

**HALIFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES FOR FALL 2022
QUALIFICATION DEADLINE – JANUARY 28, 2022**

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 28, 2022

1. Submit a completed Halifax Community College Application (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 placement tests

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

4. Attend a 2022 Dental Hygiene Information Session to receive updates on the application and selection process to the HCC Dental Hygiene Program
 - Information Sessions will be held virtually for the fall 2022 admission cycle
 - Information Sessions will be hosted via zoom teleconferencing
 - PLEASE CONTACT
 VERNA HIGH
vhigh655@halifaxcc.edu for **HCC DENTAL HYGIENE INFORMATION SESSION LOGIN**
INFORMATION NO LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE INFORMATION SESSION

DENTAL HYGIENE INFORMATION SESSION SCHEDULE for FALL 2022		
Monday	August 30, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 21, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 13, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	November 18, 2021	5:00 p.m.
Friday	December 10, 2021	10:00 a.m.

5. Complete the Dental Hygiene Health Sciences Admission Application. This application will be sent electronically to applicants who have attended a 2022 Dental Hygiene Information Session.
6. Provide evidence of an overall 2.8 GPA
7. Submit **one** of the following documents:
 - Completed Dental Hygiene Interview Form (page 7)
 - Completed Certificate of Current Enrollment from ADA Accredited Dental Assisting Program Form (page 8)
 - Completed Dental Assisting Experience Documentation Form (page 9)

Application Deadline

Admission to the dental hygiene program is limited to eighteen (18) students each August. Applications will be accepted through January 21, 2022. Applicants must have submitted all required documents to the Admissions Office, including all test scores by January 21, 2022. 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 points based on the selection criteria, which include all completed documentation that is submitted by the deadline of **January 28, 2022**. See Selection Points Criteria on page 5 of this packet.

2022 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 Interview Form
 - (2) Dental Assisting Experience Documentation Form
 - (3) Dental Assisting Diploma/Certificate Form

- _____ 9. Submit evidence of 2.8 Grade Point Average

2022 Selection Points Criteria

General education courses must be completed **prior** to January 28, 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 as listed above.

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

ACADEMIC POINTS		
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 <small>Average of grades for ENG 112 and COM 231</small>
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 <small>Average of grades for SOC 210 and PSY 110</small>
Highest Total Academic Points		104

****SCIENCE Courses must be completed no more than three years prior to application, no earlier than 2018.***

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA										
Criteria	Maximum Points									
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 <i>*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.</i> 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									
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DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM INFORMATION

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, COVID 19)
- Purchase student malpractice insurance

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HALIFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Dental Hygiene Program
Dental Hygiene Interview Form
(COVID-19 Pandemic Restrictions)

Applicant's Name (Please Print) _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Dental Hygienist's Name _____

Dental Hygienist's License Number _____

Dental Practice: _____

Address: _____

Dental Practice Phone: _____

Dental Hygienist's Signature

Date

Your signature gives Halifax Community College Dental Hygiene Program permission to contact you to verify the applicant's interview with you.

Applicant:

Please interview a licensed dental hygienist employed by the above dental practice and TYPE responses to the following questions:

**Interview can be conducted virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions*

1. Identify practices and procedures you provide in this facility
2. What are some of your specific job duties not related to dental hygiene practice
3. How long have you been a dental hygienist in this dental practice
4. How long have you been licensed to practice dental hygiene
5. How many patients do you treat in an average workday
6. Do you have any input in scheduling patients
7. What is the length of the work week (days of operation per week)
8. What is the length of an average workday (daily hours)
9. What type of clinical attire is required in this dental practice
10. Who are the other members of the dental practice
11. Are staff meetings regularly scheduled and when
12. Identify the rewards of the dental hygiene profession
13. Identify the challenges of the dental hygiene profession
14. What type of community services are you involved with
15. Describe the effects of COVID-19 on your practice as a dental h



Certificate of Current Enrollment
American Dental Association Accredited Dental Assisting Program

Please verify the applicant is currently enrolled as a dental assisting student in good standing in your American Dental Association accredited Dental Assisting Program.

Applicant _____

Anticipated graduation date _____

Dental Assistant Program _____

Address _____

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip

Please Print Program Director's Name _____

Program Director's Signature _____

Date _____



DENTAL ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE DOCUMENTATION

Applicant Name _____

Please Print

Please verify your dental assisting experience.

Dental Assistant II (21 NCAC 16H .0104 DENTAL ASSISTANT II)

To be classified as a Dental Assistant II, an assistant must meet one of the following criteria:

(1) successful completion of:

(a) an ADA-accredited dental assisting program and current certification in CPR; or

(b) one academic year or longer in an ADA-accredited dental hygiene program, and current certification in CPR; or

(2) successful completion of:

(a) full-time employment and experience as a chairside assistant for two years (3,000 hours) of the preceding five, during which period the assistant may be trained in any dental delivery setting and allowed to perform the functions of a Dental Assistant II under the direct control and supervision of a licensed dentist;

(b) a 3-hour course in sterilization and infection control;

(c) a 3-hour course in dental office emergencies;

(d) radiology training consistent with G.S. 90-29© (12); and

(e) current certification in CPR; or

(3) successful completion of the certification examination administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, and current certification in CPR.

Halifax Community College Dental Hygiene Program Selection Points for **Dental Assistant II** = 5 points

a. Office trained dental assistant with at least 12 months experience and/or

b. Proof of dental assistant certifications

Documentation by Employer

Dental Facility Name _____

Office Address _____

Phone _____

I certify that the above information concerning the office-trained dental assistant experience of this applicant is correct.

Dental Facility Officer Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

***Dental Hygiene applicant must submit copies of any applicable dental assisting certifications.**

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM COURSE COMPLETION GUIDE

FALL SEMESTER FIRST YEAR						
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
Total Credit Hours Fall Semester First Year = 16				16	11	15

SPRING SEMESTER FIRST YEAR						
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
Total Credit Hours Spring Semester First Year = 15				15	8	16

SUMMER SEMESTER FIRST YEAR						
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
Total Credit Hours Summer Semester First Year = 11				11	8	8

FALL SEMESTER SECOND YEAR						
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
Total Credit Hours Fall Semester Second Year = 15				15	10	15

SPRING SEMESTER SECOND YEAR						
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
Total Credit Hours Spring Semester Second Year = 16				16	11	15

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS DENTAL HYGIENE CURRICULUM = 73
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*Science courses must be completed no earlier than 2018.

BIO 168
 BIO 169
 BIO 175
 CHM 130

General Education Course Sequence for Dental Hygiene

Prior to selection into the DH Program

Semester 1 (Fall)

Course	Credit Hours
BIO 168 (Anatomy & Physiology I)	4 credit hours
ENG 111 (Expository Writing)	3 credit hours
CHM 130 (General, Organic & Biochemistry)	3 credit hours
SOC 240 (Social Psychology) or SOC 210 (<i>Introduction to Sociology</i>)* + PSY 150 (<i>Introduction to Psychology</i>)*	3 credit hours or 3 credit hours* + 3 credit hours*
	13 credit hours total or 16 credit hours total*

Semester 2 (Spring)

Course	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
BIO 169 (Anatomy & Physiology II)	4 credit hours	BIO 168
BIO 175 (General Microbiology)	3 credit hours	BIO 168
HUM 115 (Critical Thinking)	3 credit hours	DRE 098
ENG 114 (Professional Research & Reporting) or ENG 112 (<i>Writing Research</i>) + COM 231 (<i>Public Speaking</i>)*	3 credit hours or 3 credit hours* + 3 credit hours*	ENG 111
	13 credit hours total or 16 credit hours total*	

DENTAL HYGIENE COURSE SEQUENCE

Semester	Course	Credit Hours
First Year Fall Semester	DEN 110 (Orofacial Anatomy)	3
	DEN 111 (Infection/Hazard Control)	2
	DEN 112 (Dental Radiography)	3
	DEN 120 (Dental Hygiene Preclinic Lecture)	2
	DEN 121 (Dental Hygiene Preclinic Lab)	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		12
First Year Spring Semester	DEN 124 (Periodontology)	2
	DEN 125 (Dental Office Emergencies)	1
	DEN 130 (Dental Hygiene Theory I)	2
	DEN 131 (Dental Hygiene Clinic I)	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		8
First Year Summer Semester	DEN 140 (Dental Hygiene Theory II)	1
	DEN 141 (Dental Hygiene Clinic II)	2
	DEN 123 (Nutrition/Dental Health)	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		5
Second Year Fall Semester	DEN 220 (Dental Hygiene Theory III)	2
	DEN 221 (Dental Hygiene Clinic III)	4
	DEN 223 (Dental Pharmacology)	2
	DEN 224 (Materials and Procedures)	2
	DEN 222 (General and Oral Pathology)	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		12
Second Year Spring Semester	DEN 230 (Dental Hygiene Theory IV)	1
	DEN 231 (Dental Hygiene Clinic IV)	4
	DEN 232 (Community Dental Health)	3
	DEN 233 (Professional Development)	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		10

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1. HALIFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

<http://halifaxcc.edu/Admissions/>
252-536-7225

2. PLACEMENT TESTING

<http://halifaxcc.edu/Admissions/Placement/>

3. FINANCIAL AID

<http://www.halifaxcc.edu/Depts/FinancialAid/>

4. SCHOLARSHIPS

<http://halifaxcc.edu/Foundation/Scholarships/>

5. COUNSELING

<http://www.halifaxcc.edu/Depts/Counseling/>

6. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

<http://www.halifaxcc.edu/Students/SSS/>

7. STUDENT HANDBOOK

<http://halifaxcc.edu/Academics/Catalog/>

8. TUITION AND FEES

<http://halifaxcc.edu/Academics/Tuition/>

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Applicants to the HCC Dental Hygiene Program will receive confirmation of acceptance no later than April 15, 2022. ***