

Idaho State University  
Department of Dental Hygiene  
2026-2027 ADMISSION INFORMATION

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

**Pre-dental hygiene advising appointment with a department faculty or staff member is required prior to applying.**

**Application**

Persons interested in applying for admission to the program must apply by the deadline of January 8, 2027 by submitting the completed application to the electronic submission link available on the ISU DH Bachelor Program Admissions website.

**Transfer Students**

Transfer students must send official transcripts to:

Idaho State University Admissions Office  
921 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Stop 8270  
Pocatello, Idaho 83209-8270  
Telephone: 208-282-2475

**Transfer students must apply to ISU before submitting their application to the ISU Dental Hygiene Program.** This can be done by completing the “*Idaho State University Admission Application*” which requires that official transcripts be sent to the Idaho State University Admissions Office. ISU applications can be obtained at <http://www.isu.edu> by following the links for “How to Apply.” It is the student’s responsibility to verify receipt of the University Application and associated transcripts. If a transfer student will be completing the DENT 2201 online course in the Summer 2027 semester, they will need to apply for ISU admission for Summer 2027. All transfer credits are deemed equivalent to ISU credits through the Transfer Evaluation (TES) System at ISU through the ISU’s registrar’s office. Students may consult the TES and the Idaho State Board of Education Transfer Portal website to determine if and how credits transfer to ISU. During the pre-advising dental hygiene appointment which is required, the faculty or staff member from the Department of Dental Hygiene can answer transfer credits and review them in each students Degree Works program.

**ADMISSIONS SELECTION CRITERIA PHASE I**

The following are selection criteria established to aid the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee in selecting students for the PHASE I admission to the ISU Dental Hygiene Program when reviewing submitted program admission applications. During Phase I of the admissions process, the Admissions Rating Form is used to calculate the following criteria:

1. Cumulative Core Grade Point Average (GPA) = 35%. A 2.8 minimum is required to qualify for consideration for the program; 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 2024 Junior class was 3.83.
2. Natural Science Grade Point Average (GPA) = 40%. A 2.8 minimum is required to qualify for consideration for the program; however, this does not guarantee selection. The prerequisite science courses are computed into this GPA. The average of the past 3-year’s accepted classes was 3.81.

3. Completion of Core and General Education Goals 6-11 or Objectives 1-9 = 5%. These prerequisite core courses are essential for subsequent dental hygiene major courses and must be completed prior to fall admission. General education courses are necessary to fulfill ISU's Objectives to meet the requirements for the baccalaureate degree.

**Four of the six required science courses (or equivalents) must be completed with a letter grade prior to application.**

**No more than six courses (including general education) may be left to take during the spring/summer or by petition.**

4. Academic Record for Core Courses = 20%. Academic progress is evaluated with respect to the applicant's performance in completing courses with a C- or higher. Four or more repeated courses will result in a slightly lower point value (refer to the "2027 Admissions Rating Form").
5. Bonus Points. Bonus points will be added to the "Admissions Rating Form" for:
  - Applicants who previously applied to the ISU Dental Hygiene Program who met the minimum criteria but were not successful in attaining admission. One bonus point will be awarded for each subsequent year of application with a maximum of three points earned through reapplication.
  - Applicants who complete at least three of the required seven science courses at Idaho State University. One bonus point will be awarded.

Applicant Selection Process - The selection process includes two phases:

### **Phase I – Academic Ranking**

The first phase includes the calculation of an academic rating score using the Admissions Rating Form (see criteria listed previously). All qualified applicants will be ranked in order based on the calculated academic rating score. The final selection of students is based on the admissions score computed on the "Admissions Rating Form". Based on the rating form scores, the top 50 candidates will be invited to attend an in-person attendance required phase II.

### **Phase II-In-person Reasoning/Ethical Situational Test & Interview**

The second phase of the admissions process will include a mandatory in-person test and interview. Half the candidates (25) will be assigned to come in-person on Friday, February 26, 2027 and the other half (25) will be assigned to come in-person on Saturday February 27, 2027 to complete the test and interview.

Based on objective rubrics for the test and the interview, the top 32 of the 50 finalists will be offered a seat in the program to start in the Fall of 2027.

THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVIEW EACH APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTIONS TO ADMISSIONS CRITERIA ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

### **Admissions Status**

Phase I Applicants will be notified by January 29, 2027 of their admissions status. If selected as the top 50 candidates the confirmation of their acceptance and participation in the in-person Phase II process must be communicated to the department by February 5, 2027. The final candidates will be notified by April 2, 2027 of their admissions status.

Conditional Accept – Students are admitted to the program based on successful completion of the planned courses outlined on the “Dental Hygiene Application for 2027 Admission.” Failure to successfully complete planned courses as indicated in the application will forfeit acceptance. A non-refundable \$200.00 deposit is required by the date established in the acceptance letter to hold a position in the program. Refer to the department website for scholarships available to dental hygiene students at ISU for the 2027 school year.

Alternate – In the event one of the accepted students declines a position in Phase I or Phase II, an alternate will be selected. Alternates are ranked according to their original admissions scores. Alternates may be admitted any time prior to the beginning of fall semester.

#### Accept and Alternate Status

Final transcripts for coursework completed in the spring semester and early summer session are necessary to complete the application. Any course work not completed with a grade of C- or above by these dates will require re-evaluation of admission status. This final evaluation may result in a change in status from “accept” to “alternate” or unqualified.

Unqualified – The admissions committee will not consider an application for admission for any of the following reasons in Phase I:

1. The “Dental Hygiene Application for 2027 Admission” and supporting materials were not uploaded by the January 8 deadline.
2. Official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended (other than ISU) were not ordered by the January 8 deadline. **Transfer students must send one official copy of all transcripts to the ISU Admissions office when applying to the University.**
3. The “Dental Hygiene Application for 2027 Admission” and supporting materials were incomplete.
4. Cumulative core grade point average or science grade point average was below the 2.8 minimum required for consideration.
5. Four of the six required science courses were not completed before the January 8 deadline.
6. More than 6 courses (core courses and/or general education goals) remain incomplete or have a grade lower than a C-.
7. Information on the “Dental Hygiene Application for 2027 Admission” and supporting materials was misrepresented or falsified.
8. At least one advising appointment with a dental hygiene faculty or staff advisor was not completed.

#### Minimum criteria for an application to qualify for consideration:

- 4 Core Science Courses completed before January 8
- 6 or fewer Core and General Education Courses to complete after January 8
- Completion of DENT 2201 (can count as one of the 6 or fewer courses to be completed after January 8)
- Minimum Core GPA of 2.8
- Minimum Science GPA of 2.8
- Minimum grade of C- in dental hygiene prerequisite courses

Phase II Unqualified if the candidate cannot attend the in-person test and interview.

## TIMELINE

### As Soon As Possible

- Initiate contact with an academic advisor at the Department of Dental Hygiene. A minimum of one documented advising appointment is required prior to application to the program.
- **Transfer students must have completed the ISU admission application and be accepted to ISU.**

### Prior to January 8<sup>th</sup>

- Official transcripts from all institutions attended (other than ISU) must be sent to the University Admissions Office.

### January 8<sup>th</sup> Application Date

- Application for admission to the dental hygiene program is submitted.
- All students must be classified as degree seeking students at ISU prior to submitting the application.

### January 29<sup>th</sup>

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

### February 5

- Confirmation of admission and participation in Phase II of the admissions process (in-person required)

### April 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Phase II candidates will be notified of their admission status accepted or unaccepted.

### April 16

- Non-refundable \$200.00 deposit due from students who accept a seat in the program.

### May 13

- **If DENT 2201 has not been completed, students must be registered for the summer online DENT 2201 course.** This course requires a minimum enrollment of 6 students in order to be offered in the summer of 2027. Contact the Department of Dental Hygiene regarding course offering.

### Mid May

- Required attendance for Fit Day: fitting for scrubs, lab coats, gloves, magnification loupes, etc.

### Mid June

- Final non-ISU official spring transcripts due to the ISU Admissions Office.

### August 15<sup>th</sup>

- Final official (non-ISU) transcripts for summer general education objective courses due to the ISU Admissions Office.
- Completion of all Core and objective classes, including DENT 2201.



