

**Missouri Southern State University
Dental Hygiene Program
Application: Deadline is January 31, 2010**

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Submission of the Dental Hygiene Admissions Application prior to the deadline of January 31, 2010.
- Complete all prerequisite courses with grade “C” or better by the end of the Spring semester of the year in which you are applying. If a passing grade is not achieved **after two attempts** in any program prerequisite course, an applicant will not be considered for the program.
- Apply for admission to Missouri Southern State University
 - Admissions Office, Hearnest Hall, Missouri Southern State University, 3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin, MO 64801-1595

*****THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION WHEN SUBMITTED:**

- A **250-WORD HAND WRITTEN ESSAY** indicating why you want to become a dental hygienist.
- A **copy** of college transcripts (official transcripts are sent to the University admissions office)
- A schedule of courses you are enrolled in for the spring 2010 semester.

SELECTION PRIORITY

1. The GPA of courses required by the program will be the determining criteria.
2. Conditional admission may be granted, pending completion of pre-requisite coursework by the end of Spring semester classes of the year that you are applying.
3. Admission priority **MAY** be given to those applicants who have completed **MOST** of the general education course hours, required in the degree, **at the time of application.**

ALL APPLICANTS will be notified of their status by mail after **all** applications have been reviewed. It is anticipated that notification will occur before March 31, 2010. Interviews may be requested.

UPON NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FALL SEMESTER: Forms will be provided upon notification of admission and **MUST** be completed and signed by appropriate providers.

- A statement of satisfactory physical, mental, dental and vision health.
- A record of current serum titers verifying immunity from communicable diseases.
- **ALL SELECTED APPLICANTS** will be required to attend a two-day orientation on the main campus in Joplin in June, 2010.
 - Complete criminal background check application
 - Submit to a drug screening

Students enrolled in program are required to maintain a “C” or above in all dental hygiene courses. Failure to do this will result in being dropped from the program.

Additionally, selected applicants must successfully complete Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers. To assure certification remains valid throughout the duration of the program, this course must be taken no earlier than mid-June 2010.

NOTE: Failure to complete these requirements will result in loss of eligibility for admission to the dental hygiene program.

****** A copy of MSSU policy for Bloodborne Pathogens & infectious diseases is available for review upon request.

A total estimated cost of \$15,000-18,000 will be incurred during the program. This cost will include instruments, supplies, equipment, and dues for professional membership needed for the student’s instruction. This cost is an estimate and may change throughout the program, dependent upon individual needs of the student.

