

Dental Hygiene

9200 Valley View St.

Cypress, CA

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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 in Dental Hygiene from Cypress College.

Program Goals

The goal of the Cypress College Dental Hygiene Program is to provide the student with the educational opportunity to attain

1. dental hygiene process of care knowledge, skills and values,
2. a professional relationship with the community in which they serve,
3. a relationship amongst allied health care team,
4. professional knowledgeable of and compliance with OSHA, HIPAA, Law and Ethics, Dental Hygiene Board of California, and local regulatory guidelines, as well as
5. professional sensitivity to the autonomy, beneficence, and nonmaleficence principles of ethical practice.

Program Objectives

1. To educate dental hygiene students in the ethical, legal, and competent practice of dental hygiene.
2. To educate dental hygiene students in the areas of disease prevention and oral health promotion.
3. To facilitate dental hygiene students' involvement in community projects.
4. To promote professional growth, development, and an appreciation for scholarly activity.
5. To ensure the dental hygiene student provides the optimal patient care.
6. To qualify for licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist, and a professional member of the allied health team.

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. (SEE BELOW B.2)
7. Four (4) General Education courses must be completed prior to application. (SEE BELOW B.3)
8. 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, courses may not be repeated for a higher grade.

1. All accepted applicants are required to pass DH 100C Introduction to Dental Hygiene.
2. **Science Prerequisites:** Only two (2) sciences can be in progress at the time of application and must be completed within five years of filing the first eligible application, and with an overall GPA of **3.0**.

CHEM 101C Chemistry for Health Science Majors I	4 units
CHEM 201C Chemistry for Health Science Majors II	4.5 units
BIOL 220C Medical Microbiology	4 units
BIOL 231C General Human Anatomy	4 units
BIOL 241C General Human Physiology	4 units

3. **General Education Prerequisites:** Only two (2) courses can be in progress at the time of application and must be completed by the end of the spring semester.

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

OR HRC 100C Nutrition (meets PE requirement)	3 units
BIO 107C Nutrition and World Food Issues	3 units

Cultural Diversity	3 units
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General education/Graduation requirements

The following additional courses are required for the Associate degree and must be completed by the end of the spring semester. **Please refer to current Catalog for specific course options.**

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)
- Be prepared to present photo ID.

Health Science Applications Office

Health Science Building/TE3-217
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3. Determination of acceptance is based upon the selection criteria. (SEE SPECIFICS BELOW)

D. CANDIDATE SELECTION CRITERIA

Acceptance of students is based on completion of program pre-requisites as listed on page 2 of brochure, category B (2 and 3).

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 hygiene process of care on each other.

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

CURRICULUM

<u>Semester I</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Semester III</u>	<u>Units</u>
DH 101C	Dental Anatomy & Morphology	DH 220C	Clinical Dental Hygiene.
	2		6.5
DH 104C	Oral Health Assessment.	DH 240C	Community Oral Health I.
	3		2
DH 205C	Oral Embryology and Histology.	DH 250C	Pharmacology.
	3		2
DH 106C	Radiology Tech/Hygienists.	DH 255C	Dental Anesthesiology.
	3		3
DH 109C	Pre-Clinical Dental Hygiene.	DH 260C	Dental Care for Special Needs.
	4.5		2
DH 248C	Medical/Dental Emergencies.		
	1		
 		<u>Semester IV</u>	<u>Units</u>
<u>Semester II</u>	<u>Units</u>	DH 221C	Clinical Dental Hygiene.
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DH 110C	Clinical Dental Hygiene.	DH 230C	Dental Specialties.
	6		2
DH 212C	Head and Neck Anatomy.	DH 241C	Community Oral Health II.
	2		2
DH 113C	General and Oral Pathology.	DH 245C	Dental Jurisprudence.
	2		2
DH 116C	Dental Materials/Hygienists.		
	2		
DH 125C	Perio Pathology & Therapy.		
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Elective: DH 275C or DH 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 Board 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 and passing DH 100 C Introduction to Dental Hygiene.

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/>