
Pennsylvania College of Technology

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SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND ADMISSIONS OFFICE
Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene
Admission Ranking System

Students desiring entrance into the Dental Hygiene major must first gain admission to Penn College. Applicants who are accepted into the College will initially be placed in the pre-major status. While in the pre-major status, students complete course work that will prepare them for courses specific to their major. Pre-major students are then evaluated for acceptance twice annually. Acceptance is based upon additional requirements beyond College admission and is explained below.

All applicants to the Dental Hygiene program must remediate any developmental course work requirements and chemistry deficiency prior to consideration for acceptance. Students will **NOT** be considered for acceptance if they have less than a 2.0 Math/Science grade point average (GPA) and/or a graduation GPA below 2.0 in course work required for the Dental Hygiene major.

When there are more qualified applicants than seats available, students are then ranked based on a comprehensive admission system. This ranking system includes applicable grades earned at Penn College, as well as those reflected on external transcript(s).* The system is divided into two categories: applicants with 10 or more college credits at or above the 100 level, and applicants with fewer than 10 college credits. Applicants with fewer than 10 college credits will change categories after completing 10 college credits.

Acceptances are granted twice a year - January and June for fall start of classes. Transfer students must have an official copy of all transcripts submitted to the College's Admissions Office by June 1 to be considered for fall acceptance.

The provisions within this admission ranking system are not considered an irrevocable contract between the student and the College. The College reserves the right to change the requirements and regulations at any time during the student's term of enrollment.

CATEGORY I: *Applicants with 10 or more college credits at or above the 100 level.*

1. DEGREES/CREDITS (Approximately 5%) – Based on an expected average of 2 student points. More/less than 2 points may increase/decrease percentage accordingly.

Bachelor or higher	4 student points
10 or more Penn College credits	3 student points
Associate's degree or 59 credits or more	2 student points
10-58 credits from another institution	1 student point

2. MATH AND SCIENCE GPA (Approximately 60%) – Based on an expected average GPA of 3.0. GPAs higher/lower may increase/decrease percentage accordingly.

- Only grades of "C" or higher will be used to calculate GPA
- Priority will be given to students who have completed 2 or more math and/or science courses below

BIO 115 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BIO 125 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BIO 201 – Microbiology
CHM 100 – Fundamentals of Chemistry
CHM 108 – Chemistry Survey

MTH 151 – Structures of Mathematics
MTH 153 – Topics in Mathematics
MTH 160 – Elem. Stats w/Computer Apps
MTH 180 – College Algebra & Trig

3. OTHER GPA (Approximately 19%) – Based on an expected average GPA of 3.0. GPAs higher/lower may increase/decrease percentage accordingly.

- Only grades of “C” or higher will be used to calculate GPA
- Priority will be given to students who have completed 2 or more courses below

ENL 111 – English Composition I
PSY 111 – General Psychology

CSC 124 – Information, Technology, and Society
SPC 101 – Introduction to Speech

4. COURSE POINTS (Approximately 16%) – Based on an expected average of 4.5 student points. More/less than 4.5 points may increase/decrease percentage accordingly.

- Only grades of “C” or higher

1 student point for each of the following courses taken at Penn College
0.8 student point for each of the following courses transferred

BIO 115 - Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO 125 - Anatomy and Physiology II
BIO 201 - Microbiology
CHM 100 - Fundamentals of Chemistry
CHM 108 - Chemistry Survey and higher

ENL 111 - English Composition I
MTH 153 - Topics in Math and higher
PSY 111 - General Psychology
HTH 100 - Intro. to Health Careers
DEN 110 - Dental Terminology

The ranking areas below are *only* applicable to those with grades of W, D, or F in noted Math, Science and Other courses taken at Penn College and those reflected on external transcripts.

5. MATH AND SCIENCE REDUCTION (Approximately -6%) – Data-based on an average of 1.5467. ** More W, D, F grades may result in a greater reduction.

BIO 115 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BIO 125 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BIO 201 – Microbiology
CHM 100 – Fundamentals of Chemistry
CHM 108 – Chemistry Survey

MTH 151 – Structures of Mathematics
MTH 153 – Topics in Mathematics
MTH 160 – Elem. Stats w/Computer Apps
MTH 180 – College Algebra & Trig

6. OTHER REDUCTION (Approximately -2%) – Data-based on an average of 0.5867. ** More W, D, F grades may result in a greater reduction.

ENL 111 – English Composition
PSY 111 – General Psychology

CSC 124 – Information, Technology, and Society
SPC 101 – Introduction to Speech

NOTES:

Because each of the six areas in Category I of the ranking system has different point scales and different weightings (approximately 5%, 60%, 19%, etc.), an adjustment factor is applied to the total points from each area. The resulting adjusted points are added together for the first four areas and then reduced by adjusted points (if any) from the last two reduction areas. This process results in a final number used to rank student applicants.

Only the **specific** courses listed above will be used in the admission ranking process.

Students will be limited to 24 **attempted credits** (taken at Penn College, excluding all developmental courses) in the pre-health major. Following the January and June selections, students not selected for the professional phase of the major after attempting 24 credits (as of Fall 2006) will be required to meet with their respective program director to discuss viable education options.

Upon appropriate documentation, Advanced Placement (AP) and/or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credit will be included in the ranking system.

FOOTNOTES:

*External courses with grades below a "C" will not transfer to Penn College for credit, however if applicable, these grades (W's, D's and F's) will be calculated into the Math/Science and Other reduction areas during the admission ranking process.

**The calculated average for each reduction area is based on 3 years of historical student data.

CATEGORY II: Applicants with fewer than 10 college credits at or above the 100 level.

NOTE: To be eligible for ranking, students must have completed Biology, Chemistry, and two years of high school algebra with a "C" or better in each course.

1. HIGH SCHOOL RANK

Upper one-third of the class 2 points

2. SAT SCORES

SAT 1800 or higher 5 points

SAT 1575 – 1799 1 point

3. PLACEMENT TEST RESULTS

Math Placement Level 3 0.5 point

Math Placement Level 4 or 5 1 point

Math Placement Level 6 or 7 1.5 points

Writing score (at ENL 111 level) 1 point

Reading level grade 14 or higher 1 point

Reading level 12-13 0.5 point

4. COURSE POINTS

NOTE: Only Grades of "C" or Higher

0.8 point for each of the following courses taken at Penn College or transferred

BIO 115	Anatomy and Physiology I	ENL 111	English Composition I
BIO 125	Anatomy and Physiology II	MTH 153	Topics in Math and Higher
BIO 201	Microbiology	PSY 111	General Psychology
CHM 100	Fundamentals of Chemistry	HTH 100	Intro. to Health Careers
CHM 108	Chemistry Survey and Higher	DEN 110	Dental Terminology