

PROGRAM APPLICATION 2022

Filing Period: January 1 – February 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Overview

This is a two-year program of 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 program prepares students to take written and clinical licensing exams. The Dental Hygiene curriculum requires two consecutive academic years including summers. Entrance into the Diablo Valley College (DVC) Dental Hygiene 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 and by the United States Department of Education and has also been approved by the Dental Hygiene Board of California.

Application Procedures

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

- Application acceptance period is **January 1, 2022 through February 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Application must be submitted online EXCEPT for official transcripts.
- Application filing procedures must be followed carefully ·

If your application is incomplete, it will not be considered: **Please use the Application Checklist at the end of the application**

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.
3. Completed Dental Office Observation form (dated within the last 24 months) including signatures uploaded.
4. In addition, you must separately send official transcripts from all institutions attended. 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, sealed and sent to: DVC Admissions and Records 321 Golf Club Rd Pleasant Hill, Ca 94523. ALL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE ON FILE AT DVC BY....MARCH 1, 2022. 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 in 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: <https://www.dvc.edu/academics/departments/hygiene/apply.html>

Policies for Admission

Admission to the DVC Dental Hygiene Program is based on the general admission policies for DVC (see the DVC College Catalog for General Admission Policies), guidelines consistent with state and federal law, and guidelines established by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and the Dental Hygiene Board of California. 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.

Program Cost Estimate

DVC Dental Hygiene Program current cost estimate for 2022-2023 is between \$15,000-18,000, subject to change annually. For financial assistance, contact the DVC Financial Aid office at (925) 969-2009 or visit <https://www.dvc.edu/student-services/financial-aid/>

International Coursework

Foreign college transcripts need to be translated/evaluated by a foreign evaluation services that is a NACES member. A list of NACES approved credential evaluators is available at www.naces.org. 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 DH requirement, catalog descriptions will be required to show course equivalencies. English coursework taken at a foreign college will not equate to English 122. The official, evaluated transcript must be included in your application packet.

Process for Admission

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. **All** of the following science and general education prerequisites or equivalent courses must be completed by December 2021 with a grade of "C" 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; Equivalent course must include biochemistry
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 or equivalent
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 or IGETC-level math course

Student Selection

All applicants will be notified by email of their provisional acceptance, rank on alternate list, or non-acceptance into the program by mid-April 2022. Provisionally accepted students are required to attend the orientation which will be held April 29-30 and May 13-14. If the student does not attend all course meetings or successfully pass the orientation, the position in the class will be awarded to an alternate. If the provisionally accepted student declines their acceptance into the program, the position in the class will be awarded to an alternate. The alternate list is only valid for the current application cycle.

Admission Requirements for DVC Dental Hygiene Program Provisional Accepted Students

1. Provisionally accepted students must enroll in and attend DENHY 101 – Dental Hygiene Orientation in the Spring 2022 semester. Dates: April 29-30 and May 13-14. Admission is contingent upon completion of this course with a grade of 75% or higher to formally be accepted into the 2023 Dental Hygiene graduating class. If the student does not pass the orientation, the position in the class will be awarded to an alternate. 2. Prior to July 1st, students who have successfully passed DENHY 101 will be required to show: (1) proof of CPR/BLS issued by the American Heart Association or Red Cross (Must be for Healthcare Providers) (2) required immunizations/titers; (3) proof of a negative TB test; (4) results of a recent physical examination/screening; (5) results of a certified background check; and (6) results of a certified drug test. Reporting documents will be distributed during the DENHY 101 – Dental Hygiene Orientation course.

National and State Licensing Requirements

All states require that dental hygienists be licensed. In addition to successfully completing the course of study in an accredited dental hygiene program, passing the written National Dental Hygiene Board Examination, and passing a regional practical exam, the California Dental Practice Act requires that candidates for licensure be of good moral character and be citizens of the United States or lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States. Fingerprinting is 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 felony or misdemeanor convictions or have a history of substance abuse or infectious disease that this may preclude subsequent licensure as a dental hygienist in California. Additionally, students must have a social security number or an individual tax identification number in order to apply for licensure in the State of California. 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. Making false statements on the application, issues with the certified background check or drug test are cause for entrance 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

Date * Date of Birth * DVC 7 Digit Student ID Number *

Last Name * First Name * Middle * Other Used *

Mailing Address * City * County * Country * Zip Code *

Home Telephone * Work Telephone * Cell Telephone * Email Address *

Are you a citizen of the United States? *

Are you lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States upon program completion and licensure? *

Are you an international student on an F-1 Visa? *

Have you attended DVC before? *

Have you attended another DH program? *

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

Please list the name, starting and ending dates, and any degrees or certificates, for all colleges, technical and vocational schools attended. Also include colleges in which courses were attempted although they may not have been completed. Please list the most current dates 1st. Upload your transcripts from all colleges **UNLESS** they are from Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos or Contra Costa College

| Name of College | City and State | Years Attended | Name and date of degree awarded; or state "degree in progress"; or "no degree" |
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Applicant's 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

Filing Period: January 1 – February 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Directions: This form is to be completed by the applicant. Enter the course number, course title, college where the course was taken, the date (semester) the course was completed. Substitutions for General Education Courses must be submitted to Admissions and Records.

| DVC Category/Course | Equivalent Course # | Course Name | College Where Course Was Taken | Year Completed | Course Grade |
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| Prerequisites - Sciences (within 7 yrs) | | | | | |
| BIOSC 139 Anatomy | * | * | * | * | * |
| BIOSC 140 Physiology | * | * | * | * | * |
| BIOSC 119 or BIOSC 146 Microbiology | * | * | * | * | * |
| CHEM 108 or CHEM 120 or CHEM 121 Chemistry | * | * | * | * | * |
| CHEM 109 or CHEM 227 Organic/Biochemistry | * | * | * | * | * |
| NUTRI 160 Nutrition | * | * | * | * | * |
| Prerequisites – General Education | | | | | |
| ENGL 122 | * | * | * | * | * |
| COMM 120 or COMM 130 | * | * | * | * | * |
| MATH 135 or MATH 142 or | * | * | * | * | * |
| SOCIO 120 | * | * | * | * | * |
| PSYCH 101 or PSYCH 122 | * | * | * | * | * |

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Submission of this form certifies that I have personally read and completed the above worksheet. All information provided can be verified by transcripts. I accept complete responsibility for submitting all required official documents.

Signature _____

Date _____

The Dental Office Observation

Filing Period: January 1 – February 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m

Instructions on how to complete the observation form:

1. The Dental Office Observation Form must be dated between 01/01/2021 – 02/25/2022
2. Download and print Observation form
<https://www.dvc.edu/academics/departments/hygiene/pdfs/DH-Observation-Form-2022.pdf>
3. Complete required observations. Two observations are required. Each observation requires a minimum of 3 hours and maximum of 8 hours.
4. Upload the completed observation form with all necessary signatures, license numbers and dental office business cards.



2022 Dental Hygiene Program Applicant Checklist

Directions:

To be completed by applicant and included in application package. Please use the check boxes below to ensure that you have included everything in your application package and that it is complete. Please do not contact the Dental Hygiene Program or the Dental Hygiene Program Coordinator to ask about the status of your application. All applications are processed and reviewed by Admissions and Records.

Completed applications are due by February 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE ON FILE AT DVC BYMARCH 1, 2022

- Dental Hygiene Application
- Prerequisite Worksheet for AS in Dental Hygiene including applicant's signature
- Dental Office Observation Form dated between 01-01-2021 and 2-25-2022, scanned and uploaded.
- Official, sealed, and unopened or electronic (from institutional email) official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended reflecting final grades. All official transcripts must be on file at DVC by March 1, 2022. (Email official transcripts to transcripts@dvc.edu. Mail official transcripts to DVC Admissions and Records 321 Golf Club Rd. Pleasant Hill, Ca 94523)

Exception: Transcripts are not required for coursework completed at DVC, Contra Costa or Los Medanos Colleges

Misc. Comment (Optional)

Signature _____

Date: _____