

## 2020 Dental Hygiene Degree Program Admission Requirements

*The information in this document is not designed to be a contractual agreement with an applicant. The program reserves the right to change without notice such things as program admission or completion requirements, costs and curriculum as needed and in accordance with Harper College policy.*

### Important Dates

2020 Dental Hygiene Application Dates.....**October 1, 2019 – February 1, 2020**  
**February 1, 2020 is the program deadline; check the program web site for information on the application status.**  
**January 15, 2020, is the “Early Admission” application deadline.**

### Attend an Information Meeting (Mandatory)

- Learn more about the dental hygiene career and the Harper College program curriculum, admission standards and program participation requirements.
- Check the Harper web site at [www.harpercollege.edu](http://www.harpercollege.edu) for the “in-person” meeting schedule, and reserve your seat online.
- You need to have attended an information meeting within the past year before submitting your program application to learn of the most current information/changes for that application cycle.

### Submit College Application and Fee

- If you have not previously applied to the College, this is your first step.
- This application and fee can be submitted online or in person.

### Submit the Program Application with a Valid National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-Admission RN Exam Score Report

- Submit your Dental Hygiene Application to the Health Careers Division Office, Building X, Room X250, within the time frame indicated above. Your **Harper College Application** must already be on file, you must have attended a program information meeting within the past year, and you need to attach a valid copy of your **NLN Pre Admission RN Exam** results showing that all minimums have been satisfied in order for your Dental Hygiene Application to be accepted.

**Valid NLN Pre-Admission RN Exam Report** – You must satisfy **each** of the following minimum percentile scores:

<i>Minimum Score</i>	<i>NLN Score Report</i>
<b>Composite:</b> 60 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher	<p>Once scores are posted, you will want to check the section entitled <b>RN Program Applicants</b> to find your results.</p> <p>The Composite, Verbal, Math and Science percentile scores are listed under the <b>RN Percentile Rank</b>.</p>
<b>Verbal:</b> 40 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher	
<b>Science:</b> 40 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher	
<b>Math:</b> 40 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher	

- **You can access information on NLN Pre-Admission RN Exam registration and payment steps from the Testing Center web site.** Go to [harpercollege.edu](http://harpercollege.edu); click on **Academics**; scroll down to **Testing and Assessment Center**; then click on **Limited Enrollment (NLN Entrance Exam)**.
- Scores from an NLN Pre-Admission RN Test are valid for three years. (Refer to the chart later in this document for detailed information regarding expiration dates.)
- For details on how to interpret your NLN score report, please refer to the program web site.
- Resources for test preparation include the Review Guide for NLN-RN Pre-Entrance Exam, Third Edition available at the Harper Store, online and through retail bookstores; a course offered through Harper’s Continuing Education division titled: NLN Pre-Entrance Exam Preparation; and McGraw-Hill’s NLN PAX-RN Prep app. Other test preparation tools that have been suggested include Magoosh, Learning Express Library and study guides for the ACT or SAT.  
(Test dates that are close to an application deadline do tend to fill quickly, so please plan accordingly.)

### **Submit Additional Documentation**

**Note: Official documents are those sent directly from the institution to Harper College.**

**Official High School Transcript OR GED Results** – The final high school transcript must have the graduation date posted; the GED report must show passing scores.

- Applicants who have completed high school in another country need to submit a document-to-document evaluation of their high school transcript completed by Educational Credential Evaluators, INC (ECE) [www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org) or World Education Services (WES) [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org) stating **U.S. Equivalence: High school diploma**.
- This high school transcript requirement can be waived if official documentation is provided demonstrating completion of the equivalent of a U.S. associate or higher degree.

**Official College Transcripts** – You will need to submit transcripts from other colleges attended if the document(s) show completion of courses you think may fulfill course admission requirements or support course work applicable to the Harper College Dental Hygiene Program.

- Foreign college transcripts must first be evaluated by World Education Services ([wes.org](http://wes.org)) or Educational Credential Evaluators, INC ([ece.org](http://ece.org)). A copy of the completed course-by-course WES or ECE evaluation must be submitted to the Harper College One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250.

- To learn if/how credits from other colleges will transfer to Harper, applicants must have an official transcript from each college or university attended sent to the Admissions Processing Office immediately upon being admitted to Harper College. Official transcripts will be evaluated as they are received and students will receive an email to their Harper email account when they have been evaluated.

## **Program Prerequisites**

### **Harper Grade Point Average**

- Current or previously enrolled Harper students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

**English Composition** - ENG 101 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is no expiration date on the English Composition course requirement.

**Introduction to Psychology** - PSY 101 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is no expiration date on the psychology course requirement

**Chemistry for the Health Sciences** – CHM 100 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation) with a grade of C or better.

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is a five-year time limit on the Chemistry for the Health Sciences course requirement. Refer to the chart which follows this section for detailed information on expiration dates.

**Microbiology** – BIO 130 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation) with a grade of C or better.

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is a five-year time limit on the Chemistry for the Health Sciences course requirement. Refer to the chart which follows this section for detailed information on expiration dates.

**Human Anatomy** - BIO 160 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is a five-year time limit on the Human Anatomy course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for details on expiration dates.

**Human Physiology** - BIO 161 at Harper College, or the equivalent from another college (as determined by the Harper College transcript evaluation).

- Must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- There is a five-year time limit on the Human Physiology course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for details on expiration dates.

**Math Assessment** – demonstrate competency in Harper’s MTH 080 (Intermediate Algebra) with one of the Testing or Course Options listed below; there is no time limit on any of the following for admission:

Testing Options	Course Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COMPASS Algebra Placement Test Score of 53 or higher</li> <li>ALEKS Math Placement Test Score of 46 or higher</li> <li>ACT Math Score 22 or higher <u>OR</u> SAT Math scores of 530 or higher</li> <li>Passing Score on MTH 080 Final Exam (<i>applicable to those who tested while attending one of Harper’s feeder high schools</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of Harper’s MTH 080 or higher level math (or equivalent transfer course) with a grade of “C” or better</li> <li>Aligned High School Math 080 with a C or better</li> </ul>

**NOTE: Testing rules apply for math course registration.**

*Please check with the Credentials Analyst for transfer credit eligibility if you are not satisfying the math requirement at Harper*

**Re-entry Permission**

- If you were previously enrolled in the program to which you are planning to apply again, departmental permission is required for re-entry. Without this department approval, your file is incomplete.

**The following table lists the time limits in place for 2020:**

<b>BIO 130 - MICROBIOLOGY</b>	Must be completed <b>after January 1, 2015</b>
<b>BIO 160 – HUMAN ANATOMY</b>	Must be completed <b>after January 1, 2015</b>
<b>BIO 161 – HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY</b>	Must be completed <b>after January 1, 2015</b>
<b>CHM 100 – CHEMISTRY for the HEALTH SCIENCES</b>	Must be completed <b>after January 1, 2015</b>
<b>NLN TEST SCORES*</b>	Must be completed <b>after January 1, 2017</b>

\*National League for Nursing Entrance Exam Results

**Admission Decisions**

- Ranking scores will be calculated based on a point system with a maximum of 100 points; **no points will be added to an admission score for coursework completed after the program deadline.** You can calculate your ranking score based on the following chart:

Factor	0 points	10 points	15 points	20 points
NLN Composite Percentile	60 – 69	70 – 79	80 – 89	90 – 99
NLN Verbal Percentile	40 – 49	50 – 69	70 – 89	90 – 99
BIO 130	C		B	A
BIO 160	C		B	A
BIO 161	C		B	A

**Early Admission Option:**

**Applicants whose files are complete upon application may qualify for Early Admission. If qualified, we will send notification of acceptance by the email address provided on the application. To be eligible for this option, applicants must meet specific conditions as follows:**

- Applicant must be a resident of Harper’s district **or** a community college district which does not offer a Dental Hygiene degree program **and** whose college district is a member of the CAREER consortium; and
- The file must be complete—**all academic and document requirements must be satisfied**; and
- The ranking score must be **70 or higher**; and
- The applicant must submit the application and meet all admission requirements by **January 15, 2020**.

**There are 24 seats available for Early Admission. Once the 24 seats are filled, and/or any applications received after January 15, 2020, as well as any applications that do not meet all four of the above conditions, will be considered under the Standard Admission Option. There will be no exceptions to the above criteria.**

- **Standard Admission Option: (For seats remaining following Early Admission)**

**The files of all applicants who have submitted their applications by the program deadline (and who were not already accepted through Early Admission) will be reviewed by the Admission Selection Committee.**

- This file review meeting will be held as soon as possible following the program deadline.
- A “final” minimum admission score will be determined, and those applicants whose ranking scores are at or above that minimum will be considered for admission or the alternate list.
- Admission cannot be guaranteed, and will depend upon ranking score, residency and number of seats available.
- If there are more qualified applicants than space available, residency may be a factor in the Standard Admission process.
- Permanent residents and residents of community college districts which do not offer a Dental Hygiene program **and** whose college districts are members of the CAREER consortium, who have satisfied the minimum admission score and applied by the application deadline will receive priority consideration in the Standard Admission process.
- Residency is determined by the Registrar’s Office; the address on record with the College as of the program deadline will be used by the admission selection committee when they determine admission decisions. Working in district does not constitute residency for limited enrollment selection purposes.

□ Provided a program is open past the published deadline, any qualified applicant who submits an application after that date will be considered after all qualified applicants who applied by deadline. Applications will continue to be accepted until the program is closed. Check the web site for information on the application status.

□ Depending on the number of qualified applicants eligible for admission when admission decisions are made, it is possible that contingency offers may be extended to applicants who are in the process of completing an admission requirement (except for the NLN minimum percentiles, which must be satisfied in order to submit a program application). **When/if contingency offers are extended, the contingent requirement(s) must be satisfied WITHIN the semester in which the deadline falls. Please Note: In order to be eligible for Early Admission, applicants must have completed all admission requirements. There will be no contingent Early Admission offers.**

- It is not possible to predict the lowest ranking score an applicant will need in order to be accepted into a limited enrollment program. However, NLN scores in the 80's and 90's and A's and B's in BIO 130, 160, and BIO 161 make applicants more competitive in the selection process. **Although satisfaction of minimum admission requirements will result in an admission decision, it does not guarantee acceptance.**

## Important Admission Notes

- It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that all requirements are met and all documentation is on file.
- If admitted, **you are expected to attend a mandatory orientation** which is typically held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June. An email will be sent from the coordinator regarding dates, time, and location when the information becomes available, but no later than the end of April. Please plan accordingly when scheduling vacations, appointments, etc.
- All correspondence regarding your limited enrollment application will be sent to the email address you have provided on your application. It is your responsibility to see that your Personal Profile information is current. You can check your information on the Student Portal on the My Harper tab under Personal Profile. To update your email address (and/or mailing address and phone number), you will need to contact the One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250. Residency is determined by the mailing address on record with the College as of the program deadline date and will be used by the Admission Selection Committee when admission decisions are made.
- Applicants should be aware that it may take up to three weeks for the College to receive transcript(s) from the sending institution(s). Official transcripts will be evaluated as they are received and students will receive an email to their Harper email account when they have been evaluated. Results can be viewed online through the student portal. Transcript evaluations may take 2–3 weeks to process. Questions about transcript evaluations can be sent to [evaluation@harpercollege.edu](mailto:evaluation@harpercollege.edu).
- Applicants not accepted into the program who wish to be considered in the selection process for a future term **must attend a new information meeting and submit a new program application.**
- **Once your program application has been processed, you will be able to monitor your limited enrollment file online.** Go to [harpercollege.edu](http://harpercollege.edu) and log into your **MyHarper Student Portal**; limited enrollment information can be found under the **Registration and Records** section.
- Qualified applicants not selected will be placed on a **temporary** wait list and identified as alternates. **Alternate lists do not carry over from one application cycle to the next**; therefore, alternates who are not admitted to a program will need to attend a new program information meeting and submit a new program application for a future program start.
- Applicants may submit an application for one degree program initially. If identified as an alternate, or if denied admission to that program, the applicant has the option of submitting an application for any open program. Once an applicant accepts an offer of admission to a program, any other applications are forfeited.

- A higher tuition rate—200 % of the standard tuition—is assessed for the career-specific courses in this program. The out-of-district rate for all DHY-prefixed courses is more than twice as much as the doubled in-district rate. It is very important that you make financial aid preparations well in advance of any deadlines so that you know exactly what resources are available to you.

### HARPER COLLEGE RESOURCES

Office	Location	Phone Number
<b>Limited Enrollment Programs Health Careers Division Office</b>	Building X, Room X250	847.925.6533
<b>Admissions Outreach</b> (for those who have not applied to Harper)	Building C, Room C103	847.925.6700
<b>Academic Advising and Counseling Services</b>	New Students: Building C, Room C104	847.925.6208
	Previous or currently enrolled Harper students: Building I, Room I117	847.925.6393
<b>Access and Disability Services</b>	Building I, Room I103	847.925.6266
<b>Assessment and Testing</b>	Building A, Room A148	847.925.6541
<b>Harper Bookstore</b>	Building L, Room L260	847.925.6275
<b>Business Office</b>	Building A, Room A214	847.925.6880
<b>One Stop Center</b>	Building A, Room A250	847.925.6710
<b>Registrar's Office</b>	Building A, Room A213	847.925.6500

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