26.25*

•**Prerequisites (15 points)** Score \_\_\_\_\_ X .15 = \_\_\_\_\_

**(Includes ISU General Education Goals 6-11)\* All courses must be completed by July 15 EXCEPT DENT 201. All applicants must complete the appropriate DENT 201 course by end of spring semester.**

Core Courses and ISU Goals 6-11	Points
All core courses and general education completed	100
All core courses completed and lacking one general education course	80
Lacking one core course <b>OR</b> lacking two general education courses	60
Lacking one core course <b>AND</b> lacking one general education course	40
Lacking one core course <b>AND</b> lacking two general education courses	20
Lacking two core courses	20
Lacking two core courses <b>AND</b> lacking one general education course	20
Lacking any science core course	0
Lacking two core courses <b>AND</b> lacking two general education courses	0
Lacking three or more core courses <b>OR</b> lacking three or more general education courses	0

**\*Students are responsible for discussing coursework with an ISU Dental Hygiene advisor, either in person or by telephone, to plan for the completion of all core and goal (6-11) courses prior to entrance into the program. Advising by an ISU Dental Hygiene faculty member should be completed as soon as possible in the student's academic preparation.**

•**Academic Record\*\* (20 points)** (Includes Core Courses only) Score \_\_\_\_\_ X .20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Repeated Courses	Points
None, or one (1) repeated course	100
Two repeated courses	90**
Three repeated courses	80**
Four repeated courses	70**
Five repeated courses	60**
Six or more repeated courses	0

**\*\*10 points will be added to the academic record score for academic improvement based on the absence of D, F, or I grades or repeated core courses; or withdrawals during the two most recent semesters (must be 12 credits or more).**

•**Withdrawals from Core Courses & General Education Goals 6 - 11 (2 Points)**

Course Withdrawals Per Credits Completed	Points Earned
One course W per 25 credits	2
One course W per 15 credits	1
More than one course W per 15 credits	0

Bonus Points	Points Earned
1 point for each year of reapplication (maximum of 3 points may be earned).	
1 point for at least 3 required science courses completed at ISU	

**Sub-Total** Academic Points: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Withdrawal Points:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Bonus Points:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_



**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS  
AT IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

A variety of scholarships are available to assist students who have been accepted into the dental hygiene program for the junior and senior years of study. Application deadline for all scholarships is **April 15** annually.

**JUNIOR DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS**

**DAVID F. MCCUNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was initiated as a memorial tribute to Dr. David F. McCune, supervising dentist, 1979-1998. This scholarship is to assist junior students who have had dental assisting experience and have been offered a seat in the dental hygiene program. Financial need and past academic performance will be given equal weight.

**SENIOR DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS**

**IDAHO DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Three \$1000 scholarships are annually awarded to senior dental hygiene students who maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.

**ACE DENTAL HYGIENE COMPONENT**

Variable amount scholarship awarded in the spring semester of the senior year to a student in good standing who has maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA by the end of the junior year, has demonstrated financial need, and not currently receiving any other scholarship.

**HAROLD AND VANDA JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP**

\$500.00 each spring semester to a senior student to assist with WREB Clinical Exam fees. Applicants may not have been on academic probation and must demonstrate financial need.

**MAGIC VALLEY DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION COMPONENT**

\$250.00 each fall semester to a senior student in good standing who has maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA by the end of the junior year and who demonstrates financial need. Priority will be given to residents of the Magic Valley.

**PORTNEUF VALLEY DENTAL HYGIENE SOCIETY**

\$250 each spring semester to a senior student in good standing who has maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA by the end of the fall semester of the senior year and who demonstrates financial need. Priority will be given to residents of counties within the PVDH district (Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power Counties).

**SHELLY SIMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This variable-amount scholarship was established in memory of a former dental hygiene student and is annually awarded to a senior student. Selection is based on academic performance and financial need.

**JUNIOR OR SENIOR DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS**

**DR. RICHARD & LUCY MEEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowment is designed to provide a semester or annual award for a student accepted into the Dental Hygiene program. The award may be used for instruments, supplies or regional boards. If awarded to a junior, that student may apply for renewal for senior year. Preference will be given to a single parent with children or a married student. Recipient must be a resident of Idaho. The award may be based on need as well as academic performance.

**GRETCHEN HESS PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT FUND**

For junior, senior, or graduate students seeking professional advancement opportunities in the Dental Hygiene program. Awarded through faculty recommendation. Opens for application in March.

*For More Information Contact: Scholarship Chair  
Department of Dental Hygiene  
Idaho State University  
921 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Mail Stop 8048  
Pocatello, ID 83201  
(208) 282-3796*

## **IMPORTANT FACTORS TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING TO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**

### **Dental Office Observation/Experience**

Currently there is no formal requirement for dental office experience prior to being admitted to the Dental Hygiene program; however, it is beneficial for the applicant to be familiar with the work environment in which most hygienists are employed.

Students without dental office experience who are attending ISU can enroll in DENT 220, Introduction to the Dental Office, as an elective. Other students are encouraged to observe in a dental office that employs a dental hygienist to become familiar with the dental team and the practice environment.

### **Disabilities**

Idaho State University will make every effort to comply with “reasonable accommodations”, according to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans With Disabilities Act. ISU will not discriminate in the recruitment, admission, or treatment of students or employees with disabilities. Our program is committed to all students achieving their potential. If you have a disability or think you have a disability (physical, learning disability, hearing, vision, psychiatric) which may need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the ADA Disabilities & Resource Center as early as possible at the following address: ADA and Disabilities Resource Center, Campus Box 8121, Pocatello, ID 83209, (208) 282-3599.

### **Students as Patients**

Throughout the two-year Dental Hygiene Curriculum students are required to be “patients” for a student partner. Student partners practice dental hygiene procedures and pain control methods on each other.

### **Latex Allergy or Sensitivity and Cumulative Trauma Disorders**

Individuals that have a latex allergy/sensitivity or a cumulative trauma disorder (such as carpal tunnel syndrome, thoracic outlet syndrome, tendonitis, lateral epicondylitis, etc.) should discuss the implications of these conditions with a physician and a dental hygiene faculty member. The severity of these conditions may adversely impact the individual’s performance in the program and upon graduation, the practice of dental hygiene. Careful consideration of these conditions is imperative to a career in dental hygiene.

### **Patient Recruitment**

Students have specific patient cases that are required throughout the curriculum. The department recruits patients through advertisements, the clinical recall system, and other mechanisms. It is ultimately the student’s responsibility to recruit patients to fulfill required cases.

### **Immunization and Testing Policy**

Policies and procedures for vaccinations, testing and post-exposure incidents have been developed to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Dental Association (ADA), American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) and extramural site recommendations or policies.

Idaho State University dental hygiene students, in the course of their clinical/academic duties have significant exposure to blood, blood products, tissue, secretions or body fluids of patients potentially containing hepatitis B (HBV) and are at risk for HBV as well as other infectious diseases. Unintentional punctures of the skin with contaminated instruments or needles sometimes

occur despite careful technique. These factors increase student risk for contracting diseases.

**The Department of Dental Hygiene requires the following immunizations and CPR certification:** CPR certification is required prior to beginning the junior year. An annual update is required prior to the senior year.

HBV vaccination verification and proof of immunity through a blood test. The student can receive antibody testing which shows him/her to have sufficient immunity if the three injection series has been previously received or in lieu of the vaccination.

Tuberculosis (TB) testing by the PPD test and verification of the results (positive or negative). Results of a TB test must be submitted each year. In the event that the test is positive, the student will follow the physician's recommendations for treatment and submit verification that these recommendations are being followed.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination verification or proof of immunity to Measles (Rubeola) and Rubella (German Measles) through a blood test.

If these vaccinations or TB testing are contraindicated or refused for medical, personal or age considerations, the student must sign the Vaccination Declination Form.

TB testing results and the MMR vaccination (or proof of immunity) are required by the policies of extramural sites. The Department cannot guarantee participation in extramural rotations should the student choose not to comply with these requirements.

It is also recommended that students are immunized with the Influenza; Diphtheria and Tetanus (DT); Polio; and Chicken Pox (Varicella) vaccinations for additional protection.

Vaccinations and testing can be received at any District Health Department, Idaho State University Student Health, or through the student's personal physician. Costs associated with the vaccinations and testing are the responsibility of the student.

### **Infectious Diseases**

When a prospective student contracts an infectious disease, he/she should consider how that status would affect his/her future in healthcare. Information to help make decisions about one's future as a student or healthcare worker is available through a district health department or personal physician. In cases when a prospective student discloses that they have an infectious disease, the case will be reported to the State Epidemiologist who will assess if the student performs invasive procedures. When the assessment determines that exposure-prone procedures are performed, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will assess, through an expert review panel, the risk of the worker-to-client exposure. When the panel determines that the risk of client exposure is high, the individual will be referred to the Idaho State Board of Dentistry for evaluation of the procedures performed, fitness to practice, and future practice restrictions. All evaluations and assessments remain confidential. The determination of whether an individual poses a significant risk to clients will be considered on a case-by-case basis. It may be necessary to modify educational methods, employment responsibilities, and/or treatment protocols based on the results of the expert review panel and the licensing board review.