



Dental Hygiene (DH)

Program Code A45260

Admission Application

Application Deadline: February 7, 2020

Program Start Date: August 17, 2020

http://www.cpcc.edu/health_sciences/dental-hygiene



I. Program Overview

The Dental Hygiene curriculum prepares individuals with the knowledge and skills to access, plan, implement, and evaluate dental hygiene care for the individual and the community. Students will learn to prepare the operator, take patient histories, note abnormalities, plan care, teach oral hygiene, clean teeth, take x-rays, apply preventive agents, complete necessary chart entries, and perform other procedures related to dental hygiene care.

Graduates of this program may be eligible to take national and state/regional examinations for licensure which are required to practice dental hygiene. Employment opportunities include dental offices, clinics, schools, public health agencies, industry, and professional education. According to the [US Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), the job outlook for dental hygienists is much faster than average even amongst other health professions due to the increased demand for preventative dental services and increased understanding of the link between oral health and general health.

The Dental Hygiene program is a limited enrollment program. Each year, 100-150 individuals apply, and 25 to 30 applicants are selected along with 3-5 alternates.

II. Steps to Complete Before Applying for the DH Program

CPCC College Admission

1. *Attend a Dental Hygiene Information Session at CPCC.*
The Dental Hygiene program hosts information sessions for students interested in a detailed description of the program and the admission process. Dates and locations of these sessions will be posted on the [Dental Hygiene program website](#). Attendance is optional but recommended.
2. *Must be 18 years of age or graduate from High School or complete the GED by May 1st prior to the first semester in the program.*
3. *Complete the CPCC College Admission Application.*
Applications are available online at www.cpcc.edu or at any of the CPCC campus locations. Designate the Pre-Dental Hygiene Program Holding Code (A55280D) as the program of interest on the College Admission Application.
4. *Request an external official copy or copies of high school/GED and college transcripts be sent to CPCC Student Records, PO Box 35009, Charlotte, NC 28235-5009.*
 - Official copies of external transcripts should be ordered at least **one month** prior to the application due date and should be received at CPCC no later than one week after the application period is closed in order for the application to be eligible for review.
 - Transcripts are processed in the order of which they are received. Please allow up to four weeks for processing once the transcript is received by CPCC. You will be notified via your CPCC student email when the evaluation is completed.
5. *If your high school or college transcripts are not from the United States, you will need an International Transcript Evaluation reviewed by an agent outside of Central Piedmont Community College.*
A list of [International Evaluators](#) is available in the Counseling Department in the Central High Building on the CPCC Central Campus or through the [National Association of Credential Evaluating Services \(NACES\)](#) website. There is a fee for this service.

Required Testing

1. Take [required Math and English Placement testing](#) at a CPCC Testing Center. Students with college credit for English and Algebra may be exempt from the English and Math Placement tests as determined by the CPCC Transcript Evaluator. All students must meet with an academic advisor to determine the need to take placement tests and/or developmental courses and to review placement test scores.
2. All applicants must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS). You will need to schedule an appointment following instructions at [the Testing Center website](#).
 - A study guide is available at www.atitesting.com
 - The [TEAS permission slip](#) is available on the Testing Center website.
 - A minimum TEAS Total Score of 65 is required to be eligible for admission.

Required Coursework

If required based on placement tests or high school GPA score, complete all required Developmental Studies Courses (DRE 098 & DMA 040) with a grade of "C" or better.

Applicants to the Dental Hygiene **program must complete college chemistry with a laboratory component** within the last five years with a minimum grade of "C". Acceptable college chemistry courses include CHM 121 and 121A or higher. CHM 090 will not be considered. Chemistry and Developmental courses taken in the spring 2019 semester will be considered, pending successful completion.

Get a Headstart!

Any non-DEN prefix course required for the Dental Hygiene Program can be taken prior to submitting the Dental Hygiene Program Application. See the Program of Study on the [Dental Hygiene program website](#) for the list of required courses. Completion of designated courses will also increase your application score.

III. Dental Hygiene Program Admission Requirements

Points are earned from the following areas:

1. ATI TEAS Scores
2. Completed Academic Courses
3. Related Work Experience
4. Designated Alternate Status

The points will be recorded on the application form on [page 4](#). If the course being counted has a separate graded lab component, record both grades, and points will be awarded as an average of the two grades. Application must be fully completed (typed, not hand-written) and submitted along with the other supporting documents.

Questions about the admissions process?

- Contact the Dental Hygiene Admissions Specialist at healthsciences@cpcc.edu

IV. Acceptance into the Program

Acceptance notifications will be sent out within two months after the application deadline.

Upon acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program, students are required to:

- Submit results of a North Carolina and national criminal background check at their own expense.
- Students must also complete a medical exam, drug screen, provide record of immunizations, show proof of medical insurance and carry CPCC's accident insurance.
- Students accepted into the program will be asked to read and sign to acknowledge that they have read and understand the [Essential Functions document](#) outlining the essential functions necessary to complete the Dental Hygiene Program.
- After acceptance and enrollment in the program, students are required to take all courses as scheduled and sequenced. This is considered a lockstep sequence program.

V. Dental Hygiene Program Application Form

Complete shaded areas with all information currently available.

First Name				Last Name				CPC Student ID	
Street/Apt									
City					State			ZIP	
Home Phone			Cell Phone			CPC Email			
College Chemistry	Date of Completion				Institution				

Item		Points Earned	Points Possible
1. TEAS Test Scores	Total Score (min score of 65) <input type="text"/> (each score is multiplied by 0.5 to determine points earned)		(50)
2. Related Work Experience (if applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose one category to the right if applicable to describe your experience. All work experience must be documented by a letter of recommendation on letterhead from employer. 	A. Current CDA with a minimum of 3 years full-time experience and a copy of the certification certificate (must be completed within one year of application).		(5)
	B. • Dental Assistant II employed full time for a minimum of 2 years, documented by a letter of recommendation on letterhead from the employer. • Dental Assisting student currently enrolled in an ADA accredited program with a GPA of 3.0 and a letter of recommendation from director of dental assisting program, or graduate of accredited dental assisting program currently employed with documentation from employer.		(4)
	C. • Dental Assistant I employed at least 6 months. • Observe in dental office for a minimum of 80 hours, documented by letter on letterhead including a description of duties, along with dates and hours attended. • Formerly employed dental assistant with a minimum of one year of experience completed within the last ten years. • Dental Laboratory technician. • Medical or allied health employee.		(2)
3. Completed Academic Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose one course from each category. High school (HS) courses may not be used if the corresponding college course is complete. Course point computation: A=6 pts, B=3 pts; C=1 pt Check box to right if HS course is AP, Adv, HN, or IB for 1 additional pt. HS courses must be completed within 5 yrs, college BIO courses within 10 yrs and CHM within 5 yrs of applying. 	Category I ENG 111 High School 11 th Grade English <input type="checkbox"/>		(49 pts total)
	Category II ENG 112, 113, or 114 High School 12 th Grade English <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Category III MAT 110 or higher High School Algebra II or Integrated Math III <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Category IV SOC 210 High School US History or Government <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Category V BIO 168 High School Biology or Anatomy and Physiology <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Category VI BIO 169 or CHM 121/121A or higher High School Chemistry or Physics <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Category VII BIO 175 or 275 High School Adv Functions & Modeling/Precalculus or higher <input type="checkbox"/>		
4. Alternate	Designated "Alternate Student" previous year Information will be verified by admissions specialist		(1)
Total Application Points			(105)

VII. Application Submission

Check Your Application for Completion

1. Type all information on the Program Application Form (page 4) and print.
2. Secure the following documents to the application:
 - a. Official TEAS score from the Testing Center.
 - b. Any additional documentation applicable to verify related work experience ([page 4](#))

Submit the Completed Application

Submit on or before the deadline date as follows:

- Drop Box

Deposit in the labeled drop box located on the third floor of the Health Careers building on the Central Campus, Room # 3545 (across from the elevators)

Or

- Mail to: Nazirah Pearson, Admissions Specialist
Attn: Dental Hygiene
CPCC Central Campus, Belk/Health Careers Building
PO Box 35009
Charlotte, NC 28235

Or

- Email to: Nazirah Pearson, Admissions Specialist at healthsciences@cpcc.edu

Scan application page 4 and all additional documents to include as an attachment if emailing.

Questions about the Admissions Process?

- Contact Admissions Specialist at healthsciences@cpcc.edu or [schedule an appointment](#) to meet with the Admissions Specialist for this program