

MTC MERIT DENTAL HYGIENE ADMISSIONS FAQ

AUGUST 2021 CLINICAL START DATE

Q1. What is Merit Admissions?

A1. Merit Admissions is a process by which students who have been accepted to the Dental Hygiene program may apply for special consideration for priority admission with an earlier clinical start date. Points are awarded on pre-set, published criteria. Students are ranked based on their total number of points (must be a minimum of 19 points, with 14 of those points based on academics as listed on the checklist). The top students by point total are then admitted based on the number of available slots. If a student earned a grade of D, F, or WF in any DAT or DHG course, he/she is not eligible for Merit Admissions.

Q2. Does Merit Admissions replace the regular Dental Hygiene admissions process?

A2. No. In fact, in order to be eligible for Merit Admissions, the applicant must already qualify for the program and have completed the interview process.

Q3. Who can apply for Merit Admissions?

A3. Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for Merit Dental Hygiene Admissions: Regular admission criteria for the Dental Hygiene program; and Successful completion of the Dental Hygiene interview with acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program.

Q4. I already have a future start date. Am I automatically considered for Merit Admissions?

A4. No. If you wish to be considered for Merit Admissions, you must submit a completed Merit Checklist to the Student Center (Airport Campus), Room 221, c/o Molly Shealy or mail to Midlands Technical College, Attn: Admissions Airport Campus, PO Box 2408, Columbia, SC 29202.

Completed Checklists must be received no earlier than February 1, 2021 and no later than February 26, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Checklists postmarked on or before February 26, 2021 will not be processed if they arrive after February 26, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Checklists submitted without MTC transcripts and/or MTC Transfer Transcript Summary will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. Only complete merit checklists will be processed. If you fail to submit all official transcripts of any college credit you've attempted, your merit checklist will be disqualified.

Q5. I'm waiting for my start date and don't think I'll qualify for Merit Admissions. Does this mean I can lose my place or get bumped down the waiting list?

A5. No.

Q6. When/How will I know if I've been accepted?

A6. Emails indicating whether acceptance for Merit Admissions has been met will be sent by March 19, 2021. Emails will be sent to MTC student emails, along with personal emails on file for each student.

Q7. If I am accepted for Merit Admissions, when will I start the Clinical program?

A7. You will start the clinical program in August 2021 for the Fall semester.

Q8. Once admitted for Merit Admissions, will students admitted under Merit Admissions be treated any differently than those admitted under the usual Dental Hygiene admissions process?

A8. No. Once accepted, all Dental Hygiene students will be expected to uphold regular Allied Dental Education department standards.

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