

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

To be eligible to submit an application, you must have successfully taken the TEAS entrance exam. (The NLN exam is no longer accepted)

Attend an Information Meeting (Mandatory)

- Learn more about the dental hygiene career and the Harper College program curriculum, admission standards and program participation requirements.
- Check the Harper web site at:
<https://harper.secure.force.com/events/#!/search?type=Health%20Career%20Info%20Session> for the meeting schedule.
- 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.

College Application and Fee

- If you have not previously applied to the College, this is your first step.
- This application and fee can be submitted online at
https://harpercollege.my.site.com/apply/TX_SiteLogin?startURL=%2Fapply%2FTargetX_Portal_PB or in person.

Program Application with a Valid Pre-Admission TEAS Exam Score Report

- Submit your Dental Hygiene Application online by going to
<https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/health/dental/dental-hygienist-admission.php> 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.
- You must attach a valid copy of your **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Exam** results showing that all minimums have been satisfied on the same test for your Dental Hygiene Application to be accepted.
- Official TEAS scores must also be sent to Harper College. Visit
<https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/teastest/index.php>, under the section titled: Sending TEAS Score Reports with instructions on how to send scores. Your application will not be processed, if official TEAS scores are not sent to Harper College.

TEAS Pre-Admission Exam Report minimum scores in each category must be satisfied on the same test to submit an application. **NOTE** meeting the minimums on the TEAS exam will NOT result in an admissions offer

TEAS Minimum Scores required to submit an application (minimum scores will not result in an admissions offer)	
Total Score:	60 th percentile or higher
English and Language Usage Score:	40 th percentile or higher
Science:	40 th percentile or higher
Math:	40 th percentile or higher

- Visit Harper’s TEAS Testing webpage: <https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/teastest/index.php> to register for the TEAS Pre-Entrance Exam. Be sure to select Harper College AH as the receiving institution.
- TEAS Exam scores are valid for three years (refer to the chart on page 4 for information on expiration dates).
- Visit the program webpage for details on how to interpret your TEAS score report, percentages are rounded down.
<https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/health/dental/docs/TEAS%20interpreting%20score.PNG>
- Contact the Health Careers Division Office at 847.925.6533 if you have questions on test results.
- Visit <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/ati-teas-pocket-prep/id509838037> and/or <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/teas-prep/ati-teas-mobile-app> for study material on TEAS.
- Visit <https://ce.harpercollege.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=10960700> with information on registering for a TEAS prep course offered through Harper College Non-Credit Community Education.
- TEAS Scores must be completed AFTER January 1, 2023.

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, INC (ECE) www.ece.org or World Education Services (WES) www.wes.org stating **U.S. Equivalence: High school diploma**.
- This high school transcript requirement can be waived if official documentation is provided demonstrating completion of the equivalent of a U.S. associate or higher degree.
- **Official College Transcripts** – You will need to submit transcripts from other colleges attended if the document(s) show completion of courses you think may fulfill course admission requirements or support course work applicable to the Harper College Dental Hygiene Program. Requests can be made at the institution website or <https://www.studentclearinghouse.org/students/>.
- 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 the Harper College One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250.

- To learn if/how credits from other colleges will transfer to Harper, applicants must have an official transcript from each college or university attended sent to the Admissions Processing Office immediately upon being admitted to Harper College. Official transcripts will be evaluated as they are received and students will receive an email to their Harper email account when they have been evaluated.

Program Prerequisites

Must be completed in the semester in which the deadline falls

Harper Grade Point Average

- Current or previous Harper students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average on the date of application, or the application will not 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.

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) with a grade of C or better.

- 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 160) 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 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 five-year time limit on the Human Physiology course requirement. Refer to the chart following this section for detailed information on expiration dates.

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

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. But time limits do apply to register for math course work.

Testing Options	Course Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math GPA Placement Waiver determined by Testing • 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 no time limit • Score of “165” or higher on the “Math” section of the GED 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of intermediate algebra or college level math with a grade of “C” or better • Course options at Harper MTH081/101, or MTH083/103 or MTH085/165 • AP score of “3” or higher on the AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or AP Statistics exams

Re-entry Permission (only for students who were previously enrolled in DHY courses at Harper)

- 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.

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
TEAS exam English & Language Score	40 – 49	50 – 69	70 – 89	90 – 99
BIO 230 Microbiology course	C		B	A
BIO 260 Human Anatomy course	C		B	A
BIO 261 Human Physiology course	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

Early Admission Option (18 seats available):

Applicants whose files are complete upon application may qualify for Early Admission. If qualified, we will send notification of acceptance to the email address provided on the application. To be eligible for this option, applicants must meet all conditions as follows:

1. Applicant must be a resident of Harper’s district **or** a community college district which does not offer a Dental Hygiene degree program & whose college district is a member of the CAREER consortium; and
2. The file must be complete—**all academic and document requirements must be satisfied**; and
3. The ranking score must be **85 or higher**; and
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, and/or any applications received after January 15th, as well as any applications that do not meet all of the above conditions, will be considered under the Standard Admission Option. There will be no exceptions to the above criteria.

● **Standard Admission Option: (For seats remaining following Early Admission)**

Files of 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 qualified applicants than space available, residency will be a factor in the Standard Admission process.

◦ Permanent residents and residents of IL 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 as of the program deadline 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.**

□ Provided a program is open past the published deadline, any qualified applicant who submits an application after that date will be considered after all qualified applicants who applied by deadline. Applications will continue to be accepted until the program is closed. Check the web site for information on the application status. This program RARELY stays open past the Feb 1st deadline.

□ Depending on the number of qualified applicants eligible for admission when admission decisions are made, it is possible that contingency offers may be extended to applicants who are in the process of completing an admission requirement (except for TEAS minimum percentiles, which must be satisfied in order to submit a program application). **When/If contingency offers are extended, the contingent requirement(s) must be satisfied WITHIN the semester in which the deadline falls.**

Please Note: In order to be eligible for Early Admission, applicants must have completed all admission requirements. There will be no contingent Early Admission offers.

- It is not possible to predict the lowest ranking score an applicant will need in order to be accepted into a limited enrollment program. 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. **Although satisfaction of minimum admission requirements will result in an admission decision, it does not guarantee acceptance.**

Important Admission Notes

- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met, and all documentation is on file.
- Academic admission requirements must be met by the **end of the semester in which the deadline falls**.
- 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 application will be sent to the email address on your application and your Harper email. Be sure to check spam folders when using a personal email address. It is your responsibility to see that your Personal Profile information is current. You can check your information on the Student Portal on the My Harper tab under Personal Profile. To update your email address (and/or mailing address and phone number), you will need to contact the One Stop Center, Building A, Room A250. Residency is determined by the mailing address on record with the College as of the program deadline date and will be used by the Admission Selection Committee when admission decisions are made.
- Applicants should be aware that it may take up to three weeks for the College to receive transcript(s) from the sending institution(s). Official transcripts will be evaluated as they are received and students will receive an email to their Harper email account when they have been evaluated. Results can be viewed online through the student portal. Transcript evaluations may take 2–3 weeks to process. Questions about transcript evaluations can be sent to evaluation@harpercollege.edu.
- Applicants not accepted into the program who wish to be considered in the selection process for a future term must attend a new information meeting and submit a new program application.
- 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. **Alternate lists do not carry over from one application cycle to the next**; therefore, alternates who are not admitted to a program will need to attend a new program information meeting and submit a new program 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	Location	Phone Number
Limited Enrollment Programs Health Careers Division	le@harpercollege.edu Building X, Room X250	847.925.6533
Admissions Outreach (for those who have not applied to Harper)	admissions@harpercollege.edu Building C, Room C103	847.925.6700
Academic Advising	https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/cnso/index.php New Students: Building C, Room C104	847.925.6208
	https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/advising/index.php Previous or currently enrolled Harper students: Building A, Room A364	847.925.6220
Hawks Care Resource Center and Counseling Services	https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/counseling/index.php Building I, Room I117	847.925.6393
Access and Disability Services	https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/new.php Building I, Room I103	847.925.6266
Testing and Assessment Center	https://www.harpercollege.edu/testing/index.php Building A, Room A148	847.925.6541
Harper Bookstore	https://www.harpercollege.edu/bookstore/index.php Building L, Room L260	847.925.6275
Business Office	https://www.harpercollege.edu/registration/index.php Building A, Room A214	847.925.6880
One Stop Center	onestop@harpercollege.edu Building A, Room A250	847.925.6710
Transfer credit evaluation	evaluation@harpercollege.edu	847.925.6500
Registrar's Office	regoff@harpercollege.edu Building A, Room A213	847.925.6500