



Entry Level Application Checklist

- Complete all prerequisite courses (listed on page 2) BEFORE the start of Spring 2026 semester.
 - In-Progress courses on your schedule for Fall 2025 make you eligible to apply for Spring 2026.
- Complete 20+ hours of shadowing with a Registered Dental Hygienist
 - Turn in one shadowing form for each Registered Dental Hygienist you shadowed.
 - The total hours should be at least 20.
 - Dental Assistants and Dentists are not Hygienists – be certain you're shadowing with the Hygienist.
- Attend a Required Advisement Meeting
 - These are scheduled at least once a month January through August, typically via Zoom
 - Dates and times are available on our website
- Apply to the University of New Mexico for Spring 2026
 - If you are already a UNM student, you are done with this task.
 - If you are a branch campus student (Gallup, Los Alamos, Taos or Valencia campuses) you will do this by filling out a Branch Transfer Form to Albuquerque-Main with your current Academic Advisor.
- Apply to the Division of Dental Hygiene using ADEA DH CAS application.
- Order Official Transcripts
 - ALL APPLICANTS
 - Send official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended to ADEA DH CAS
 - UNM Transfer Students (not currently UNM Students, and UNM students who are taking classes outside of UNM)
 - Send official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended to UNM Office of Admissions, apply@unm.edu
- Pay the non-refundable application fee of \$105: [Dental Hygiene Entry Level Application Fee](#)