

College of Eastern Idaho Dental Hygiene Application Guide

We are excited to assist you in applying for the CEI Dental Hygiene Program! Follow this step-by-step guide to apply for the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Dental Hygiene.

Program Admission Information

- Dental Hygiene (DH) application deadline: March 1st by 11:59 pm (MST)
- One cohort admitted each fall semester
- Limited admissions – selection based on prerequisite GPA, interview, and additional criteria
- Application status notifications sent approximately 45 days after deadline
- Applicants not admitted must reapply in the next application cycle

Step 1: CEI Enrollment

You must be admitted as a certificate/degree-seeking student at CEI at least one month prior to the March 1st application deadline.

- Submit official high school and college transcripts for transfer credit review
- All transfer credits must be evaluated prior to the application deadline
- Contact CEI Admissions at 208-524-3000 Ext. 4 for enrollment assistance

Step 2: Complete Program Prerequisites

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a C+ (77%) or higher.

- At least 4 of 5 science prerequisites must be completed at time of application. These courses include BIOL 227/227L, BIOL 228/228L, CHEM 101/101L, MICR 111/111, NUTR 239. All sciences must be taken within 5 years of application deadline
- At least 3 of 4 non-science prerequisites must be completed at time of application
- You must have all prerequisites complete if transferring from an outside institution or have an approved petition to complete courses at an outside institution
- All prerequisites must be completed by end of CEI's spring semester (May) for fall enrollment

Prerequisite Courses Include:

- COMM 101 – Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3 credits)
- ENGL 101 – Writing and Rhetoric I (3 credits)
- BIOL 227 & 227L – Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits)
- BIOL 228 & 228L – Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)
- MICR 111 & 111L – General Microbiology (4 credits)
- CHEM 101 & 101L – Introduction to Chemistry (4 credits)

- NUTR 239 – Human Nutrition (3 credits)
- Choose ONE: MATH 143 or MATH 153 (3 credits)
- Choose ONE: PSYC 101 or SOC 101 (3 credits)

If currently enrolled in CEI prerequisite courses, midterm grades will be used to determine eligibility. Petitions must be approved PRIOR to submitting your application.

Step 3: Complete & Acquire Required Documentation

All required documentation must be uploaded with your application. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for review.

- Completed PreCheck background check (dated on or after January 1 of application year)
- Completed Prerequisite Courses & Grades form. Form located in supplemental section of application.
- Approved petition email(s), if applicable

Optional Documentation (May Earn Additional Points)

- Dental Assisting Work Verification Form (1000 hours within 3 years)
- Completed Volunteer Experience Form (4 hour minimum)

Dental Assisting Work Verification form and Volunteer Experience form are located on the CEI Dental Hygiene webpage under the “resources” tab.

PreCheck Background Check

Background checks must be completed through PreCheck only. No other background check providers are accepted. It is strongly encouraged to begin this process at least one month prior to the deadline. Directions are located on the CEI Dental Hygiene webpage under the “resources” tab.

Step 4: Submit Dental Hygiene Application

The application is submitted electronically through the CEI Dental Hygiene webpage. Ensure all required documents are uploaded prior to submission. Once submitted, applications cannot be edited.

Select the fall semester and year you intend to start the program.

Incomplete applications will be withdrawn.

Application Interview Process:

The top 20 applicants will receive notice to complete an in-person interview as the final step in the application process. Please monitor your email for this notification and the date and time of your interview.

Admissions Rating Form:

An admissions rating form is located on the CEI Dental Hygiene webpage and applicants are encouraged to review the document in preparation for applying.

Student Commitment & Essential Abilities

The Dental Hygiene Program requires significant time commitment in classroom, laboratory, and clinical settings. Students should carefully review personal expectations, essential abilities, progression requirements, and certification statements prior to applying.

Students must maintain a minimum grade of C+ in all required courses, take dental hygiene courses in sequence, maintain acceptable background checks and drug screens, and follow all program policies.

Mandatory Meetings

Accepted applicants are required to attend the following mandatory meetings:

Dental Hygiene Orientation: Second Monday in May from 9 am to 2 pm

Dental Hygiene Bootcamp: The second Thursday and Friday in August from 9 to 4 pm and 9 to 12 pm. This is the week before the first day of class. Hours subject to changes.

Questions?

For application questions, email dentalapplications@cei.edu and include 'Application Questions' in the subject line.