

2 years of prerequisites

Prior to enrollment, students must complete the sixty (60) semester hours of pre-professional college coursework listed below. Students may apply for the program if they have not completed the prerequisite courses as long as they finish the requirements before enrollment.

Prerequisite Course Work	Credit Hours
English Composition	3
English Literature	3
Speech	3
Psychology	3
Sociology	3
College Algebra/Statistics	3
General Biology w/ Lab*	4
General Chemistry I w/ Lab**	4
General Chemistry II w/ Lab**	4
Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab	4
Anatomy & Physiology II w/	4
Lab Microbiology w/ Lab	4
Nutrition	3
Electives***	15
US History****	(one year high school or six semester hours of college level)
TOTAL	60

**Must be appropriate for science majors.*

***Chemistry courses for Pre-Nursing students are acceptable. Must include content in biochemistry.*

****Suggested electives: Upper level biology, Spanish and Computer/Technology Skills.*

*****Proof of one year of American History at the high school or college level is a requirement for graduation from UTHSC.*

NOTE: Science courses including labs should be taken in a face-to-face format as opposed to online.

Other Admissions Factors

2. A GPA of 2.5 is the minimum required for application to the program; however, a 3.0 or higher in prerequisite courses is considered competitive.
3. Submit official transcripts of above coursework.
4. Applicants whose native language is not English and who have neither graduated from a U.S. high school nor completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at a U.S. post-secondary institution are to submit an official TOEFL score. Preference is given to candidates with a minimum score of 100 (with a 26 or above in both the listening and speaking sections) of the internet-based test. <http://www.uthsc.edu/admissions/international-students.php>
5. Completed application form including an essay describing the applicant's motivation for selecting the profession and supporting personal attributes. A non-refundable application fee must accompany the application.
6. Pre-professional advisory committee recommendation from college or university attended OR two letters of recommendation from previous college instructors.
7. At least 20 hours of community service
8. Familiarity with responsibilities and requirements of dental hygiene profession obtained through work in the dental field or shadowing experience.
9. Ability to meet published technical standards (link) of the BSDH degree program.