

Facts about the Dental Hygiene Program at Great Falls College MSU

- **Great Falls accepts 16 students each year based on a GPA of a 2.50.**
- **Minimum GPA in prerequisite coursework of 2.50** is required. However, placement is competitive, so students are advised to strive for a higher GPA.
- **Minimum grade of 'C' in each prerequisite course is required.**
- Admission to the program is based on a points system that includes points for the science prerequisite GPA, GPA in other general education prerequisite courses, previous educational attainment, paid occupational experience in the oral health field, and dental hygiene job shadow hours if there is no paid dental occupational work experience. If all of the criteria rank applicants equally, the highest points received in the science prerequisite category will be the decisive factor.
- **Prerequisite science courses must be completed within 5 years of applying to the Dental Hygiene program. Other general education courses must be completed within 15 years of applying.**
- **Students must be admitted to Great Falls College MSU prior to the submission of Dental Hygiene Application.** Completing the Transfer Request located in Student Information in your Secure Area, is an easy and free process for applying to Great Falls College MSU after attending MSU Billings.

Additional Information:

- Eligible Montana residents will be given priority admission before eligible non-resident applicants.
- Students must prove verification of the (completed) Hepatitis B Vaccination Series with the Physician's Authorization (form included in the application). The Hepatitis B series takes 7 ½ months to complete. It must be completed before the start of the program, so *plan ahead!*
- Applicants will be notified of their Dental Hygiene status by approximately July 8th. A deposit of \$300.00 along with a letter stating your acceptance of the position is required. Applicants who have been accepted to the program must complete the registration process with all fees paid for the first semester of coursework by August 15th to retain their status.
- Upon receipt of the Associate of Applied Science degree, successful completion of the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination is required. The graduate will also need to obtain a license for the state they wish to practice in by successfully completing a regional practical examination (WREB).



Applications for the program must be postmarked on or before June 10th.

Please note that application deadlines may change from year to year. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of current deadlines.

All prerequisite courses MUST be completed prior to applying to the program.

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