

FALL 2026 DENTAL HYGIENE ADMISSION GUIDELINES

Please note that the Dental Hygiene program is considered oversubscribed. This means that there are more applications than there are available seats. For admission purposes, all applications will be ranked. The information provided below includes the minimum requirements needed for this program. The highest ranked applicants will receive first consideration.

Minimum Academic Requirements: OSSD with the majority of courses at the College (C), University (U), University/College (M) or Open (O) level plus successful completion of:

- Grade 12 English (C) or (U)
- Senior Level Chemistry (C) or (U)
- Senior Level Biology (C) or (U)

Applicants who **meet** the minimum academic requirements (see above) who wish to upgrade their marks and are unclear which category they fall into should contact the Registrar's Office for admissions advice.

Direct Applicants - Students Currently in High School

Students applying directly out of Grade 12 must have an OSSD with:

- Grade 12 English - ENG4U, ENG4C, EAE4C or EAE4U
- Senior Level Chemistry (C) or (U)
- Senior Level Biology (C) or (U)

A score for a current high school applicant is derived from the overall average of all Grade 11 courses and the first semester of Grade 12 courses. Applicants must be registered in all required courses in order to be considered. Applicants will be ranked by highest score and selection will be made on a conditional basis for the available positions and placed on the waiting list.

Indirect Applicants – Students not currently attending High School

Includes applicants not applying directly from an Ontario high school and applicants returning to high school or an adult training centre to upgrade high school marks. These applicants must:

- Submit their high school transcript to www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Submit ALL official post-secondary transcripts to St. Clair College. Transcripts can be ordered through www.ontariocolleges.ca at the time of application.

All Required Courses must be completed no later than May 1st.

Students currently attending St. Clair College Pre-Health Science Pathways to Advanced Diploma and Degree Programs (Fall Intake)

Admission Criteria for Dental Hygiene students currently attending the Pre-Health Sciences program:

- Students must successfully complete a Pre-Health Science Pathways to Advanced Diploma and Degree Programs with a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA before May 1st.
- A score for a current St. Clair College Pre Health Student is derived from:
 - The overall average of Biology (BIO 50 & BIO 51), Chemistry (CHM 50 & CHM 51), English (ENG 107 & COM 40)
- For applicants currently enrolled in a Pre-Health Science Pathways to Advanced Diploma and Degree Programs at another College, a ranking score is determined using an overall average of comparable Biology, Chemistry, Math, English and Physics courses from their program.

In the event that an applicant has a higher grade from another post-secondary institution or high school in Biology, Chemistry, or English it will be used for **ranking purposes only**.

Applicants with one year previous College or University

Applicants who have completed one year of a College or University in a Health Related Program are required to be in good standing. If you **are not in good standing or have not completed one year of study** please refer to next category.

Applicants with prior Post-Secondary in Good Standing who are missing some of the required courses from high school or would like to upgrade their marks can upgrade in the following ways:

- Pre-Health Science Program completion is not required however you will need to take both Biology, Chemistry, and English courses from a Pre-Health Science Program at an Ontario College. An average for each subject will be used for ranking.
- Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) Program at an Ontario College English (ACE 10), Biology (ACE 20), Chemistry, (ACE 22).
- Through an adult high school such as Mason Education Centre, St. Michaels Adult High School or ILC.

Applicants with No previous College/University or Less than one year or Not in good standing

- Applicants who **do not meet** the minimum academic requirements who choose to upgrade as a Full Time Student through a college, are required to **complete** the Pre-Health Sciences Pathways to Advanced Diploma and Degree program.
- Applicants who **do not meet** the minimum academic requirements who choose to upgrade as a Part Time Student can do so through the Ontario College Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) Program. English (ACE 10), Biology (ACE 20), Chemistry, (ACE 22).
- Applicants who **do not meet** the minimum academic requirements (see above) who wish to upgrade their marks may do so through an adult high school such as Mason Education Centre, St. Michaels Adult High School or ILC.

English Language Proficiency

At St. Clair College all courses are taught in English and to be successful in a program, your English communication, listening, comprehension, reading and writing skills must be at a level to meet the demands of your program and to meet the professional certification requirements.

Test	Program Type
	Diploma/Certificate Programs
St Clair College EAP Program	Most Programs will accept completion of levels 7 & 8
TOEFL Internet-based	Overall 83 with Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking minimums of 20
IELTS Academic	Overall band of 6.0
PTE	Minimum score 60
DUOLINGO	Minimum score 110

Applicants will be considered for admission into oversubscribed programs according to the following order:

1. Resident of Ontario
2. Resident of Provinces and Territories of Canada
3. All other applicants