

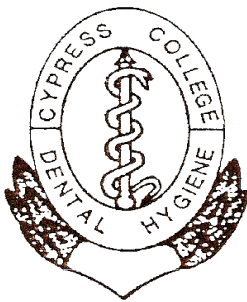
Dental Hygiene

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Division of
Health Science

The Cypress College Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and has been granted the accreditation status of approval without reporting. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation.

The Dental Hygiene Program offers a curriculum that provides the students with academic instruction to achieve eligibility for the National Board of Dental Hygiene Examiners examination, the Registered Dental Hygienist Law & Ethics Exam, the Western Regional Examining Board, and the Central Regional Dental Testing Examination for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist.

Upon completion of the Dental Hygiene Program and the general education requirements, the graduate will be eligible for an Associate of Science Degree from Cypress College.

Program Goal

The goal of the Cypress College Dental Hygiene Program is to provide the student with the educational opportunity to attain the knowledge, skills and values necessary to qualify for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist, and a professional member of the allied health team.

Program Goal/Outcomes objectives

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| Goal/Outcomes Objective I. | To educate dental hygiene students in the ethical, legal, and competent practice of dental hygiene. |
| Goal/Outcomes Objective II. | To educate dental hygiene students in the areas of disease prevention and oral health promotion. |
| Goal/Outcomes Objective III. | To facilitate dental hygiene students involvement in community projects. |
| Goal/Outcomes Objective IV. | To promote professional growth, development, and an appreciation for scholarly activity. |
| Goal/Outcomes Objective V. | To ensure the dental hygiene student provides optimal patient care. |

A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR APPLICANTS

1. Eligible for admission to Cypress College.
2. High School graduation, or passing of the General Education Development tests (GED), or passing of high school proficiency.
3. Minimum of 17 years of age to apply. Must be 18 years of age to start the program.
4. A minimum of a 2.5 GPA in ALL college work attempted and a 3.0 GPA in the science prerequisites. Official transcript of all colleges are required.
5. Evidence of "good" physical and mental health as determined by medical examination upon admission to the program and prior to program enrollment.
6. Three (3) science courses must be completed prior to application and all others must be in progress. (SEE BELOW B.1)
7. Three (3) General Education courses must be completed prior to application and all others must be in progress. (SEE BELOW B.2)
8. Observation hours
(SEE FORM AT [HTTP://NEWS.CYPRESSCOLLEGE.EDU/DOCUMENTS/HEALTH-SCIENCE/DENTAL_HYGIENE_OBSERVATION_FORM_OFFICIAL.PDF](http://news.cypresscollege.edu/documents/health-science/dental_hygiene_observation_form_official.pdf))
9. All applicants accepted to the program are required to attend a mandatory orientation.

Students must demonstrate by laboratory testing and medical examination no contagious disease, such as: active Tuberculosis, or Hepatitis carrier with e antigen. Attendance in the dental hygiene program's laboratory and clinical courses would be denied based upon CDC regulations and invasive exposure-prone procedures. Please discuss health concerns with a Health Science counselor before application.

B. PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND REQUIREMENTS

The following courses must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" and an over-all GPA of 2.5. Once a passing grade is achieved and program application requirements are met courses may not be repeated for a higher grade.

1. **Science Prerequisites:** Only two (2) sciences can be in progress at the time of application and must be completed by the end of the Spring semester. All science courses must be completed within five years of filing the first eligible application, and with an overall GPA of **3.0**.

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| CHEM 101C | Chemistry for Health Science Majors I | | 4 units |
| BIOL 220C | Medical Microbiology | | 4 units |
| BIOL 231C | General Human Anatomy | | 4 units |
| BIOL 241C | General Human Physiology | | 4 units |
| HRC 100C* | Nutrition OR BIO 107C Nutrition and World Food Issues | * meets PE Requirement. | 3 units |

2. **General Education Prerequisites:** Only two (2) courses can be in progress at the time of application and must be completed prior to starting the program.

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| PSY 101C | Introduction to Psychology | | 3 units |
| COMM 100C | Human Communication | | 3 units |
| SOC 101C | Introduction to Sociology | | 3 units |
| ENGL 100C | College Writing | | 4 units |
| | Cultural Diversity | | 3 units |

General Education/Graduation Requirements

The following additional courses are required for the Associate degree and must be completed prior to starting the program. **Please refer to current Catalog for specific course options.**

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| Math 40C | Intermediate Algebra or higher | | 4 units |
| | Physical Education (activity) | | 1 unit |
| | Arts | | 3 units |
| | Humanities | | 3 units |
| | Reading Proficiency | | |

C. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Application must be completed **online** during the month of **February**. Please see the "How to Apply" link on the Health Science home page for more information.

<http://www.cypresscollege.edu/academics/divisions-special-programs/health-science/>

2. Applicants must submit **in person** by March 15:

- Signature page of the application
- Official transcripts of all colleges attended (EXCEPT CYPRESS AND FULLERTON COLLEGES)
- Observation hour form
- Be prepared to present photo ID.

Health Science Applications Office
Health Science Building/TE3-217
Cypress College
9200 Valley View St.
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3. Determination of acceptance is based upon the selection criteria. (SEE SPECIFICS BELOW)
4. **PLEASE NOTE:** F-1 visa students will not be accepted for admission into any program when applications by qualified U.S. citizens exceed space available.

D. CANDIDATE SELECTION CRITERIA

Acceptance of students is based on completion of program pre-requisites as listed on page 2 of brochure, category B (1 and 2).

Consideration is given to candidates with additional Sciences completed, additional English Writing Courses completed, grades in Pre-requisite Science Courses, Study Skills, Reading Proficiency, Dental related education or license, and dental related work experience.

As an applicant to the Dental Hygiene program, you will be contacted by email and/or a phone call and informed of status. Information regarding the next steps in the process will be given by the program coordinator. Placement on the alternate list does not guarantee acceptance for the following year. All alternates who are not accepted into the program must reapply.

Enrollment is determined by the applicant pool and is competitive.

Additionally, acceptance into the program may also be based on the outcome of a criminal background check. A grade of "C" or better is required in all pre-requisite courses. ALL applicants must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better in the science prerequisite courses in order to be considered for acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS:

Students will be required to pass a formal background check before placement in affiliated hospitals/clinics. During the learning process, students are required to perform dental work on each other.

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

CURRICULUM

| <u>Semester I</u> | <u>Units</u> | <u>Semester III</u> | <u>Units</u> |
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| DH 101C Dental Anatomy & Morphology | 2 | DH 220C Clinical Dental Hygiene. | 6.5 |
| DH 104C Oral Health Assessment. | 3 | DH 240C Community Oral Health I. | 2 |
| DH 205C Oral Embryology and Histology. | 3 | DH 250C Pharmacology. | 2 |
| DH 106C Radiology Tech/Hygienists. | 3 | DH 255C Dental Anesthesiology. | 3 |
| DH 109C Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene. | 4.5 | DH 260C Dental Care for Special Needs. | 2 |
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| <u>Semester II</u> | <u>Units</u> | <u>Semester IV</u> | <u>Units</u> |
| DH 110C Clinical Dental Hygiene. | 6 | DH 221C Clinical Dental Hygiene. | 6 |
| DH 212C Head and Neck Anatomy. | 2 | DH 230C Dental Specialties. | 2 |
| DH 113C General and Oral Pathology. | 2 | DH 241C Community Oral Health II. | 2 |
| DH 116C Dental Materials/Hygienists. | 2 | DH 245C Dental Jurisprudence. | 2 |
| DH 125C Perio Pathology & Therapy. | 2 | DH 248C Medical/Dental Emergencies. | 1 |

Elective: DH 275C/276C Clinical Dental Hygiene 1/2 unit (Summer Session)
 A student must attain a minimum of a "C" in all required courses to continue in the program.

In compliance with the Dental Hygiene Committee of California, all applicants for California Dental Hygiene licensure must (1) successfully pass written and clinical Board Examination and Law and Ethics Examination, and (2) have no criminal record, or the board must determine that a past criminal record poses no threat to the public health, safety, or welfare. Finger printing is required and checked through the Department of Justice and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The applicant must report on the Application for Licensure, any convictions or pleas of nolo contendere, even if the conviction was dismissed. Making a false statement on an application, regarding a past conviction, is cause for denial of a license, regardless of the nature of the crime or how long ago it occurred.

NOTE: Acceptance is based on a signed written response from the applicant selected, and followed by mandatory attendance at an orientation.

For further information, please contact a
 Health Science Counselor by calling (714) 484-7273
OR...
 Register for a Dental Hygiene Information Workshop.
 Current workshop dates can be obtained by visiting
<http://www.cypresscollege.edu/academics/divisions-special-programs/health-science/>