

# 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 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 TO APPLY

1. Apply to Cypress College to obtain a Cypress College student ID#.
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 is 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. Math 40 or higher must be completed at the time of application.

PSY 101C Introduction to Psychology .....	3 units
COMM 100C Human Communication .....	3 units
SOC 101C Introduction to Sociology .....	3 units
ENGL 100C/ENGL 101C/ESL 110C College Writing.....	4 units
Math 40C Intermediate Algebra or higher (cannot be in progress).....	4 units
HRC 100C Nutrition (meets PE requirement) .....	3 units
OR	
BIO 107C Nutrition and World Food Issues.....	3 units
Social Justice, Equity and Sustainability (formerly known as Cultural Diversity) .....	3 units

## C. GENERAL EDUCATION AND 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.**

Physical Education (activity).....	1 unit
Arts .....	3 units
Humanities.....	3 units
Reading Proficiency	

## D. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Apply to Cypress College to obtain a Cypress College student ID#. Once a Cypress College Student ID# has been received, submit required official transcripts to Cypress College Admissions and Records. Required items will be listed on the Health Science Applications signature page. Cypress and Fullerton College transcripts do not need to be submitted to the admissions office.

- Digitally (directly from school to school) – send to [incomingtranscripts@cypresscollege.edu](mailto:incomingtranscripts@cypresscollege.edu)  
Attn: Transcripts
- Through mail (unofficial if opened) -  
Cypress College  
Admissions and Records - Transcripts  
9200 Valley View St.  
Cypress, CA 90630

2. Application must be completed **online** during the month of **February**. Please see the Dental Hygiene home page for more information and application deadlines.

<https://careers.cypresscollege.edu/programs/dental-hygiene/>

3. Applicants must submit the online application and required documents by the application deadline.

4. Determination of acceptance is based upon the selection criteria. (SEE SPECIFICS BELOW)

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING, IN PDF FORMAT, VIA EMAIL TO:

[healthscience@cypresscollege.edu](mailto:healthscience@cypresscollege.edu)

- Signed signature page of the application
- Unofficial transcripts of Cypress and Fullerton colleges if attended.

### Health Science Applications Office

Health Science Building/TE3-217  
Cypress College  
9200 Valley View St.  
Cypress, CA 90630-5897  
(714) 484-7270

## E. CANDIDATE SELECTION CRITERIA

Students for the DH program are selected using the system listed below. No other criteria are used for selection. Students who are not accepted to the program will need to reapply the following year. Applicants normally exceed capacity.

1. **Students need to have completed by the end of spring semester:**

- a. Science prerequisites from B2 – Two (2) can be in progress at time of application and must be completed within five years of filing the first application, and with an overall GPA of 3.0. Priority is given to students with all science prerequisites completed at time of application.
- b. General education prerequisites from B3 – Two (2) can be in progress at time of application. Priority is given to students with all general education prerequisites completed at time of application.
- c. All general education/graduations requirements – **NOTE:** these courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester.
- d. A minimum GPA of 2.5 in ALL college work attempted is required.
- e. Date and time of electronically submitted application will be used.
- f. All required paperwork must be submitted by March 15 to be considered eligible.
- g. Selection criteria is subject to change.

2. **DH 100** – Passing this course is required for all accepted and alternate students in order to start the program in the fall. This course will be offered in the summer – Dates TBD.

3. **Other Considerations:** F-1 visa students will not be accepted for admission into any program when applications by qualified U.S. citizens exceed space available (AP 5012 1.4.).

4. **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 .....	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
DH 248C Medical/Dental Emergencies .....	1		
<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		

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  
<https://careers.cypresscollege.edu/programs/dental-hygiene/>

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