



## Dental Hygiene

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### Department Website:

<http://www.collin.edu/dentalhygiene/>

### Program Options:

#### AAS - Dental Hygiene

**Licensure Notice:** Students who have been involved with the criminal system, please be advised that your background could keep you from being licensed by the State of Texas. If you have a question about your background and licensure, please speak with your faculty member or the department chair. You also have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from the applicable licensing agency.

The Dental Hygiene Program is designed to prepare individuals to become licensed health care professionals who specialize in non-surgical periodontal therapy and oral health education. A broad-based education in biological sciences, humanities, dental sciences and clinical technologies prepares the graduate for work, under the supervision of a dentist, in private practice and community settings as a member of the dental health team.

Dental Hygiene is a two-year program that begins during the fall semester each year. Classes are scheduled at the Central Park Campus in McKinney. Enrollment is limited, and admission to the program is competitive. Courses listed in the curriculum must be taken in sequence to assure progression in content from simple to complex. Clinical students are required to submit a physical, dental and visual acuity report upon entrance to the program.

Dental Hygiene students must meet eligibility requirements for licensure as established by the State Board of Dental Examiners (<http://www.tsbde.state.tx.us>) in the State of Texas. If a student has reason to believe he/she is ineligible for licensure, he/she should contact the Board regarding their specific concerns prior to entrance into the program.

A drug scan, background check and CPR with AED certification for health professionals will be required upon acceptance into the program. Requirements for dental hygiene licensure as set by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) defines that individuals be “of good moral character.” All individuals accepted into the program must meet licensure eligibility requirements. Information received from the background check or drug scan may result in dismissal from the program.

The applicant must be in good health and emotionally stable and must furnish physical, dental and eye examination records. Forms will be provided by the dental hygiene department. In addition, the state of Texas requires the applicant to provide proof of all immunizations required by the state as defined in the Texas Administrative Code. \*Other requirements include Hepatitis B vaccination and titer and annual TB testing, annual Flu vaccine, Varicella titer and Tetanus vaccine. A letter of declination must be signed if the candidate is unable to receive the Hepatitis B series.

Applicants who believe they are at an increased risk of contracting an infectious disease should seek testing and counseling prior to making application to the Dental Hygiene Program. All students accepted into the program are expected to follow standard precautions and are financially responsible for any necessary testing / treatment resulting from an occupational incident and/or communicable disease exposure. No student is allowed to deliver patient care in any setting until he/she has mastered material on safety / standard precautions with satisfactory accuracy.

The student is awarded an AAS degree upon successful completion of the program. The graduate is eligible for national and regional examinations.

Students planning to transfer to a college or university should check with Collin academic advisors. Also check the degree requirement of the intended transfer college prior to beginning this program to verify course degree applicability.

### FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES / CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS STATEMENT

After initial acceptance to this program, all students are required to meet specific functional abilities with or without accommodations for successful completion of the program and to function safely and effectively in the variety of the profession’s settings. The specific functional requirements are found in “Functional Abilities / Core Performance Standards” documents provided in the program information and application packets. Students who think they may not be able to meet the functional standards and need accommodation are encouraged to contact the college ACCESS department as soon as this program is of interest.

### ACCREDITATION

Collin’s Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and has been granted the accreditation status of approval without reporting requirements. The council is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Department of Education.

## SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to this program is selective. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. Registration is by permission only. Information and applications may be obtained from the Dental Hygiene Program Director or dental hygiene website at <http://www.collin.edu/dentalhygiene/>.

- Provide proof of high school graduation or GED
- Complete pre-entrance course requirements with a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Earn a grade of “C” or better in all courses applicable to the Dental Hygiene program
- Submit official copies of all college transcripts
- Complete the PSB exam with a satisfactory result
- Completion of immunizations required by the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) \*.
- Submit a typed, one -page essay that discusses why dental hygiene has been selected as a profession
- Submit two reference forms: one from an employer and one from an educator
- Completion of an Observation Form: Observing of a dental office / Registered Dental Hygienist
- Completion of a personal interview with the Program Director and faculty

*\* It is important to note that one of the required vaccinations, Hepatitis B, consists of a three dose series, which can take up to 7 months to complete. Individuals unable to receive the HBV must inform the Program Director. In such cases the applicant must sign a declination form. All immunizations must be complete before the first clinical visit.*

## AAS – Dental Hygiene

68 credit hours

*Note: All science and mathematics courses that are part of the curriculum, but completed at a regionally accredited institution, must have been completed within five years of the fall semester of the admission year in order to receive transfer credit.*

### PRE-ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I <sup>1</sup>  
BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II  
BIOL 2420 Microbiology for  
Non-Science Majors  
CHEM 1405 Introduction to Chemistry I

## FIRST YEAR

### First Semester

DHYG 1201 Orofacial Anatomy, Histology and Embryology  
DHYG 1304 Dental Radiology  
DHYG 1431 Preclinical Dental Hygiene  
ENGL 1301 Composition I  
SPCH 1311 Introduction to Speech Communication  
(See [Speech](#) options)

### Second Semester

DHYG 1207 General and Dental Nutrition  
DHYG 1219 Dental Materials  
DHYG 1227 Preventive Dental Hygiene Care  
DHYG 1235 Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist  
DHYG 1261 Clinical I - Dental Hygienist  
PSYC 2301 General Psychology <sup>1</sup>

## SECOND YEAR

### First Semester

DHYG 1211 Periodontology  
DHYG 1215 Community Dentistry  
DHYG 1239 General and Oral Pathology  
DHYG 2153 Dental Hygiene Practice  
DHYG 2201 Dental Hygiene Care I  
DHYG 2361 Clinical II - Dental Hygienist

### Second Semester

DHYG 2102 Applied Community Dentistry  
DHYG 2231 Dental Hygiene Care II (Capstone)  
DHYG 2363 Clinical III - Dental Hygienist  
GEN ED Humanities / Fine Arts course  
SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology

1. No course substitutions