



Future Intended Program: Dental Hygiene (DH13)

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Pre-Dental Hygiene Admission Requirements					
Program Specific					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive GPA must be at least a 3.0 in the Courses Required for Competitive Selection (50% of the evaluation process) Offered at the Douglas campus 					
Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track					
<p><i>Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA= Fall; SP=Spring SU=Summer</i></p> <p>Courses may rotate among the following locations: Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, LaGrange and Online</p>					
✓	Grade	Courses required for Competitive Selection	S	CR	Notes and Milestones
		ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric	ALL	3	Prerequisites must be passed with a "C" or higher
		MATH 1111 College Algebra -OR- MATH 1101 Math Modeling	ALL	3 3	Substitutions: MATH 1113, MATH 1131, or MATH 1132
		*BIOL 2113 Anatomy & Physiology I	ALL	3	Corequisite: BIOL 2113L
		*BIOL 2113L Anatomy & Physiology Lab I	ALL	1	Corequisite: BIOL 2113
		*BIOL 2114 Anatomy & Physiology II	ALL	3	Prerequisites: BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L Corequisite: BIOL 2114L
		*BIOL 2114L Anatomy & Physiology Lab II	ALL	1	Prerequisites: BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L Corequisite: BIOL 2114

**All 6 courses above must be completed with a "C" or higher and before the Application Deadline.
The 6 courses are used to calculate the competitive GPA. Minimum GPA= 3.0.**

***BIOL courses must be completed within 7 years of the program/cohort start date.**

***BIOL lecture and labs must be taken together in the same semester.**

✓	Grade	Courses Required before Cohort Starts (The following courses must be completed before starting the DH program)	S	CR	Notes & Milestones
		*BIOL 2117 Introductory Microbiology	ALL	3	Prerequisites: BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L Corequisite: BIOL 2117L
		*BIOL 2117L Introductory Microbiology Lab	ALL	1	Prerequisites: BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L Corequisite: BIOL 2117

***BIOL courses must be completed within 7 years of the program/cohort start date.**

***BIOL lecture and labs must be taken together in the same semester.**

✓	Grade	Courses Required before Cohort Starts (The following courses must be completed before starting the DH program)	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisites must be passed with a "C" or higher
		CHEM 1211 Chemistry I CHEM 1211L Chemistry Lab I -OR- CHEM 1151 Survey of Inorganic Chemistry CHEM 1151L Survey of Inorganic Chemistry Lab	SP, SU SP, SU FA FA	3 1 3 1	Prerequisites: MATH 1101, MATH 1103 or MATH 1111 Corequisites: CHEM 1211/CHEM 1211L Prerequisites: MATH 1101, MATH 1103 or MATH 1111 Corequisites: CHEM 1151/CHEM 1151L

***CHEM courses must be completed within 7 years of the program/cohort start date.**

***CHEM lecture and lab must be taken together in the same semester.**

✓	Grade	Courses Required for Graduation (If possible, complete before the cohort starts)	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisites must be passed with a "C" or higher
		SPCH 1101 Public Speaking	ALL	3	
		PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology	ALL	3	
		SOCI 1101 Introductory Sociology	ALL	3	
		Area IV Choose ONE: ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation MUSC 1101 Music Appreciation THEA 1101 Theater Appreciation HUMN 1101 Introduction to Humanities ENGL 2110 World Literature ENGL 2130 American Literature ENGL 2310 English Literature RELG 1101 World Religions	ALL ALL FA, SP ALL ALL ALL FA, SP ALL	3	Prerequisite: ENGL 1101 Prerequisite: ENGL 1101 Prerequisite: ENGL 1101 Prerequisite: ENGL 1101 Prerequisite: ENGL 1101

Always check online <https://www.westgatech.edu/> and meet with your Advising Coach to ensure you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

Admission Criteria for Dental Hygiene (DH13)

Admission to West Georgia Technical College's Health Sciences and Nursing diploma and degree programs is based on a competitive selection process. There are minimum requirements for admission to individual Health Sciences and Nursing programs, and meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.

Non-Georgia residents shall be enrolled on a space-available basis and shall not displace any student desiring to enroll who is a resident of the state. This applies to programs with limited seating, such as competitive selection Health Sciences and Nursing programs and programs that have a waiting list. Please refer to the [In-State Residency section](#)¹ of the catalog for more information regarding residency status.

Learn more about [Health Sciences](#)² and [Nursing](#)³ programs. Be sure to review the [General Competitive Selection Procedures](#)⁴ and [Competitive Selection Program Statistics](#)⁵.

¹<https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/2023-2024/student-catalog/admissions/admissions-requirements-for-applicants/>

²<https://www.westgatech.edu/program-explorer/health-services/>

³<https://www.westgatech.edu/program-explorer/nursing/>

⁴<https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/2023-2024/student-catalog/admissions/health-sciences-and-nursing-programs-general-procedures/>

⁵<https://www.westgatech.edu/wp-content/uploads/Competitive-Selection-Statistical-Data-2023-1.pdf>

Competitive Selection Deadlines

- The Dental Hygiene program will admit once each year at the Douglas Campus.
- The deadline to apply is June 1st with a Fall semester cohort start date.

Competitive Selection Requirements

- Must be admitted to the college in good academic standing and regular status.
- Non-Georgia residents will be considered in the competitive selection process on a space available basis.
- Must complete the six (6) required courses and labs with a minimum grade of “C” or higher and have at least a 3.0 competitive GPA. (50% of process).
 - ENGL 1101, MATH 1111, BIOL 2113, BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114, and BIOL 2114L are used to calculate the competitive GPA.
 - BIOL and CHEM courses must be completed within seven (7) years of the program cohort start date.
- Must complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Exam with a minimum Adjusted Individual Total Score of 70% (50% of process).
 - TEAS Exam must be current within two (2) years of the program start date; maximum of three (3) attempts allowed per calendar year – minimum of fourteen (14) days required between testing dates.
 - A copy of the highest earned TEAS Score Report year must be attached to the Competitive Selection File Review Request Form. WGTC will accept the highest TEAS score.
 - Students may schedule the exam through [WGTC Community Education](#).⁶
- Must possess a current CPR certification through the American Heart Association for Healthcare Providers-BLS (Basic Life Support).
 - A copy of current CPR Certification must be attached to the Competitive Selection File Review Request Form.
 - Online CPR certification will not be accepted.

Possible Bonus Points (Maximum of 3)

Submit an employer letter on company letterhead, include dates of employment, job title, and a brief description of duties for consideration:

- One (1) point for any dental clinical work experience or for at least forty (40) hours of clinical experience shadowing a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) within six (6) months of the student’s application.
 - **Dental clinical experience** is defined as “physical patient care in a dental setting through an apprenticeship, observation, internship, part-time or full-time employment,” or professional volunteerism that has been completed for at least three (3) months within three (3) years of the student’s application.
 - **Professional volunteerism** is defined as “volunteering in a non-virtual dental office setting”; or for any healthcare clinical work experience
- Two (2) points for dental related work experience such as a lab technician or front office employee within six (6) months to three (3) years of the student’s application
-OR-
- Three (3) points for more than one-year equivalent of full-time experience as a chairside dental assistant within three (3) months to three (3) years of the student’s application.

⁶ <https://www.westgatech.edu/community-education/>

Right on Track Playbook Worksheet-At a Glance



1. **Campus and Deadline:** Douglas Campus- June 1st deadline for Fall cohort start
 - o Must complete the required 6 courses by the end of Spring Semester

2. **Write the classes you need take each semester:**

(Circle the appropriate semester and add the year)

Starting Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202__)

2nd Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202__)

3rd Semester – if needed – (Fall/Spring/Summer 202__)

4th Semester – if needed – (Fall/Spring/Summer 202__)

5th Semester – if needed – (Fall/Spring/Summer 202__)

- ✓ Check off the class once you have it accounted for on the left side:

- ENGL 1101 (3 credit hrs)
- MATH 1111 (3 credit hrs)
- BIOL 2113 (3 credit hrs) **Anatomy and Physiology 1**
- BIOL 2113L (1 credit hr) **Anatomy and Physiology 1 Lab**
- BIOL 2114 (3 credit hrs) **Anatomy and Physiology 2**
[Prereq: BIOL 2113 & 2113L]
- BIOL 2114L (1 credit hr) **Anatomy and Physiology 2 Lab**
[Prereq: BIOL 2113 & 2113L]

GPA must be *at least* a 3.0 in these 6 courses
(50% of what the evaluator considers)

Calculate your Competitive GPA:

GPA Calculator: <https://gpacalculator.net/college-gpa-calculator/> Use "A," "B," or "C" only, no "D"'s or (+) or (-)

*Current Competitive GPA= _____

Courses required before the Cohort Starts:

Complete by the end of the summer semester you compete

- BIOL 2117/BIOL 2117L
[Prereq: BIOL 2113 & 2113L]
- CHEM 1211/1211L -OR- CHEM 1151/1151L
[Prereq: MATH 1111, 1101, or 1103]

Courses required for graduation:

If possible, complete before the cohort starts

- SPCH 1101
- PSYC 1101
- SOCI 1101
- Area IV Core Class (See options on Pg. 2)

TEAS score minimum: 70% Adjusted Individual score

- o 50% of what the evaluator considers, so study for it like it's a class
- o You can take the TEAS three times a calendar year; minimum 14 days apart
- o **DO NOT WAIT** until just before the deadline to take the TEAS; no guarantee it will be available
- o Register for WGTC at **Competitive Selection Process webpage**
- o WGTC has 1 test date per month

3. **Write down possible dates to take the TEAS Exam:**

3 Times in 2024:

- Month and year of 1st TEAS test: _____
- Month and year of 2nd TEAS test: _____
- Month and year of 3rd TEAS test: _____

3 Times in 2025, if needed:

- Month and year of 1st TEAS test: _____
- Month and year of 2nd TEAS test: _____
- Month and year of 3rd TEAS test: _____

4. **Do you have your CPR card? Yes or No** CPR certified (American Heart Association for Healthcare Provider BLS)

Competitive Selection Process

1. Gather all supporting documentation including copies of current CPR card and TEAS Exam score and save electronically.
2. Complete [Competitive Selection File Review Request Form](#)⁷ and attach all supporting documents electronically on or before the deadline (direct questions related to the form to admissions@westgatech.edu).
3. Monitor student email and review competitive selection scoring sheet (this does not indicate acceptance or denial).
4. Allow 4-6 weeks from the program deadline date to receive acceptance or denial letter from the Admissions Office.
 - If accepted, respond to secure your seat in the program by the given deadline.
 - If denied, meet with an Advising Coach to determine next steps. Students not selected into the program cohort must submit a new Competitive Selection File Review Request Form and required documentation to be included in the next selection process for the same program or the selection process for another program.

Dental Hygiene Program Curriculum (5 Consecutive Semesters)			
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Semester	Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours
1 st Semester- Fall	DHYG 1040	Preclinical Dental Hygiene Lecture	2
	DHYG 1050	Preclinical Dental Hygiene Lab	2
	DHYG 1020	Head and Neck Anatomy	2
	DHYG 1000	Tooth Anatomy and Root Morphology	2
	DHYG 1010	Oral Embryology and Histology	1
2 nd Semester- Spring	DHYG 1110	Clinical Dental Hygiene I Lecture	2
	DHYG 1111	Clinical Dental Hygiene I Lab	3
	DHYG 1090	Radiology Lab	2
	DHYG 2050	Oral Pathology	3
	DHYG 1070	Radiology Lecture	2
	DHYG 1206	Pharmacology and Pain Control	3
3 rd Semester-Summer	DHYG 2010	Clinical Dental Hygiene II Lecture	2
	DHYG 2020	Clinical Dental Hygiene II Lab	2
	DHYG 2200	Periodontology	3
	DHYG 1030	Dental Materials	2
4 th Semester- Fall	DHYG 2080	Clinical Dental Hygiene III Lecture	2
	DHYG 2090	Clinical Dental Hygiene III Lab	4
	DHYG 2070	Community Dental Health	3
	DHYG 2110	Biochemistry/Nutrition	2
5 th Semester-Spring	DHYG 2130	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Lecture	2
	DHYG 2140	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV Lab	4
		Total Hours	50

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⁷ <https://westgatech.jotform.com/form/200435129379052>