



# Gulf Coast Community College

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## Health Sciences Division Dental Programs

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Gulf Coast Community College Dental Hygiene Program. Enclosed you will find the information that you requested. If you would like to be accepted into our dental hygiene program, there are ***three*** things that you can do to help us serve you better.

First, **READ THE ENTIRE ADMISSION PACKAGE**. It contains important information you need to know in order to complete the application process. Remember, you are responsible for insuring that your application folder is ***complete*** prior to the deadline.

Next, apply for admission to Gulf Coast Community College. Applications can be obtained on campus from the Office of Admissions and Records, by calling 850.872.3892, or by visiting the college web site at [www.gulfcoast.edu](http://www.gulfcoast.edu). This will not only start the college admissions process, but will also permit you access to a variety of services available at the college.

Finally, complete and return the application form for the Dental Hygiene Program. This will confirm your program of interest and will enable us to establish a permanent location for your other application documents as you return them.

If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at 850.747.3248. The website for the dental programs is <http://dental.gulfcoast.edu/>. The college toll-free number is 1.800.311.3685, ext. 3248

Thank you again for your interest and good luck with your educational plans.

Sincerely,

*Laura Justice*

Laura Justice, Coordinator  
Dental Programs

# **GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**

## **STUDENT APPLICATION AND INFORMATION PACKET**

**Deadline for application: MARCH 15**

### **GENERAL CAREER INFORMATION:**

The dental hygienist is a licensed member of the dental health team, dedicated to helping patients maintain good oral health and preventing dental disease. Although the tasks performed by a hygienist vary from state to state, the primary functions are:

- Remove calculus and plaque (hard and soft deposits) above and below the gumline
- Assess and chart the teeth and oral structures
- Expose, process and label dental radiographs
- Provide oral hygiene instructions
- Provide dietary analysis and counseling services
- Apply cavity-prevention agents, such as fluoride and sealants
- Work with special population groups such as the elderly, and the mentally/physically handicapped
- Perform the Expanded Functions legally allowable in Florida

### **EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

The two-year college curriculum is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the licensure and employment needs of the student. The curriculum includes content in general education, biomedical sciences, dental sciences, and dental hygiene science.

**APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE PREREQUISITE COURSES PRIOR TO ADMISSIONS INTO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE AS MANY OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE INTO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM.** Refer to the general education sequence for the specific requirements.

## **BASIC PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS:**

To become licensed to practice dental hygiene, the graduate must first apply for and successfully pass the Dental Hygiene National Board written examination. The student then must apply for and take the state examination, which is composed of a written examination of the Florida Dental Law and a practical examination on a clinical patient. The license is issued by the Board of Dentistry and must be renewed every two years through a process of continuing education.

## **EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Dental Hygiene is one of the fastest growing career fields due to the emphasis on preventive dental health care. Hygienists have a range of career opportunities in areas such as:

Private dental offices	Specialty Dental Offices
Hospitals/Nursing Homes	Foreign Service
Education	Insurance
Federal Services	Dental Supply Sales
Management and Consultation	Public Health Departments
Research and Design	Public School Systems

## **PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

One class of *sixteen* students is selected each year. Students not selected are encouraged to enroll in and complete all general education courses while reapplying to the program for the next year. Students should receive advising and counseling regarding their status and recommended courses. The hygiene program is a rigorous, full-time program that requires commitment and hard work. For a portion of their laboratory learning experiences it is necessary for students to practice on each other. If for any medical or dental reason a student is unable to participate, it will be the student's responsibility to provide a patient for each of those sessions.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA AND INFORMATION:**

Selection to the program is based upon an objective cumulative point system. The point system is based upon earned grade point averages (GPA), the number of general education courses and grades completed with a "C" or better, and lastly, through optional enhancement points. Enhancement points include: Dental assisting education, DANB certification, advanced degrees (BS, BA, MS), letters of recommendation, a course in medical terminology, developmental psychology, and shadowing a RDH for a workday. Remaining qualified applicants are placed on an alternate list to be notified as space becomes available.

APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED FOR EACH CLASS AND ARE ***NOT*** AUTOMATICALLY HELD OVER FOR THE NEXT SELECTION PROCESS. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO RENEW AND UPDATE THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

## **FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIP, AND GRANTS:**

Students requiring financial assistance should contact the Office of Financial Aid located in the Student Union Building.

## REFERENCE CHECKLIST FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS

### ● **Deadline for applications: March 15**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Apply for general admission to Gulf Coast Community College**  
Call or visit the college Admissions Office to obtain an application for admission and receive information on the college admissions process. Applications are also available online at: [www.gulfcoast.edu](http://www.gulfcoast.edu)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Apply for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program**  
Submit the completed application materials in this package, including the technical standards form, to the Division of Health Sciences.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **Complete prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of “C”**
  1. BSC 2085 A & P I Anatomy/Physiology
  2. BSC 2085L A & P I Anatomy/Physiology Lab
  3. ENC 1101 English
  4. HUN 1201 Nutrition
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **Demonstration of Algebra Competence:**  
Students may demonstrate this competency in one of the following ways:
  1. **CPT:** Take the Algebra CPT and achieve a minimum score of 72  
- OR -
  2. **ACT:** Achieve a math score of 19  
- OR -
  3. **SAT:** Achieve a math score of 440  
- OR -
  4. **(MAT 0024) Fundamentals of Algebra course:** Complete with a grade of “C” or higher. Completion of a higher-level algebra course **or** College Business Math will also satisfy this requirement. Note that MAT 1033 or QMB 1001 is required for graduation.

(If the applicant wishes to use test scores to demonstrate competency for any of the above, and the test was not administered at Gulf Coast Community College, the applicant must have an **OFFICIAL** score report sent to the GCCC **testing** office. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the scores are received and posted to their GCCC computer record prior to the deadline.)

Computerized Placement Tests (CPT) are given in the **Student Union East room #60**. The fee is \$4.00. (See Placement Testing Schedule on the college website for additional information or call the Testing Office at (850) 769-1551, ext. 3533.) Study guides for the tests are available in the college bookstore. The tests may be taken only two times in a semester. Please NOTE that the semester begins on the first scheduled class day on the college calendar.

Please call Mr. Craig Wise at 850-769-1551, ext. 3311 to verify receipt of your application and file folder contents prior to March 15 deadline.

**- CHECK SHEET CONTINUED ON BACK OF THIS PAGE -**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. **Provide High School and College Transcripts**  
**Official transcripts** from high school (or GED) and **all** colleges attended must be sent to the college Admissions and Records office. You are responsible for ensuring that all college transcripts are **evaluated** prior to the deadline date (**March 15**). An official transcript is a transcript that is sent **directly** from the granting institution (college/university) to Gulf Coast Community College admissions office. Transcripts that have been in the student's possession, (regardless of whether they are "sealed", stamped or in a sealed envelope) are not considered official and will not be accepted.
- (Note: if you are enrolled in classes at another institution that will not be completed prior to the deadline and you want these uncompleted classes to be considered in selection, you must submit documentation of enrollment to the Division of Health Sciences prior to the deadline).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. **Submit documentation of optional enhancement items. These items include:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate from an ADA accredited dental assisting program
  - \_\_\_\_\_ DANB certification
  - \_\_\_\_\_ On the job experience in dental assisting,
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 2 letters of recommendation from dental health care providers, previous employers or teachers/instructors
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Course in medical terminology
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Course in developmental psychology
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of verification of shadowing a dental hygienist for one workday
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Any advanced degrees achieved (BS, BA, MA or MS)

Please submit all documentation to the Division of Health Sciences.

**After provisional acceptance, students are REQUIRED to complete:**

1. ***Health Sciences Report of Vaccination History to include:***
  - ◆ Hepatitis B Surface Antigen Test
  - ◆ Hepatitis B vaccine series, if surface antigen is positive
  - ◆ PPD Mantoux/TB Test: Annually (**May require chest radiograph if previously positive PPD Mantoux/TB test**)
  - ◆ MMR
  - ◆ Tetanus (every 10 years)
2. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**  
**SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT CPR CARD WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

**Only applications that are current and complete are considered for selection. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure their application folder is complete prior to the deadline. Applications are only considered after the deadline providing space is available.**

**Please contact us if you have any questions.**

*Kim Guilford, CDA, RDH, BS*  
 Assistant Coordinator, Dental Hygiene  
 850 – 747-3244

*Teri Stephens, RDH, MS*  
 Dental Hygiene Faculty  
 850 – 769-1551, ext. 2819

**If the above faculty is unavailable, please contact:**

Craig Wise, Assistant Coordinator, Health Sciences Admissions  
**(850) 913-3311**  
 or toll-free **1-800-311-3685**

# GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION

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### - APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION -

### DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

*Answer ALL Questions: Please TYPE or PRINT (please use black ink)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  

First
Middle
Last
Maiden Name

Male  Female

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  

Street & No.
City
State
County
Zip

**MAILING ADDRESS** (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Area Code: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Area Code: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Area Code: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION

*Official Transcript(s) MUST BE RECEIVED* by the Office of Admissions & Records.  
 ALL schools and colleges attended must be listed for the application to be complete.

Name of School	Location of School	From Month/Year	To Month/Year	Did you Receive Diploma? Degree? Certificate?	What was your Major/Minor?
High School or GED:					
College or University:					
College or University:					

Type                      Issued by Which State or Agency                      License No.                      Date

Professional Licenses \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Certifications \_\_\_\_\_



**GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM  
ASSOCIATE SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE**

The suggested curriculum plan below is for students needing to complete General Ed. courses during the Dental Hygiene program. The Dental Hygiene classes in the program begin in fall semester/Term 1. Dental courses must be taken as scheduled.

**Prerequisites:**

*BSC 2085	Human Anatomy & Physiology I .....	3
*BSC 2085L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab .....	1
*HUN 1201	Principles of Nutrition. ....	3
*ENC 1101	English Composition I .....	3
	<b>10</b>	

The following 6 courses must be completed prior to graduation, but are preferred before entering Term 1

BSC 2086	Human Anatomy & Physiology II .....	3
BSC 2086L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab .....	1
CHM 1032	Elements of Biochemistry.....	3
MCB 2004	Microbiology .....	3
MCB 2004L	Microbiology Lab.....	1
SPC 1600	Introduction to Public Speaking.....	3
	<b>14</b>	

**FRESHMAN  
TERM 1 FALL**

DEH 1002	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene.....	3
DEH 1002L	Pre-Clinical Procedures .....	3
DES 1010	Head and Neck Anatomy .....	2
DES 1000	Dental Anatomy .....	2
DES 1100C	Dental Materials.....	3
DES 1200	Radiology I .....	2
DES 1200L	Radiology I Lab.....	1
	<b>16</b>	

**TERM 2 SPRING**

DES 1830	Expanded Functions .....	1
DES 1830L	Expanded Functions Lab.....	1
DEH 1800	Dental Hygiene I .....	2
DEH 1800L	Dental Hygiene Clinical I.....	5
DEH 1130	Oral Histology and Embryology .....	2
DEH 1400	Oral Pathology .....	2
DES 1201	Radiology II .....	1
DES 1201L	Radiology II Lab .....	1
DEH 2300	Pharmacology .....	2
	<b>17</b>	

**TERM 3 SUMMER**

DEH 1802C	Dental Hygiene Clinical II .....	3
	<b>3</b>	

**SOPHOMORE****TERM 4 FALL**

DEH 2602	Periodontics I .....	2
DEH 2702	Dental Public Health.....	2
DEH 2804	Dental Hygiene III .....	2
DEH 2804L	Dental Hygiene Clinical III .....	5
SYG 2000	Principles of Sociology.....	3
	Approved College Math.....	3
	<b>17</b>	

**TERM 5 SPRING**

DEH 2702L	Public Health Lab .....	1
DEH 2806	Dental Hygiene IV.....	2
* <b>DEH 2806L</b>	Dental Hygiene Clinical IV.....	5
	Humanities Elective.....	3
	<b>11</b>	

**TOTAL CREDITS****88****\*Prerequisites courses:**

- \* **DEH2806L** Dental Hygiene Clinic IV requires the student to travel to Eglin A.F.B and the CCA Prison at their own expense.

**GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM  
ASSOCIATE SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE**

**To be competitive, students are encouraged to complete as many of the general education courses as possible prior to the selection deadline.**

General Education Course Requirements

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
ENC 1101	English Composition I ..... 3
	College Math (MAT 1033 or QMB 1001 or higher)..... 3
	Humanities Elective ..... 3
HUN 1201	Principles of Nutrition ..... 3
SYG 2000	Principles of Sociology ..... 3
BSC 2085	Human Anatomy & Physiology I ..... 3
BSC 2085L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab..... 1
BSC 2086	Human Anatomy & Physiology II..... 3
BSC 2086L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab ..... 1
MCB 2004	Microbiology ..... 3
MCB 2004L	Microbiology Lab..... 1
CHM 1032	Elements of Biochemistry..... 3
SPC 1600	Intro to Public Speaking ..... 3
	<b>33</b>

Core Course Requirements

DES 1010	Head & Neck Anatomy ..... 2
DES 1000	Dental Anatomy ..... 2
DEH 1130	Oral Histology & Embryology ..... 2
DES 1100C	Dental Materials..... 3
DES 1200	Radiology I ..... 2
DES 1200L	Radiology I Lab..... 1
DEH 2300	Pharmacology ..... 2
DEH 1400	Oral Pathology ..... 2
DES 1201	Radiology II..... 1
DES 1201L	Radiology II Lab ..... 1
DEH 1002	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene..... 3
DEH 1002L	Pre-Clinic Procedures..... 3
DES 1830	Expanded Functions ..... 1
DES 1830L	Expanded Functions Lab..... 1
DEH 1800	Dental Hygiene I ..... 2
DEH 1800L	Dental Hygiene Clinical I..... 5
DEH 1802C	Dental Hygiene Clinical II ..... 3
DEH 2602	Periodontics I ..... 2
DEH 2702	Dental Public Health ..... 2
DEH 2702L	Dental Public Health Lab..... 1
DEH 2804	Dental Hygiene III ..... 2
DEH 2804L	Dental Hygiene Clinical III ..... 5
DEH 2806	Dental Hygiene IV ..... 2
DEH 2806L	Dental Hygiene Clinical IV..... 5
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**TOTAL CREDITS**

**88**



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**GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM  
TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

A dental auxiliary is a health care professional whose primary responsibility is to work with the dentist in the office and perform duties delegated by the dentist in the office. In addition to the duties of the profession, the auxiliary must always be aware of the patient's condition needs and be able to interact appropriately.

**Cognitive Qualifications:**

In addition to minimum requirements regarding reading, language, and math skills, the student must, unassisted:

1. Demonstrate ability to comprehend and interpret written materials.
2. Follow written and oral directions.
3. Synthesize information from written material and apply the knowledge to various situations.

**Psychomotor Qualifications:**

1. Vision - normal, corrected.
2. Hearing - normal, corrected or aidable.
3. Touch - normal tactile sensitivity.

**Physical Qualifications:**

1. Perform clinical for 3 hours without a break.
2. Stand for several hours.
3. Lift with assistance 150 pounds.
4. Successfully complete a CPR certification course.

**Communication Qualifications:**

1. The ability to interact and verbally communicate with others.
2. Knowledge of basic written, grammar, and spelling skills.

I have read the above technical standards. I feel it is within my ability to carry out the duties and qualifications of a dental hygienist.

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Signature of Student

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Date