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DENTAL HYGIENE



Dental Hygiene Program Student Information and Application Packet Fall 2023

(Applications are subject to change year to year)

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Please begin by reading this letter. It contains helpful information to assist with our application process.

Dear Prospective Dental Hygiene Student,

Dental hygiene is a dynamic and rewarding career. Dental hygienists are an intricate part of the dental team, working closely with patients to prevent oral diseases that can influence the patient's quality of life. We believe that this is an exciting profession and are pleased that you are interested in the Great Falls College MSU's Dental Hygiene Program.

The Great Falls College MSU Dental Hygiene Program is a two-year commitment that begins in the fall of each year. The program accepts 25 students. Due to limited enrollment, the selection process is competitive. In order to facilitate a simple application process, it is imperative that you understand the process and **read the complete application**. Please read the application very carefully. You may also wish to review the section "Application Evaluation" located in this packet to assist you in understanding our selection process. The advantage of a small class size is a greater amount of hands-on experiences as well as the one-on-one relationships you are able to build with our faculty.

Dental hygienists are dedicated to using their knowledge, expertise and compassion in the treatment and prevention of dental disease. A trained and licensed dental hygienist provides dental hygiene therapy, exposes dental radiographs, and provides dental services, usually under the supervision of a dentist. The profession demands a high level of ethics, professionalism, critical thinking, and manual dexterity. It is strongly suggested that students meet with an academic counselor from Great Falls College MSU to review coursework before applying to the dental hygiene program.

For more information regarding the program, visit our website: [GFC MSU Dental Hygiene Website](#) or follow us on Facebook by searching "Great Falls College Dental Hygiene." If you require additional information, answers to specific questions, a campus tour, or to set up an appointment please contact Student Central at (406) 268-3700. In addition, our college advisors are more than willing to review this application and answer questions regarding your course work. Their number is (406) 771-5100. Please feel free to reach out to them for additional help.

Good luck and we look forward to seeing you at Great Falls College Montana State University!

Best Regards,

Julie Barnwell
Great Falls College MSU Dental Hygiene Program Director

Dental Hygiene Career Outlook:

Dental hygienists are among the fastest growing occupations. Job prospects are expected to be favorable in most areas, but competition for jobs is likely in some geographic areas or certain employment settings.

Employment Change. The information provide on this page comes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. For more information regarding job outlook please visit: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-hygienists.htm> . According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, the employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow 9 percent through 2031. This projected growth ranks dental hygienists among the fastest growing occupations, in response to increasing demand for dental care and the need to care for an aging population. Older people increasingly retaining more teeth, and there is a growing emphasis on preventative dental care. To help meet this demand, facilities that provide dental care, particularly dentists’ offices, will increasingly employ dental hygienists, often to perform services that have been performed by dentists in the past. Ongoing research indicating a link between oral health and general health also will spur the demand for preventative dental services, which are typically provided by dental hygienists.

Job Prospects. Job prospects are expected to be favorable in most areas, but will vary by geographical location. Because graduates are permitted to, practice only in the state in which they are licensed, hygienists wishing to practice in areas that have an abundance of dental hygiene programs may experience strong competition for jobs. Older dentists, who have been less likely to employ dental hygienists, are leaving the occupation and will be replaced by recent graduates, who are more likely to employ one or more hygienists. In addition, as dentists’ workloads increase, they are expected to hire more hygienists to perform preventative dental care, such as cleaning, so that they may devote their own time to more complex procedures.

Quick Facts:

Quick Facts: Dental Hygienists	
2021 Median Pay ?	\$77,810 per year \$37.41 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education ?	Associate's degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation ?	None
On-the-job Training ?	None
Number of Jobs, 2021 ?	214,000
Job Outlook, 2021-31 ?	9% (Faster than average)
Employment Change, 2021-31 ?	19,000

U.S. Department of Labor, occupational outlook handbook, dental hygienist. Retrieved from: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-hygienists.htm>

Great Falls College MSU

Two-Year Associate of Applied Science Degree Dental Hygiene Program Educational

Program:

The dental hygiene program is **accredited by the Commission of Dental Accreditation**. The Commission can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Ave. Chicago, IL 60611. The Great Falls College MSU has been granted the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements” in 2018. The program’s next schedule site visit is tentatively set for 2026.

The Commission has established Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs to guide program administrators, faculty, and staff in developing and maintaining acceptable quality in educational programs. These standards address outcomes assessment, administration, curriculum and instruction, faculty and staff, financial support and physical facilities and resources. The Accreditation standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs may be accessed at [CODA Website](#).

If students or community members have a complaint with the program and how the program is carrying out the required standards of the program, a complaint can be placed on the Great Falls College MSU’s complaint log or by contacting the ADA Commission on Accreditation at 211 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611 or by calling 1-800-621-8099 ext. 2719. The complaint log is located at the Dental Clinic Reception Desk with the Dental Clinic Manager.

Students are encouraged to consult with the Great Falls College MSU Chief Student Affairs Officer or Chief Academic Officer on compliance with ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation Standards.

All general education courses listed in the dental hygiene curriculum can be completed prior to entering into the program and are available at Great Falls College MSU and many other colleges and universities. After pre-requisite coursework is completed, the Great Falls College MSU’s Dental Hygiene program consists of five consecutive semesters, which includes an 8-week summer session. The actual coursework for the dental hygiene program is competency-based and has the primary goal to prepare graduates with entry-level knowledge, skills, and values to successfully pass board exams, become licensed and enter the workforce. <http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/academic-programs/dental-hygiene/#programrequirementstext>

Program Expenses:

The dental hygiene program has higher costs than many of the college’s other programs. Students are required to purchase dental instruments, supplies, uniforms, along with paying lab fees, and transportation/ lodging to externship field experience sites. If needed, students should begin planning early for financial aid to meet their educational needs. Approximate expenses for the program’s five semesters are: <http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/academic-programs/dental-hygiene/#estimatedcosttext>

Admission to Great Falls College MSU

Students must have completed their admission to Great Falls College MSU prior to the submission of the Dental Hygiene Application. Therefore, no program applications will be reviewed unless the applicant has completed the admissions process into Great Falls College MSU and have their transcript

officially reviewed by the Registrar.

Acceptance to Great Falls College MSU requires a completed Admissions Application file, which may be obtained by visiting the campus, calling Student Central (406) 268-3700, or applying online at: <https://admissions.gfcmsu.edu/applynow.html>

It is the **applicant's responsibility** to ensure that all requirements are met by the established deadline.

Deadlines, guidelines, and policies apply equally to all students; thus, there can be no exceptions. Great Falls College MSU does not forward unsuccessful applications to the following year's applicant pool.

Applicants must reapply each year so it is important to submit copies of the original documents.

Eligibility for Admission into the Dental Hygiene Program

All eligibility forms and documents are enclosed in the Dental Hygiene Program Information and Application Packet.

To be eligible to apply for admission into the dental hygiene program, you must show that you have been admitted to Great Falls College MSU.

- A calculated GPA of 2.5 or higher in required pre-requisite courses (or their equivalents) is required to apply to the dental hygiene program.
- Applicants must have completed all pre-requisite course work with a minimum grade of "C" in each course (**C– does not qualify**). Remember, a C grade is only a 2.0 so considerably higher grades will be needed in this very competitive process.
- Pre-requisite coursework can be taken at other institutions but it is the **applicant's responsibility** to confirm those courses are equivalent to the program's pre-requisites and are transferable to this institution. If you have questions about your pre-requisite coursework, please call GFC MSU Advising center and they will assist you. Their number is (406) 771-5100.
- In addition, **documentation of the appropriate immunizations (see attached immunization form)**, as well as documentation of applicable degrees or dental office experience is required if using them for selection. **Please only submit forms included in the application.** For more information, please review section "Dental Profession Risk Factors."
- **Clinical/practicum/internship sites may require other documentation/proof of vaccination besides those required by the college or this program.**

Program Admissions Process:

- The Registrar's Office reviews program application packets and uses established admissions criteria to rank applicants for admission to the program. The Applicant Evaluation form used is enclosed. Criteria for selection emphasize academic performance in pre-requisite course work, previous educational attainment and healthcare experience. **The dental hygiene program cannot and will not open these packets prior to the review by the Registrar's Office.**

- The number of students accepted into the program is 25, with the majority of the students being residents of Montana.
- Applicants will be notified of the Dental Hygiene Program status by approximately July 7, 2023 by email. Students will receive two emails: one containing the acceptance letter and important information and the other will require you to sign documents online accepting the offer.
- For those applicants admitted into the dental hygiene program, a deposit of \$300.00 along with your acceptance of the position is required by date stated in acceptance letter. This deposit will be applied to the candidate's tuition/fee bill. Applicants who have been accepted into the program must complete the registration process as outlined in their acceptance letter.
- Upon arrival for the first day of class for fall semester, accepted students will be required to show proof of a current CPR for the Healthcare Provider (CPR BLS) certification. This certification is not required for admittance into the program but is required before your first day.

Equal Opportunity Policy:

Great Falls College MSU is committed to the provision of equal opportunity for education, employment, and participation in all College programs and activities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, creed, service in the uniformed services (as defined in state and federal law), veteran status, gender, age, political ideas, marital or family status, physical or mental disability, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

The College's Equal Opportunity Officer is the Chief Student Affairs & Human Resources Officer, 2100 16th Ave South, Great Falls, MT 59405. Telephone: (406)771-4300.

Disability Services:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. Instructors must receive an official letter from the Disability Services Office in order to provide accommodations. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Director of Academic Support and Disability Services or call 406-771-4311 to schedule an appointment.

<http://students.gfcmsu.edu/disabilityservices/index.html>

Mission Statement:

The Dental Hygiene Program at Great Falls College MSU prepares highly skilled, knowledgeable, ethical, entry level Dental Hygienists, in a student-centered educational environment, to respond to the needs of the health care community through professional and responsible practice.

Program Goals:

Patient Care:

Provide challenging clinical experiences that encompass dental hygiene care for the child, adolescent, adult, geriatric, and patients with special needs so students can demonstrate clinical care that is safe, effective and ethical.

Instruction:

Provide a comprehensive curriculum in dental hygiene that reflects current practice and incorporates a variety of health care settings.

Research:

Incorporate evidence-based research into presentations for dental hygienists that require students to analyze and assess emerging technology and treatment modalities hygienist can integrate into their clinical practices.

Service:

Promote participation in professional organization and community service projects.

Dental Hygiene Competencies/Outcomes**When students graduate, they will be prepared to:**

1. Apply a professional code of ethics in all endeavors. This should include assuming responsibility for professional actions and care based on current standard of care. This standard of care should incorporate scientific theories and research. (DENT 105)
2. Adhere to state and federal laws, recommendations, and regulations in the provision of oral health care. (DENT 205)
3. Use critical thinking skills, comprehensive problem solving and reflective judgement to identify oral health care strategies that promote patient health and wellness as well as they should be able to determine a dental hygiene diagnosis. These strategies should consider predisposing and etiologic risk factors to prevent disease. In addition, these strategies should recognize how systemic diseases, meds, and oral health conditions influences patient care. (DENT 260)
4. Use of evidence-based decision making to evaluate emerging technology and treatment modalities as well as accepted scientific theories and research to provide not only quality, cost effective care but also educational, preventative and therapeutic oral health services. (DENT 130)
5. Continuously perform self-assessment for lifelong learning and professional growth that may include pursuing career opportunities within health care, industry, education, research, and other roles as they evolve in dental hygiene. They should understand how to access professional and social networks to pursue professional goals. (DENT 281)
6. Communicate effectively with diverse individuals and groups, serving them without discrimination by acknowledging and appreciating diversity. (DENT 250)
7. Promote the values of the dental hygiene profession as well as positive values of overall health and wellness to the public and organization through service-based activities, positive community affiliations and active involvement in local organizations within and outside the profession. (DENT 260)
8. Apply quality assurance mechanisms to ensure continuous commitment to accepted standards of care that include methods that ensure the health and safety of the patient and clinician in the delivery of care. (DENT 151, DENT 122 & DENT 281)
9. Initiate a collaborative approach with all patients to develop an individualized care plan that may include collaboration with and consultation from other health care providers to formulate a comprehensive dental hygiene care plan that is patient centered. Demonstration of professional judgement and current science-based evidence practices with considerations of the unique needs of each patient including cultural sensitivity and possible referrals. These referrals may include

physiological, psychological or social problems. Plans will adhere to disease prevention and maintenance strategies. Finally obtain and document patients informed consent based on through presentation of case. (DENT 160, DENT 251, DENT 252, & DENT 281)

10. Systematically collect, analyze, and record diagnostic data on the general, oral, and psychosocial health status of a variety of patients. Record accurate, consistent and complete documentation of oral health services provided. (DENT 251 & DENT 281)

11. Identify patients at risk for medical emergency, and manage patient care to prevent emergency. Manage a medical emergency by using professional judgment that may include providing life support and CPR as well as specialized training and knowledge. (DENT 151, DENT 251, & DENT 252)

12. Provide specialized treatment that includes educational, preventative, and therapeutic services designed to achieve and maintain health that includes determining outcomes of dental hygiene interventions using appropriate techniques. Also, evaluate the effectiveness of this treatment, as well as compare actual outcomes of dental hygiene interventions with expected outcomes and adjusted as needed to provide optimal care. (DENT 252 or DENT 281)

13. Identify population risk factors as well as oral health needs in the community and develop/implement strategies that promote health-related quality of life which may include determining availability of resources to meet the health care needs of this population or community in addition advocate for effective oral health care for underserved populations. (DENT 232)

14. Evaluate reimbursement mechanisms and their impact on the patient's access to oral health care. (DENT 205)

Health Sciences Division Policy: Student Background Checks:

- To promote patient safety and decrease institutional liability, most clinical agencies require students to have cleared a background check and/or drug screening before they will permit the students in the clinical setting. To meet these requirements, the College requires that the check/screening be done prior to placement in any clinical agency.
- Background checks/drug screenings will be done at the student's expense spring semester of 1st year. Students with background checks that reveal a finding may not be allowed to complete clinical experiences required by the program. Please be aware if you cannot complete program requirements you will be dismissed from the program. State licensure also requires a background check for this respective degree program.
- If concerned about your background check, please reach out to your college advisor prior to applying to the program.

Dental Profession Risk Factors:

The Programs in the Health Sciences Division at the Great Falls College MSU try to minimize the risk of exposure by following GFC MSU Communicable Disease Prevention and Exposure Control Plan, which comply with all Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) Standards. These standards include universal precautions; which students are taught prior to beginning patient care. Even though the program makes extensive efforts to protect students enrolled in the healthcare programs from various hazards involved in working with patients, including exposure to body fluids contaminated with blood-borne pathogens such as HIV and Hepatitis, total protection from all potential hazards is not possible.

As health professionals, dental hygienists, and other dental team members are exposed to contagious diseases and are therefore at risk of becoming infected. The National Health Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and the Department of Health and Human Services all strongly recommend that health professionals at high risk have prescribed vaccinations. Dentists, their assistant and hygienists, are near the top of the list of those persons more likely to contract certain diseases than others of the health professions. The guidelines for immunizations are established in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). **Therefore, it is required that dental hygiene students be vaccinated against mumps, measles, rubella, varicella and hepatitis B.**

Students are also required to provide documentation of Tines or TBPS (Tuberculosis) test results Please have your medical professional complete and sign the attached immunization forms. This must include all vaccine/titer/test dates for each series. All vaccine series (including Hep B) must be completed by deadline for acceptance into the program. Students, who wish to sign an immunization exemption must contact the dental hygiene program director.

Human Subject Consent:

Due to the hands-on nature of this program, accepted students will be required to act as both patients and clinician, including but not limited to providing personal health histories, receiving and providing dental care and education.

Student Health Insurance:

Program students entering the clinic settings are strongly advised to carry their own medical health insurance. Students will be financially responsible for their health care if they become ill or injured in the clinical setting.

Student Health Insurance Option: (Subject to change)

All GFC MSU students enrolled for 6 or more credits are required to have health insurance. For students without coverage, GFC MSU offers a program developed especially for students by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana. This plan provides coverage for injuries and illnesses on or off campus, and is subject to change. Please contact Student Central 406-771-4324 for more information. **Please see <http://students.gfcmu.edu/insurance.html> for more information.**

Pre-requisite coursework for the Dental Hygiene Program Great Falls College MSU program:

The following courses must be completed prior to application into the Dental Hygiene Program. Grades in pre-requisite courses are a major factor in ranking applications for admission.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
BIOM 250*	Microbiology for Health Sciences with Lab	4
BIOH 201*	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4
BIOH 211*	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4
CHEM 121* OR	Intro to General Chemistry with Lab OR	4
BOTH	BOTH	-
CHEM 141* AND	College Chemistry I with Lab AND College	8
CHEM 143*	Chemistry II with Lab	
WRIT 101	College Writing	3
M 121	College Algebra OR	3
	Any math course in the MUS Core	-
		4
Total Pre-requisite Credits		22-27

***Science courses must be completed within 5 years of applying for the dental hygiene program and must have a lab component. Other general education classes must be completed within 15 years of application.**

Information regarding transferable Courses-send official transcript to GFC MSU Registrar's Office Coursework taken at other education institutions may be designated as equivalent courses for Great Falls College MSU. For a current listing of approved equivalent courses, visit the Transfer Guide under Student Information at: https://prodmyinfo.montana.edu/pls/gfagent/hwzkxfer.p_selstate

If you have additional questions about transferability of courses, send a written request for evaluation of your prior transcripts to the Registrar at Great Falls College MSU. Please include appropriate course descriptions and official transcripts from former colleges with your request for evaluation. All transfer work has to be from an [appropriately-accredited](#) institution.

Registrar's Office 2100 16th Avenue South Great Falls, MT, 59405
(406) 771-5128

Quarter to Semester Credit Conversion:

If a student has taken courses at an institution using quarter credits or units other than semester credits, Great Falls College MSU will convert the quarter credits/units to semester credits.

Program Course Work:

The courses that are required in the program of study for the Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene can be found at: <http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/academic-programs/dental-hygiene/>

Application Scoring:

- Points and GPAs will be calculated by the Registrar's Office and grade points will be calculated using the current catalog criteria which includes +/- weighing. Plus, or minus is equivalent to the following:

A =	4	B- =	2.7
A- =	3.7	C+ =	2.3
B+ =	3.3	C =	2
B =	3		

- For applicants, who have taken courses multiple times; the most recent verifiable grade will be used for scoring/GPA calculations.
- For students who have been awarded credit for successful performance in subject examinations of the CLEP or DSST programs, the credits will be accepted, however there is no grade for calculation for scoring or GPA. In this situation, the total point will convert to percentages for ranking.
- For students who have been awarded credit for successful performance in subject examinations of the AP program, the credits will be accepted for scores of 3, 4, or 5, however there is no grade for calculation for scoring or GPA. In this situation, the total points will convert to percentages for ranking.
- For students who have been awarded credit Prior Learning Assessment, the credits will be accepted for Passing (P) grades, however there is no grade for calculation for scoring or GPA. In this situation, the total points will convert to percentages for ranking.

- For students who have additional educational attainment, the Registrar's Office will verify degrees awarded from official transcripts.
- Transfer work must be from an [appropriately-accredited](#) institution.

Note: All educational attainment must be completed with degree or certificate obtained to receive awarded points.

Mailing Instructions:

Application packets are accepted on an ongoing basis, but must be **postmarked** on or before **June 16, 2023** to be eligible for admission into the Dental Hygiene Program for the **Fall 2023** semester. Only **complete** application packets will be processed. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted nor will the GFC MSU verify receipt of application.

DO NOT CALL US REGARDING RECEIPT OF YOUR APPLICATION. If you call, we do not have access to received applications and will not be able to look for you. If you are concerned about receipt and would like verification of delivery, please send your application either **certified mail** through the United States Postal Service or ship it to us through UPS or FedEx and use their tracking services. Please address your application to:

Great Falls College MSU
Dental Hygiene Program Admissions Committee Attention: Dental Clinic Manager
2100 16th Avenue South Great Falls, MT 59405

Please send all program application items as a completed packet. Items sent separately and at random are easily lost or misfiled.

- We are not responsible for any late, lost, or misfiled information.
- Please only send required documentation as other supplemental items will be discarded.
- It is recommended that copies of original documents should be included so original documents are retained for possible future needs.
- Newly awarded grades or degrees must be posted publicly before they can be included in the application.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met by the established deadline. Deadlines, guidelines, and policies apply equally to all students; thus, there can be no exceptions.
- Great Falls College MSU's Dental Hygiene Program does not maintain a waiting list. Applicants must reapply each year.

Note: Submission of false material in this Application Packet will be grounds for non-admission or, if discovered after admission, grounds for expulsion.

Contact information for general questions:

Dental Clinic Manager 406-771-4364



Application Packet Cover & Check-Off Sheet

Name _____ GFC MSU Student ID # _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone (Cell) _____ (EMAIL) _____

Completed Admissions File

A completed admissions file to the College includes:

- Completed GFC MSU General Admissions Application
- Copies of high school/GED/ HiSET transcripts or diploma
- Proof of 2 MMRs
- Official Transcripts for all completed post-secondary education pre-requisite courses completed at another institution. (Send to the Registrar- DO NOT include in packet)

Complete admissions files will be verified by the Registrar's Office and applicants with incomplete files will not be admitted to the program. Students are encouraged to check with the Admissions Office to confirm that their admissions file is complete.

In Good Academic Standing

All students must be in good academic standing which means they are not on academic probation/warning OR academic probation/warning continued, OR academic suspension. Good academic standing will be verified by the Registrar and any applicants who are not in good academic standing will not be admitted to the program. Students are encouraged to check with the Registrar's or Admissions Office to confirm that they are in good academic standing.

- Application Evaluation Criteria (pages 13-15)
- *Documentation and Verification of Paid Health Occupational Employment Hours (page 16)
- *Documentation and Verification of Paid Dental Occupational Employment Hours (page 17)
- Documentation of 8 Observation Hours in a Dental Office of Dental Hygienist (only necessary if applicant does not have paid dental occupation employment hours) (page 18)

(*indicates not required for admission, unless claiming Employment hours for points)

- Immunization form completed and signed by a medical professional (pages 19-22)

Application Evaluation Criteria

Great Falls College MSU Dental Hygiene Program

Submission Date: ___/___/20___ MT resident (Y/N): ___ City: _____ State: _____

Prerequisite Course Work Record

Please summarize your prerequisite course work by completing the table below. Science courses must be completed within 5 years of applying for the dental hygiene program and must include a lab component. Other general education courses must be completed within 15 years of applying to program.

**Please include if class occurred face-to-face (you went on campus), or hybrid (a mix of on campus & online), or completely online. Information on the delivery method of the course is for data gathering purposes only and will not impact the scoring of your application.*

Great Falls College MSU Course	Course #	Institution where course was completed	*Delivery – online, hybrid or face-to-face	Credits	Grade	Year
(For ex) Microbiology for Health Science with Lab	BIOM 250	Great Falls College MSU		4	A	2009
Microbiology for Health Science with Lab						
Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab						
Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab						
Intro to General Chemistry with Lab OR College Chemistry I & II with Labs						
College Writing I						
College Algebra OR any MUS Core Math						

Eligibility Assessment: (Place ‘Y’ in blank to indicate requirement has been met:

- Admitted to GFC MSU, admissions file completed _____
- In Good Academic Standing _____
- Each prerequisite course completed with a minimum grade of C (not C-) or higher _____
- Minimum of a 2.5 cumulative prerequisite GPA _____
- Proof of immunization form attached _____
- Proof of dental hygiene observation form attached (if applicable) _____
- Proof of paid dental occupation form attached (if applicable) _____
- Proof of paid health care occupation form attached (if applicable) _____

Admission Criteria and Scores

A. Performance in Science Pre-requisites (Maximum of 80 points possible)

Course #	Course Title	Grade x Emphasis = Points		
		Grade	Emphasis	Points
BIOM 250	Microbiology for Health Science with Lab		4	
OR	Microbiology for Health Science Lecture		3	
AND	Microbiology for Health Science Lab		1	
BIOH 201	Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab		4	
OR	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lecture		3	
AND	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab		1	
BIOH 211	Human Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab		4	
OR	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lecture		3	
AND	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab		1	
CHMY 121	Intro to General Chemistry with Lab or average grade for both Chemistry below		4	
OR CHMY 141	College Chemistry I with lab or average grade for both		4	
AND CHMY 143	College Chemistry II with Lab			
A. Total Science Score				
WRIT 101	College Writing I		2	
MATH	Core Level Math, List Below:		2	
B. Total Foundation Score				

C. Previous Educational Attainment (Maximum of 5 points possible award points for one degree only)

	List When & Where Degree Obtained	Year	
Master's Degree			5
Bachelor's Degree			4
Associate's Degree			3
1-year Certificate in Accredited Allied Health Program (including CDA)			2
Certificate of Technical Studies (College Degree less than 1 year)			1
C. Educational Attainment Score			

Documentation for previous degree must be on an official transcript on file with the Registrar's Office

D. Paid Dental Occupational Employment (3 points possible)

More than 4160 hours of paid work experience in a dental office	3
2080-4159 hours of paid work experience in a dental office	2
240-2079 hours of paid work experience in a dental office	1
Total Paid Dental Occupational Employment Experience Score	

Must include a completed **Verification of Paid Dental Occupational Employment Form** for each work experience.

E. Paid Health Occupational Employment other than dental, indirect patientcare. (3 points possible)

More than 4160 hours of paid work experience in a Health Occupation with direct patient care and current certificate or licensing.	3
More than 4160 hours of paid work experience in a Health Occupation with direct patientcare.	2
240-4160 hours of paid work experience in a Health Occupation with direct patient care.	1
Total Paid Health Occupational Experience Score	

Must include a completed **Verification of Paid Health Occupational Employment Form** for each work experience.

Admissions Total: (A+B+C+D+E) _____
(out of **91** possible).

If a tie should arise, selection will be based on:

- 1) Higher points in section A.**
- 2) Overall GPA at most recently attended college.**
- 3) Should a tie still remain, higher points in Section B will be taken into account.**



VERIFICATION OF PAID HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Applicants to the dental hygiene program at Great Falls College MSU are granted additional points toward their application point total from prior or current employment in a Health Occupation with direct patient care. The application process requires verification of paid work experience in a health care office. Employers (either Supervisor or Human Resources representative) are asked to verify the applicant’s description of job duties and number of hours of patient care using this form. *It is the student’s responsibility to be sure that all parts of this form are complete. Applicants may make copies of this form if they have been employed at more than one site.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

Section I Dental Hygiene Applicant completes before having the form completed by the employer/agency.

Section II The employer/agency completes and returns form to applicant.

Section I

Applicant Name: _____ Applicant Address: _____

Facility Name and type: _____

Facility Current Address: _____

Length of employment (mm/dd/yy): from _____ to _____

Total Hours Paid Health Occup. w/ direct patient care: _____

Position: _____ Supervisor: _____

Complete a detailed description of Job Duties:

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Section II

Facility Name: _____ Phone: _____

Supervisor of Applicant, please print: _____

I verify the information provided by the applicant to be accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. If applicant added additional detail to description of job duties, I have signed that addendum also.

Supervisor Signature _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address _____

(Street Address, PO Box)

(City)

(State/ Zip Code)



VERIFICATION OF PAID DENTAL OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Applicants to the Dental Hygiene program at Great Falls College MSU are granted additional points toward their application point total from prior or current employment in a dental office. The application process requires verification of paid work experience in a dental office. Employers (either Supervisor or Human Resources representative) are asked to verify the applicant’s description of job duties and number of hours of patient care using this form. *It is the student’s responsibility to be sure that all parts of this form are complete. Applicants may make copies of this form if they have been employed at more than one site.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

Section I Dental Hygiene Applicant completes before having the form completed by the employer/agency.

Section II The employer/agency completes and returns form to applicant.

Section I

Applicant Name: _____ Prior Name if applicable: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Facility Name and type: _____

Facility Current Address: _____

Length of employment (mm/dd/yy): from _____ to _____

Total Hours Paid Dental Office work: _____

Position: _____ Supervisor: _____

Complete a detailed description of Job Duties

I understand the submission of false material in this Application Packet will be grounds for non-admission or, if discovered after admission, grounds for expulsion. Permission has been granted for Great Falls College MSU to verify the above information.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Section II

Facility Name: _____ Phone: _____

Supervisor of Applicant, please print: _____

I verify the information provided by the applicant to be accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. If applicant added additional detail to description of job duties, I have signed that addendum also.

Signature of Supervisor *Date*

Mailing Address (Street Address, P.O Box)

City State/Zip Code



VERIFICATION OF 8 hours JOB SHADOW OBSERVATION of DENTAL HYGIENIST

Applicants to the Dental Hygiene program at Great Falls College MSU, who do not have paid dental occupation employment hours, need to complete Dental Hygienist observation hours in a dental office. Dental Hygienists are asked to verify the applicant's number of hours and types of patient care observed using this form. *It is the student's responsibility to be sure that all parts of this form are complete. Applicants may make copies of this form if they observed at more than one site.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

Section I Dental Hygiene Applicant completes before having the form completed by the Job Shadowing Hygienist.

Section II The dental hygienist completes and returns form to applicant.

Section I

Applicant Name: _____ Prior Name if applicable: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Facility Name and type: _____

Dental Hygienist Name: _____

Facility Current Address: _____

Total Hours of Job Shadowing Experience: ____

Complete a detailed description of what was observed during the job shadowing experience.

I understand the submission of false material in this Application Packet will be grounds for non-admission or, if discovered after admission, grounds for expulsion.

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Applicant's Signature: _____ Date _____

Section II

I verify the information provided by the applicant to be accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Dental Hygienist _____
Date

Mailing Address (Street Address, P.O. Box)

City State Zip Code

It is the student's responsibility to be sure that all parts of this form are complete. Applicants may make copies of this form if they observed at more than one site.