

USC Dental Hygiene

There is no minimum number of transfer units you must complete before applying for admission; however, no foreign course work will be accepted. Dental hygiene prerequisite courses, at least one course in each of the USC general education categories I,II,III and V and one course to fulfill the diversity and lower division writing requirement must be completed or in progress by the time of application.

The Dental Hygiene program has no foreign language requirement. USC does require a minimum of three years of high school math, including advanced algebra with a C or better, or intermediate algebra at the college level with a C or better.

Grades of C- or lower or Pass/No-Pass grades are not acceptable in fulfillment of prerequisite courses. Letter or numerical grades must be provided for these courses.

A limited amount of prerequisite course work may be in progress at the time of the application. However, all course requirements must be completed prior to the date of expected enrollment.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to document the completion of the required number of transferable courses and prerequisite courses. See articulation officer at host institution or visit the USC Transfer Center for additional information. You can also view online at www.usc.edu/dept/ARR/articulation.

Course work from schools that offer accelerated programs in the sciences is generally not acceptable. Most courses from four-year institutions are transferable.

Online course work will be accepted for general education and prerequisites, but not for any science courses that require a lab. Where applicable, the applicant may contact the Ostrow School of Dentistry Office of Admissions for specific acceptability and course equivalences for purposes of admission to the dental hygiene program.

Technically or vocationally related courses will NOT be accepted. Examples of unacceptable courses are dental assisting courses, dental technology courses, secretarial science or any other technically or vocationally related courses.

Completion of the following dental hygiene prerequisite courses must be documented prior to acceptance:

• General Anatomy and lab (1 semester)	• BIOL 120
• General Biology and lab (1 semester)	• BIOL 101
• General Chemistry and lab (1 year)	• CHEM 101 and 102
• English Composition (1 year)	• ENGL 102 or 104
• General Psychology (1 semester)	• PSYCH 101
• Introduction to Sociology (1 semester)*	• SOC 101
• General Nutrition (1 semester)	• HEALTH 128 or CULIN 125
• General Physiology(1 semester)	• BIOL 121
• General Microbiology (1 semester)	• BIOL 112

* USC's Sociology 150 will meet the requirement for Category VI and the Diversity requirement.