



**SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES AND ADMISSIONS OFFICE**  
**Dental Hygiene Admission Ranking System**

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following Admissions  
Ranking System will be used for the June 2020 Selection  
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**Overview**

Students desiring entrance into the Dental Hygiene major must first gain admission to Penn College. Applicants who are accepted into the College and have completed placement testing 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 evaluated for acceptance into the major annually. Acceptance is based upon additional requirements beyond College admission and is explained below.

All applicants to the Dental Hygiene major must complete developmental course work and chemistry requirements prior to consideration for acceptance. Students will **not** be considered for acceptance if they have less than a 2.0 Math/Science grade average and/or a graduation GPA below 2.0.

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.

The admissions process is finalized in 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 15** to be considered for fall acceptance.

Typically, any changes to these admission requirements are made prior to the student's enrollment at Penn College; however, in special circumstances, such as an observed change in program outcomes, the College President may approve more immediate changes to ensure student success. In such cases, students will receive timely written notice of the change.

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**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.

DEGREES/CREDITS	POINTS
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 COURSE CALCULATION (Approximately 60%)** – Based on an expected average calculation of 3.0; higher/lower calculations may increase/decrease percentage accordingly. Points to note:

- Priority will be given to students who have completed two or more math and/or science courses below with grades of “C” or higher.

BIO 115 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I	MTH 153 – Topics in Mathematics
BIO 125 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II	MTH 160 – Elem. Stats w/Computer Apps
BIO 201 – Microbiology	MTH 180 – College Algebra & Trigonometry I
CHM 100 – Fundamentals of Chemistry	MTH 100 B – Transfer Math*
CHM 108 – Chemistry Survey	MTH 100 C – Transfer Math*
MTH 151 – Structures of Mathematics	MTH 100 D – Transfer Math*

*\* Transfer Math is external college credit not specifically equivalent to a Penn College math course, but determined to be at an acceptable level for pre-program requirements.*

**3. OTHER COURSE CALCULATION (Approximately 19%)** – Based on an expected average calculation of 3.0; higher/lower calculations may increase/decrease percentage accordingly. Points to note:

- Priority will be given to students who have completed two or more courses below with grades of “C” or higher.

ENL 111 – English Composition I	CSC 124 – Information, Technology, and Society
PSY 111 – General Psychology	SPC 101 – Fundamentals of Speech
DEN 110 – Dental Terminology	

**4. COURSE POINTS (Approximately 16%)** – Based on an expected average of 5.0 student points. More/less than 5.0 points may increase/decrease percentage accordingly. Only grades of “C” or higher are counted.

**Scoring:**

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 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I	MTH151 – Structures of Mathematics
BIO 125 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II	MTH 153 -Topics in Mathematics (and higher***)
BIO 201 – Microbiology	MTH 100 B – Transfer Math*
CHM 100 – Fundamentals of Chemistry	MTH 100 C – Transfer Math*
CHM 108 – Chemistry Survey (and higher)	MTH 100 D – Transfer Math*
DEN 110 - Dental Terminology	PSY 111 - General Psychology
ENL 111 - English Composition I	

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## **CATEGORY 1 NOTES & FOOTNOTES:**

Because each of the four areas in Category I of the ranking system has a different point scale and different weightings (approximately 5%, 60%, 19%, etc.), an adjustment factor is applied to the total points from each area. This process results in a final number that is 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 FYE101 and all developmental courses) in the pre-health major. Following the June selections, students not selected for the professional phase of the major after attempting 24 credits will be required to meet with their respective program director to discuss viable educational 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 (D's and F's) will be calculated into the Math/Science and Other grade calculation areas during the admission ranking process.

\*\*\* MTH 155 and MTH 156 will not be considered in the admission ranking process.

Selection decisions are based on academic grade calculations and objective performance criteria. A student may appeal a selection decision. The student must submit a written summary of circumstances to the Dean of Nursing & Health Sciences no later than five business days following the student's receipt of written notification of non-selection into the major. To be considered, appeals must be typed, signed, dated and include a current mailing address. A Selection Appeal Committee will be convened to review the appeal. The student will receive a written notification of the decision within five business days following the Dean's receipt of the formal appeal. Decisions by the Appeal Committee are final with no further appeal.

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## **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
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### **2. 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

### 3. COURSE POINTS

NOTES:

Only Grades of "C" or Higher

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

BIO 115 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I	MTH 151 - Structures of Mathematics
BIO 125 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II	MTH 153 – Topics in Mathematics (and higher, excluding MTH 155 and MTH 156)
BIO 201 – Microbiology	MTH 100 B – Transfer Math*
CHM 100 – Fundamentals of Chemistry	MTH 100 C – Transfer Math*
CHM 108 – Chemistry Survey (and higher)	MTH 100 D – Transfer Math*
DEN 110 – Dental Terminology	PSY 111 – General Psychology
ENL 111 – English Composition I	

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