

**HALIFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM  
ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES FOR FALL 2021  
QUALIFICATION DEADLINE – JANUARY 22, 2021**

**Dental Hygienist**

A dental hygienist is a licensed preventative oral care professional that provides educational, clinical, and therapeutic services to the public. In order to become prepared to perform these services, the dental hygienist requires an extensive educational background. Most people first meet the dental hygienist in a private dental office where the hygienist performs many critical services that detect, prevent, and treat diseases of the mouth. Career paths for the dental hygienist include positions in clinical dentistry, administration, education, research, consumer advocacy, hospital dentistry, and public health. Career opportunities are global.

**Responsibilities of a Licensed Dental Hygienist**

Dental Hygiene graduates from our program will be able to:

- Perform infection control procedures.
- Perform general and oral health assessments.
- Provide nutritional counseling and self-care programs to prevent disease.
- Examine head, neck, and oral regions for disease.
- Expose and process radiographs and perform other diagnostic tests.
- Complete oral prophylaxis and other preventive services.
- Administer medications prescribed by a licensed dentist.
- Provide oral hygiene care instruction.
- Place and remove temporary fillings and periodontal dressings.
- Remove sutures.

**Halifax Community College Dental Hygiene Program Mission**

The mission of the Dental Hygiene Program is to facilitate the development of professional, ethical, and competent entry-level dental hygienists that exhibit the following:

- An awareness of their present and future roles and responsibilities within the profession and the community served.
- The knowledge and clinical skills necessary to provide comprehensive care to patients.
- A commitment to lifelong learning and professional development.

The dental hygiene curriculum provides the dental hygiene student with the knowledge and skills to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate dental hygiene care for the individual and the community. The curriculum also teaches the dental hygiene student to collaborate with the dentist, the patient, and other health professionals to provide comprehensive patient care. Graduates will receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree and will be eligible to take national and clinical dental hygiene licensing examinations.

**MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

All items (#1-6) must be completed and submitted by January 22, 2021

1. Submit a completed Halifax Community College Application ([www.halifaxcc.edu](http://www.halifaxcc.edu)) indicating Dental Hygiene (A45260) as the Program of Study
2. Submit official transcripts
  - a. records of high school graduation or equivalency
  - b. all post-secondary transcripts
3. Complete course requirements or submit minimum scores on a placement tests (See item #6 in *Dental Hygiene Selection Process*)
4. Attend a Dental Hygiene Information Session at Halifax Community College and complete the Dental Hygiene Health Sciences Admission application. Students are required to attend an information session for fall 2021 admissions even if a previous information session has been attended.
  - Information Sessions are located in Room B126 in the Allied Health Sciences Building •
  - All sessions will last approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours, and begin on time
  - Adult (only) family members are welcome, please do not bring children
  - No registration is required to attend an information session
  - There will be NO individual Information Sessions

Monday	August 31, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 22, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 14, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	November 19, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Friday	December 18, 2020	10:00 a.m.

5. Provide evidence of an overall 2.8 GPA
6. Submit **one** of the following documents:  
 Completed Dental Assisting Experience Documentation Form  
 Completed Dental Office Observation Form\*  
 Completed Certificate of Current Enrollment from ADA Accredited Dental Assisting Program Form

**Application Deadline**

Admission to the dental hygiene program is limited to eighteen (18) students each August. Applications will be accepted through January 22, 2021. Applicants must have submitted all required documents to the Admissions Office, including all test scores by January 22, 2021. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all required documents are submitted by the established deadline. Deadlines, guidelines, and policies apply equally to all students.

Halifax Community College does not maintain a waiting list. Applicants to the Dental Hygiene Program must reapply each year. Applicants who are not accepted to the Dental Hygiene Program for the current admissions cycle must reapply each year.

## DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT SELECTION PROCESS

The Dental Hygiene Program uses a point system for the student selection process. Preference will be given to students with the highest point scores based on selection criteria, which include all completed documentation that is submitted by the deadline of **January 22, 2021**. See Selection Points Criteria on page 4 of this packet.

### 2021 Application Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Complete North Carolina Residency Determination  
(<https://www.rccc.edu/admissions/application-for-north-carolina-residency/>)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Complete Halifax Community College Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Submitted Copy of Signed Social Security Card
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Submit **official** High School Transcript or General Education Development (GED) Scores
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Submit **official** College Transcripts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Placement Tests or College Course Credits:  
Meet **MATH** proficiency with one of the following:  
Completion of a college level mathematics course with a minimum grade of "C"  
Completion of prerequisites to be eligible to take CHM 130  
A minimum score on a placement test (ACT, SAT, NC Community College placement test)  
Meet high school GPA policy to waive placement test and place into CHM 130.  
  
Meet **ENGLISH/READING** proficiency with one of the following:  
Completion of ENG 111 or equivalent with a minimum grade of "C"  
Completion of prerequisites to be eligible to register for ENG 111 without co-requisite  
Meet minimum score on a placement test (ACT, SAT, NC Community College placement test)  
Meet high school GPA policy to waive placement test and place into ENG 111 without co-requisite.  
  
Meet **CHEMISTRY** Proficiency requirement with one of the following:  
Complete CHM 090 with a "C" or better  
Complete high school chemistry with a "C" or better  
Complete college Chemistry (CHM 130/CHM 131/CHM 151) with a "C" or better
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Attend Mandatory Dental Hygiene Information Session
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Complete **ONE** of the following:  
    (1) Dental Hygiene Observation Form\*  
    (2) Dental Assisting Experience Documentation Form  
    (3) Dental Assisting Diploma/Certificate Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Submit evidence of 2.8 Grade Point Average

### 2021 Selection Points Criteria

General education courses must be completed **prior** to January 22, 2021 and submitted on an official transcript to earn selection points.

Completion of general education courses is highly recommended prior to application to the program

Academic Point System: A = 4                      B = 3                      C = 2                      D or below = not accepted

*Multiply the final course grade by the points awarded for the grade that is listed above.*

*Example: Final grade in BIO168 = A; BIO 168 = 4 credit hours    4 x 4 = 16*

Classes	Credit Hours	Highest Academic Points
BIO 168* Anatomy & Physiology I	4 credit hours	16
BIO 169* Anatomy & Physiology II	4 credit hours	16
BIO 175* Microbiology	3 credit hours	12
CHM 130* General and Organic Chemistry	3 credit hours	12
ENG 111 Expository Writing	3 credit hours	12
ENG 114 Professional Research & Reporting or ENG 112 Writing/Research + COM 231 Public Speaking	3 credit hours	12 <i>Average of grades for ENG 112 and COM 231</i>
HUM 115 Critical Thinking	3 credit hours	12
SOC 240 Social Psychology or PSY 150 Introduction to Psychology + SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology	3 credit hours	12 <i>Average of grades for SOC 210 and PSY 110</i>
<b>Highest Total Academic Points</b>		<b>104</b>

**\*Courses must be completed no more than three years prior to application, no earlier than 2017.**

Criteria	Maximum Points
Highest Academic Points	104
Dental Assistant Experience *Certified Dental Assistant = 5 points ( <i>Diploma from ADA-CODA accredited Dental Assisting Program</i> ) *Dental Assistant II = 5 points ( <i>Office-trained dental assistant with at least 12 months experience, proof of dental assistant certifications</i> )	5
Cumulative GPA *GPA is determined by most recent college transcript with a minimum of 12 hours of non-developmental credit. If student has no transcript with 12 or more credit hours, then high school GPA is used to determine eligibility. 2.8 = 0 ( <i>minimum GPA to be considered for selection</i> ) 2.9 – 3.0 = 3 additional points 3.1 – 3.5 = 5 additional points 3.6 – 4.0 = 10 additional points	10
Evidence of a Completed Degree from an accredited institution Associate Degree = + 5 Bachelor Degree = + 10 Master Degree = +15	15
Maximum Selection Points	134

If a prospective student has credit for any **DEN** didactic course, the student is required to audit the course during the respective semester in the curriculum.

If a prospective student has credit for any **DEN preclinic lab or clinic course**, the student is required to retake the course in order to graduate from the Halifax Community College Dental Hygiene Program.

**Prospective students must adhere to the policies of the HCC Dental Hygiene Program including, but not limited to:**

- Attendance
- Class preparation
- Clinic preparation
- Respect for self and others
- Dress code
- Use of recording devices
- Professional conduct
- Policies and procedures of Halifax Community College

**Students selected into the Halifax Community College Dental Hygiene Program must**

- Be at least 18 years old
- Complete a physical exam form
- Be CPR certified
- Have documentation of immunizations (TB/Hep B, MMR)
- Purchase student malpractice insurance

***\*\*\*Halifax Community Dental Hygiene Program reserves the right to make revisions and/or changes in the admissions process as the need arises. \*\*\****

**DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM COURSE COMPLETION GUIDE**

<b>FALL SEMESTER FIRST YEAR</b>						
Course #	Course Title	Prerequisites:	Corequisites:	Credit Hours	Lecture	Lab/Clinical
BIO 168	Anatomy & Physiology I	(General Education Course)	*	4	3	3
DEN 110	Orofacial Anatomy	Enrollment in DH Program	*	3	2	3
DEN 111	Infection/Hazard Control	Enrollment in DH Program	*	2	2	0
DEN 112	Dental Radiography	Enrollment in DH Program	*	3	2	3
DEN 120	Dental Hygiene Preclinic Lecture	Enrollment in DH Program	DEN 121	2	2	0
DEN 121	Dental Hygiene Preclinic Lab	Enrollment in DH Program	DEN 120	2	0	6
<b>Total Credit Hours Fall Semester First Year = 16</b>				<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>SPRING SEMESTER FIRST YEAR</b>						
Course #	Course Title	Prerequisites:	Corequisites:	Credit Hours	Lecture	Lab/Clinical
CHM 130	Gen., Org., & Bio Chemistry	(General Education Course)	*	3	3	0
BIO 169	Anatomy & Physiology II	BIO 168	*	4	3	3
DEN 125	Dental Office Emergencies	Enrollment in DH	*	1	0	2
DEN 130	Dental Hygiene Theory I	DEN 120	DEN 131	2	2	0
DEN 131	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	DEN 121	DEN 130	3	0	9
DEN 124	Periodontology	Enrollment in DH	*	2	0	2
<b>Total Credit Hours Spring Semester First Year = 15</b>				<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>

<b>SUMMER SEMESTER FIRST YEAR</b>						
Course #	Course Title	Prerequisites:	Corequisites:	Credit Hours	Lecture	Lab/Clinical
BIO 175	General Microbiology	BIO 168 (General Education Course)	*	3	2	2
ENG 111	Expository Writing	(General Education Course)	*	3	3	0
DEN 123	Nutrition/Dental Health	Enrollment in DH Program	*	2	2	0
DEN 140	Dental Hygiene Theory II	DEN 130	DEN 141	1	1	0
DEN 141	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	DEN 131	DEN 140	2	0	6
<b>Total Credit Hours Summer Semester First Year = 11</b>				<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>

<b>FALL SEMESTER SECOND YEAR</b>						
Course #	Course Title	Prerequisites:	Corequisites:	Credit Hours	Lecture	Lab/Clinical
SOC 240	Social Psychology	(General Education Course)	*	3	3	0
DEN 220	Dental Hygiene Theory III	DEN 140	DEN 221	2	2	0
DEN 221	Dental Hygiene Clinic III	DEN 141	DEN 220	4	0	12
DEN 222	General/Oral Pathology	Enrollment in DH Program	*	2	2	0
DEN 223	Dental Pharmacology	CHM 130 DEN 125	DEN 224	2	2	0
DEN 224	Materials & Procedures	DEN 111	*	2	1	3
<b>Total Credit Hours Fall Semester Second Year = 15</b>				<b>15</b>	10	15

<b>SPRING SEMESTER SECOND YEAR</b>						
Course #	Course Title	Prerequisites:	Corequisites:	Credit Hours	Lecture	Lab/Clinical
HUM 115	Critical Thinking	(General Education Course)	*	3	3	0
ENG 114	Prof. Research & Reporting	ENG 111 (General Education Course)	*	3	3	0
DEN 230	Dental Hygiene Theory IV	DEN 220	DEN 231	1	1	0
DEN 231	Dental Hygiene Clinic IV	DEN 221	DEN 230	4	0	12
DEN 232	Community Dental Health	Enrollment in DH	*	3	2	3
DEN 233	Professional Development	Enrollment in DH	*	2	2	0
<b>Total Credit Hours Spring Semester Second Year = 16</b>				<b>16</b>	11	15

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS DENTAL HYGIENE CURRICULUM = 73**

\*Science courses must be completed no earlier than 2017.

BIO 168  
BIO 169  
BIO 175  
CHM 130