DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM APPLICATION
Filing Period: January 1 – February 28

Overview
The Diablo Valley College (DVC) Dental Hygiene Program involves classroom instruction and clinical experience which prepares students to perform the educational, clinical, and laboratory responsibilities of a dental hygienist. Skills include direct patient care, patient assessment, dental hygiene care planning, scaling, root planning, radiographs, preventive measures, sealants, local anesthetic administration, nitrous oxide sedation, and customized oral health education for individuals and groups. The Dental Hygiene Program prepares students to take the national and regional exams necessary for licensure. The DVC dental hygiene curriculum requires two consecutive academic years including summers. Entrance into the program is highly competitive with enrollment limited to 20 students. The DVC dental hygiene program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACJJC) Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It has also been approved by the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC).

Application Procedures
It is the applicant's responsibility to comply with the following:

• The application filing period is January 1 through February 28.
• Complete application and supporting documents must be submitted online EXCEPT for official transcripts which must be sent to DVC Admissions and Records.
• Please read each component of the application carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
• Use the Application Checklist at the end of the application to ensure the application is complete.

Application Requirements
A complete application must include all of the following:

1. Completed Dental Hygiene Program Application form.

2. Completed Prerequisite Worksheet for Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene Degree.
   • Science prerequisites must be completed within the last 7 years.
   • Overall GPA for prerequisite coursework must be 2.75 or higher.

3. Completed Dental Office Observation forms dated within 24 months or the application filing period start date.
   • One form for prophylaxis or periodontal maintenance.
   • One form for non-surgical periodontal therapy (scaling and root planing).

4. In addition, official, sealed, unopened transcripts showing completion of all prerequisites must be sent to DVC Admissions and Records.
   • Official transcripts must be received directly from the granting institution or transcript vendor and sent to transcripts@dvc.edu.
   • Hardcopy official transcripts must be unopened and sealed, and sent to:
     DVC Admissions and Records
     321 Golf Club Rd.
     Pleasant Hill, Ca 94523

   • OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DVC ON OR PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 28.
     Exception: Transcripts are not required for coursework completed at DVC, Contra Costa College, or Los Medanos College.

Previous Applicants
Applications are not carried over from one year to the next. If you wish to be considered as a candidate each year, you must submit a completed new application containing all materials as directed. Application requirements may change from year to year. Please refer to the DVC – Dental Hygiene Program website for the most up to date information regarding admission requirements.

Program Cost Estimate
DVC Dental Hygiene Program's current cost estimate is between $15,000-18,000, subject to change annually. For financial assistance, contact the DVC Financial Aid office.
Policies for Admission

Admission to the DVC Dental Hygiene Program is based on the general admission policies for DVC (see the DVC College Catalog), guidelines consistent with state and federal law, and guidelines established by CODA and the DHBC. The program provides equal opportunity in education and employment and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap in accordance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1992 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Prerequisite Coursework
All of the following science and general education prerequisites or equivalent courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. In progress coursework will not be accepted. Overall GPA for prerequisite coursework must be 2.75 or higher.

Science Prerequisites:
BIOSCI 139 – Human Anatomy
BIOSCI 140 – Human Physiology
BIOSCI 119 - Fundamentals of Microbiology or BIOSCI 146 – Principles of Microbiology
CHEM 108 – Introductory Chemistry or CHEM 120 – General College Chemistry I or CHEM 121 – General College Chemistry II
CHEM 109 – Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry or CHEM 227 – General Organic Chemistry II (An equivalent course must include Biochemistry; An integrated Inorganic, Organic, Biochemistry course will not satisfy this requirement.)
NUTR 160 – Nutrition Science and Applications

General Education Prerequisites:
COMM 120 – Public Speaking or COMM 130 – Small Group Communication
ENGL 122- First-Year College Composition and Reading
SOCIO 120 – Introduction to Sociology
PSYCH 101 – Introduction to Psychology or PSYCH 122 – Psychology in Modern Life
MATH 135-College Algebra or MATH 142-Elementary Statistics with Probability, or higher-level math course (CSU Area 4B or IGETC Area 2)

International Coursework
Foreign college transcripts must be translated/evaluated by a foreign evaluation service that is a NACES member. A list of NACES-approved credential evaluators is available at www.naces.org. The evaluation must include a course-by-course report with semester unit equivalencies that distinguish between upper-and lower-division coursework and include letter grades. If foreign coursework is to be used to satisfy a Dental Hygiene prerequisite, catalog descriptions will be required to show course equivalencies. English coursework taken at a foreign college will not equate to English 122.

Student Selection
Class space is limited to 20 students and will be determined by a lottery. Applicants successfully meeting the primary admission requirements will be entered into the lottery. Applicants will be notified by email of their provisional acceptance, non-acceptance, or rank on an alternate list by mid-April. If a provisionally accepted student declines their acceptance into the program, the position in the class will be awarded to an alternate. All provisionally accepted students will be required to attend an Orientation Course held in late April and early May. If a student does not attend all meetings or successfully pass the Orientation Course, the position in the class will be awarded to an alternate. The alternate list is only valid for the current application cycle.

Dental Hygiene Orientation and Program Entrance Requirements
Provisionally accepted students must enroll in and attend DENHY 101. Please check the DVC Spring Schedule for specific dates and times. Admission is contingent upon completion of this course with a grade of 75% or higher to formally be accepted into the Dental Hygiene program. If the student does not pass the orientation, the position in the class will be awarded to an alternate.

Prior to the start of Summer courses, students who have successfully passed DENHY 101 will be required to show: (1) CPR/BLS certification for Health Care Providers; (2) current immunizations/titer following CDC guidelines for healthcare providers; (3) proof of satisfactory tuberculosis (TB) screening; (4) current physical examination; (5) passing background check; and (6) passing certified drug test. Reporting documents will be distributed with acceptance letters.

National and State Licensing Requirements
All states require dental hygienists to be licensed. Licensure requires successful completion of a course of study in an accredited dental hygiene program, passing the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination, and passing a regional practical exam. In addition, the California Dental Practice Act requires candidates to be of good moral character and citizens of the United States (or lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States). Fingerprinting is also required and checked by the Department of Justice and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation prior to state licensure. Prospective students are advised that if they are not lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States upon program completion, have a felony or misdemeanor conviction, or have a history of substance abuse or infectious disease, they may be precluded from subsequent licensure as a dental hygienist in California. A social security number or an individual tax identification number is also required. Applicants should contact the Dental Hygiene Board of California for more information at www.dhbc.ca.gov.

Additional Information
No guarantee can be made that an applicant will be accepted into the dental hygiene program. Falsifying statements on the application, issues with the certified background check, or failing the drug test are cause for denial or dismissal from the program. If an applicant is not admitted into the dental hygiene program, DVC offers other programs that may be of interest. Please contact a DVC counselor for more information at (925) 969-2140.
Dental Hygiene Application

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Are you a citizen of the United States? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Are you lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States upon program completion and licensure? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Are you an international student on an F-1 Visa? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Have you attended DVC before? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Have you attended another Dental Hygiene program? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If "Yes", where and when did you attend, and what was the reason for leaving

Colleges Attended

Please list ALL colleges where prerequisites were taken with the most current dates first.
Please provide confirmation numbers for transcripts sent to DVC Admissions and Records electronically. Please provide tracking (noting the carrier) for transcripts sent as hardcopy.

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Applicant Certification

Submission of this form certifies that I have personally read and completed the above application. I understand the application criteria and procedures for the Dental Hygiene Program. I accept complete responsibility for submitting all required official documents. All information provided is true and accurate.

Signature ___________________ Date ____________
Prerequisite Worksheet for Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Dental Hygiene

**Directions:** Enter the course number, course title, college where the course was taken, the year the course was completed, the units earned, and grade received. Substitutions requests for general education courses must be submitted to Admissions and Records.

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Signature

Date
The Dental Office Observation

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The Diablo Valley College Dental Hygiene Program requires prospective dental hygiene students to observe two dental hygiene procedures to gain an understanding of dental and dental hygiene practices.

• One observation of a prophylaxis or periodontal maintenance appointment.
• One observation of a nonsurgical periodontal therapy (scaling and root planing) appointment.

Our goal is that applicants will be better informed regarding the daily activities of the clinical career path.

The applicant can observe 2 different hygienists in 2 separate offices or the same hygienist for both procedures. Each observation requires a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 8 hours. The observations must be completed and the forms signed by the dentist and dental hygienist regardless of the employment experience of the prospective applicant.

The forms must be submitted in PDF format.

1. The Dental Office Observation Form must be dated within 24 months of the application filing period start date.

2. Download and print the Observation Forms.

   Prophylaxis and Periodontal Maintenance Form
   Non-surgical Periodontal Therapy Form

3. Complete required observations.

4. Upload the completed observation forms with all necessary signatures, license numbers, and dental office business cards.
   Prophylaxis or Periodontal Maintenance Observation (PDF format) *
   Non-surgical Periodontal Therapy Observation (PDF format) *
2022 Dental Hygiene Program Applicant Checklist

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Directions:
Please use the checkboxes below to ensure that you have included all components of the application and that the information provided is complete. Please do not contact the Dental Hygiene Program or the Director of Dental Programs to ask about the status of your application. All applications are processed and reviewed by Admissions and Records.

- Dental Hygiene Application
- Prerequisite Worksheet for AS in Dental Hygiene including applicant’s signature
- Dental Office Observation Forms dated within 24 months of the application filing period start date, scanned and uploaded in PDF format.
- Official, sealed, and unopened hardcopy or electronic transcripts from all colleges and universities attended reflecting final grades.
- Electronic transcripts sent from granting institution or transcript vendor email to transcripts@dvc.edu.
- or
- Hardcopy transcripts mailed to:
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  Exception: Transcripts are not required for coursework completed at DVC, Contra Costa or Los Medanos Colleges

Misc. Comment (Optional)

Signature: __________________________________________________________ Date: ______________________
