

2026 Summer Dental Hygiene Degree Program Admission Requirements

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Important Dates

2026 Summer Dental Hygiene Application Dates.....**October 1, 2025 – February 1, 2026**
January 15, 2026 is the “Early Admission” deadline for those who qualify.

THIS PROGRAM BEGINS IN THE SUMMER SEMESTER

Attend a MANDATORY Information Meeting

- Learn more about the dental hygiene career and the Harper College program curriculum, admission standards and program participation requirements.
- Visit: [Events](#) to RSVP to a to information meeting.
- You must 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 Harper College Application and Fee

- If you have not previously applied to the College, this is your first step.
- Visit [Harper General Application](#) to submit an application and fee online or contact the Admissions Outreach office at 847.925.6700 for assistance.

Submit the Dental Hygiene Program Application with TEAS Exam Score Report (required)

- Submit your program application online by visiting the: [Dental Hygiene Program Admission webpage](#) within the time frame indicated above. **If you have previously been accepted into the Dental Hygiene Degree Program, you will need Coordinator approval to submit another application.**
- Your Harper College Application must already be on file.
- You must have attended a **program information meeting** within the past year.
- Must attach a valid copy of your **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)** results showing that all minimums have been satisfied on the same test (only one test is required).
- NOTE: Your application will not be processed, if official TEAS scores are not sent to Harper College

Re-entry Permission - If you were previously enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program and were unsuccessful, departmental permission is required for re-entry. Without this department’s approval, your file is incomplete

Submit Additional Documentation

Official High School Transcript OR HSE Results – The final high school transcript must have the graduation date posted; the HSE 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 \(ECE\)](#) or [World Education Services \(WES\)](#) stating **U.S. Equivalence: High school diploma.**
- The high school transcript requirement can be waived if applicant has completed an associate or bachelor's degree (or the U.S. equivalent). Official documentation must be provided.

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

Official College Transcripts – If prerequisite courses were taken at another college or university, you will need to submit official transcripts for evaluation. Requests can be made at the institution website.

- Foreign college transcripts must first be evaluated by World Education Services (wes.org) or Educational Credential Evaluators, INC (ece.org). A copy of the completed course-by-course WES or ECE evaluation must be submitted to processing@harpercollege.edu, Admissions Processing, or the Harper College One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250.
- To have transfer credit awarded, applicants must have an official transcript sent from each college or university attended. Official transcripts will be evaluated as they are received.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE ON TRANSCRIPTS:** It may take up to 3 weeks for the College to receive transcript(s) from the sending institution(s). Once the transcripts have been received, it can take another 8-12 weeks for them to be evaluated for credit. If there are courses requiring departmental review, the evaluation will take longer. Please plan accordingly.

Program Prerequisites

Must be completed by the end of the Spring 2026 semester

TEAS Test with Required Minimum Scores:

- Visit Harper's [TEAS Testing webpage](#) for information on how to register for the TEAS Pre-Entrance Exam. Be sure to select Harper College AH as the receiving institution.
- The Allied Health exam is preferred but the Nursing exam is also accepted
- **MINIMUM TEAS SCORES:** Meeting the minimums on the TEAS exam will NOT result in an admissions offer. Each of the minimum scores must be satisfied on the same test

Note: TEAS scores are rounded down: For example - Total Score of 59.5 would be scored as 59

TEAS Minimum Scores 60th percentile or higher in each category (Total score, Math, Science, English and Language on the same test)
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- TEAS Pre-Admission Exam scores are valid for three years. Refer to the chart in the "Prerequisites with Time Limits" section for information regarding expiration dates.
- For details on how to interpret your TEAS score report, please refer to the program admissions page.
- Contact the Health Careers Division Office at 847.925.6533 if you have questions on test results.
- TEAS test study apps: [Pocket Prep ATI TEAS](#) and/or [ATI TEAS Prep mobile app](#)
- TEAS prep course offered through Harper College Non-Credit Community Education - click [HERE](#)
- TEAS Scores must be completed AFTER January 1, 2023.

Harper Grade Point Average

- Current and previous Harper students must have a minimum **2.0 grade point average** at the time of application to the Dental Hygiene Program. **If GPA is below a 2.0 your application cannot be processed.**

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.

Introduction to Sociology – SOC 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 sociology course requirement

Chemistry for the Health Sciences – Prefer CHM 100 at Harper College, or acceptable equivalent with a grade of C or better. Chemistry course **MUST** have a lab to qualify. **No Exceptions.**

- 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 following this section for detailed information on expiration dates.

Microbiology – BIO 230 (previously 130) 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. Admissions points given with a grade of A or B.
- There is a five-year time limit on the Microbiology course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for detailed information on expiration dates.

Human Anatomy - BIO 260 (previously 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. Admissions points given with a grade of A or B.
- There is a 5-year time limit on the Human Anatomy course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for detailed information on expiration dates.

Human Physiology - BIO 261 (previously 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. Admissions points given with a grade of A or B.
- There is a 5-year time limit on the Human Physiology course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for details on expiration dates.

***NOTE on Anatomy & Physiology:** If completing A & P and A & P II at another college, both courses must be completed with a C or better to receive transfer credit for Harper's BIO 260 and BIO 261 (official transcripts must be provided).

Math Assessment – demonstrate college level placement in mathematics with one of the testing or course options below. Visit <https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/mathplacement.php> to view FULL list of testing and course options. There is no time limit on any of the following for DHY admissions. (Time limits do apply to register for math course work.)

Math Testing and Placement Options	Course Options
- High school GPA of 3.0 (on 4.0 scale) with C or better in 4 years of high school math - ALEKS Math Placement Exam Score of 46 or higher - ACT Math Score 22 or higher <u>OR</u> SAT Math scores of 530 or higher - Score of 165 or higher on Math section of the GED - Placement into College Level math via high school portable math or high school aligned math course	- Successful completion of college level math with support - Successful completion of Intermediate Algebra at another college or university (not available at Harper) - AP score of “3” or higher on the AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or AP Statistics exams

PREREQUISITES WITH TIME LIMITS

The following table lists the time limits in place for 2026:

BIO 230 (130) - MICROBIOLOGY	Must be completed after January 1, 2021
BIO 260 (160) – HUMAN ANATOMY	Must be completed after January 1, 2021
BIO 261 (161)– HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY	Must be completed after January 1, 2021
CHM 100 – CHEMISTRY for the HEALTH SCIENCES	Must be completed after January 1, 2021
TEAS Test of Essential Academic Skills	Must be completed after January 1, 2023

Admission Decision Scores

PLEASE NOTE: Satisfaction of admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

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:

	0 points	10 points	15 points	20 points
TEAS Exam Total Score	60 – 69	70 – 79	80 – 89	90 – 99
NEW for 2026 TEAS Exam Science Score	60 – 69	70 – 79	80 – 89	90 – 99
BIO 230 Microbiology	C		B	A
BIO 260 Human Anatomy	C		B	A
BIO 261 Human Physiology	C		B	A

If completing A & P I and A & P II at another college both courses must be completed with a C or better to receive transfer credit for Harper’s BIO260 and BIO261

Determine your score

Course	Grade	Points	Course	Grade	Points	Course	Grade	Points	TEAS total	TEAS SCIENCE	TEAS Points	Total Points
Microbiology			Anatomy			Physiology						

Early Admission Option (18 seats available)

All 4 items below must be met

Applicants whose files are complete upon application may qualify for Early Admission. If accepted, we will send notification to the email address provided on the application and your Harper email.

To be eligible for this option **all 4 items below must be met:**

1. 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
2. The file must be complete—**all prerequisites and document requirements must be satisfied**
3. The ranking score must be **85 or higher**
4. The applicant must meet all admission requirements by **January 15, 2026**, and seats must be available.

Once the 18 early admission seats are filled, applications will be considered under the Standard Admission Option. Early admission seats may be filled before the January 15th deadline.

Standard Admission Option

(For seats remaining following Early Admission)

All applicants who have submitted their applications by the program deadline (and who were not accepted through Early Admission) will be reviewed by the Admission Selection Committee.

- A "final" minimum admission score will be determined based on the current pool of applicants, 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 applicants who meet the minimum score than space available, the following will factor into the admission decision process:
 - In-district 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 will receive priority consideration in the Standard Admission process.
 - Residency is determined by the Registrar's Office; the address on record with the College 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.**
- It is not possible to predict the lowest ranking score that will be accepted through the Standard Admission process. However, TEAS scores in the 80's and 90's and A's and B's in BIO 230 (130), 260 (160), and 261 (161) make applicants more competitive in the selection process. **Satisfaction of minimum admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance.**

Important Admission Notes

- NOTE: **International students are not eligible** for limited enrollment programs.
- Depending on the number of qualified applicants, some contingency offers may be extended to applicants who are in the process of completing a prerequisite course. **If contingency offers are extended, the contingent requirement(s) must be satisfied WITHIN the semester in which the deadline fall.** If the contingency is not met by the given date, the offer will be rescinded.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met, and all documentation is on file.
- Accepted applicants must be 18 years of age before the program starts.

- If admitted, **you are expected to attend a mandatory orientation**. An email will be sent from the coordinator regarding dates, time, and location when the information becomes available. 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 and your Harper email. (Please check your spam folder as some email accounts send Harper emails to spam.)
- It is your responsibility to ensure that your information is current in your Student Profile. You can update your phone number, personal email, and/or address in your Student Portal. Your Student Profile can be found in the Registration and Records card in your portal.
- Applicants not accepted into the program may apply again for a future term and must attend a new informational meeting.
- Once your program application has been processed, you will be able to monitor your limited enrollment file online. Go to 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 may be identified as alternates in the case a space becomes available. Alternates who are not admitted to a program will need to submit a new application for a future program start.
- 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	Email and Website	Phone Number
Health Careers Academic Advisors	LEadvisors@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/index.php	847.925.6220
Admissions	admissions@harpercollege.edu Building C, Room C103	847.925.6700
New Student Advising – CNSO	admissions@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/start/apply/index.php	847.925.6208
Hawks Care Resource Center and Counseling Services	hawkscare@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/counseling/index.php	847.925.6393
Access and Disability Services	ads@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/new.php	847.925.6266
Testing and Assessment Center	testing@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/index.php	847.925.6541
Harper Bookstore	1341mgr@follett.com https://www.harpercollege.edu/bookstore/index.php	847.925.6275
Business Office	businessoffice@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/index.php	847.925.6880
One Stop Center	onestop@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/start/onestop/index.php	847.925.6710
Transfer credit evaluation	evaluation@harpercollege.edu	847.925.6500
Registrar's Office	regoff@harpercollege.edu https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/registrar/index.php	847.925.6500