August 30, 2022,

Vice Provost W. Randy Smith  
Council on Academic Affairs  
Office of Academic Affairs  
203 Bricker Hall  
190 North Oval Mall  
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Dear Vice Provost Smith,

The Division of Dental Hygiene Curriculum Committee has proposed a minor change to the pre-requisite course required to apply for the Bachelor of Science, Dental Hygiene Baccalaureate Degree Completion program. The current Baccalaureate Degree Completion program pre-requisite states “Applicants must be graduates of a CODA accredited dental hygiene program, have a cumulative grade point average and dental hygiene program grade point average of 2.70 or higher and be licensed or eligible for an Ohio license to practice dental hygiene. Completion of a college mathematics course at the level of OSU Math 1116 or higher with a grade of C- or above must be completed prior to program entry.”

The committee proposed to change the pre-requisite beginning fall 2022 to “Applicants must be graduates of a CODA accredited dental hygiene program, have a cumulative grade point average and dental hygiene program grade point average of 2.70 or higher and be licensed or eligible for an Ohio license to practice dental hygiene. Completion of a college mathematics course at the level of OSU Math 1116 or higher, OR Stats 1350 or higher with a grade of C- or above prior to program entry.”

The revision will remove a barrier for applicants to the Baccalaureate Degree Completion program and will utilize courses they previously completed as part of their Dental Hygiene Associate degrees. A large number of applicants complete a statistics course as part of their Dental Hygiene Associate degrees and then need to take an additional math course in order to apply for the Bachelor of Science at OSU. The implementation of the new general education provides an opportunity for statistics to fulfill the Foundations: Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning/Data Analysis GE and a math course is no longer specifically required. We believe the proposed change will also have a positive impact on increasing enrollment in future terms.

The proposed revision was evaluated and approved by the Division of Dental Hygiene Curriculum Committee, on August 23, 2022.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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