Thank you for your interest in Collin College’s Dental Hygiene Program. The enclosed packet provides information regarding admission procedures, required courses, and tuition/fees.

Collin College’s Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene is rated as an EXEMPLARY PROGRAM in the State of Texas by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and has been awarded Accreditation with the American Dental Association’s (ADA) Council on Dental Accreditation.

Dental hygiene is a two-year program that begins in the fall semester of each year. Dental hygiene classes are scheduled at the Central Park Campus in McKinney. Enrollment is limited and admission is competitive. Admission to Collin College does not imply or guarantee admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. The program application deadline is 5:00 P.M. Friday, January 30, 2015. However, applications to the program should be submitted as soon as possible.

Upon successful completion of the program, the student is awarded an Associate of Applied Science Degree and is eligible to sit for national and regional licensing examinations.

This admissions packet has been designed to answer your questions regarding dental hygiene admission. If you have further questions after reading this information you may contact the Dental Hygiene Center Office at (972) 548-6535 or the Dental Hygiene adviser at (972) 548-6778. If you are enrolled in a prerequisite course at the time of application, please include a document from your instructor on College letterhead stating your grade at the time of application.

Good luck with your application process!

Christine McClellan, RDH, MSEd
Dental Hygiene Program Director

Specific program requirements and program selection and acceptance criteria are subject to change at any time and without notice. It is the applicant’s responsibility to keep informed of current program requirements.
**Course Number** | **Course Title**  
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BIOL 2401 | Anatomy & Physiology I *  
BIOL 2402 | Anatomy & Physiology II  
CHEM 1405 | Introduction to Chemistry I  

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*BIOL 1406 or CLEP test or Biology Department assessment test within three years is a prerequisite for this class. No substitutions for BIOL 2401. Please contact Dr. David McCulloch at dmcculoch@collin.edu to make arrangements to take the Biology Department assessment test.  

1 May substitute CHEM 1411  
2 Select one course: ARTS 1301, ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304, ARTS 1313, DANC 2303, DRAM 1310 DRAM 2361, DRAM 2362, ENGL 2322, ENGL 2323, ENGL 2327, ENGL 2328, ENGL 2332, ENGL 2333, ENGL 2342, ENGL 2343, ENGL 2351, FREN 2303, FREN 2304, HIST 2311, HIST 2312, HIST 2321, HIST 2322, HUMA 1301, HUMA 1305, MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307, PHIL 1301, PHIL 1304, Phil 2303, PHIL 2306, PHIL 2307, PHIL2321.  

Underlined courses denote general education core.  

All dental hygiene applicants must be certified in CPR, American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Providers (CPR & AED) prior to enrolling in DHYG 1331.
Collin College
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Specific Criteria for Admission

This packet of information contains the dental hygiene curriculum, program admission requirements, an application to the program, an estimate of anticipated expenses, and two reference forms.

1. Submit the following for general admission to Collin College:
   Please check with the Admissions Office for specific requirements.
   - completed admissions application
   - official college/university transcripts from all schools attended – copies not accepted
   - GED Certificate or high school transcript

   The applicant must be at least 18 years of age and have earned a high school diploma or GED Certificate.

   A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required on all college courses completed and applicable for transfer or admission into the program.

2. Submit the following to the Dental Hygiene Department at the Central Park Campus:
   - completed dental hygiene program application
   - official college/university transcripts from all schools attended
   - GED Certificate or high school transcript

3. Dental Hygiene students must meet eligibility requirements for licensure as established by the State Board of Dental Examiners (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.

4. The applicant must be in good health and furnish physical, dental and eye examination records. Forms will be provided by the dental hygiene department, once accepted into the program.

   In addition, the State of Texas requires the applicant to provide proof of the following immunization requirements:

   Source:
   Title 25 Health Services, §§ 97.61-97.72
   Of the Texas Administrative Code

   (a) This section applies to all students enrolled in health-related courses, which will involve direct patient contact in medical or dental care facilities. This includes all medical interns, residents, fellows, nursing students, and others who are being trained in medical schools, hospitals, and health science centers listed in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s list of higher education in Texas; and students attending two-year and four-year colleges whose course work involves direct patient contact regardless of the number of courses taken, number of hours taken, and the classification of the student. Subsection (i) of
this section also applies to veterinary medical students whose course work involves direct
contact with animals or animal remains regardless of number of courses taken, number of
hours taken, and the classification of the student.

(b) Students may be provisionally enrolled for up to one semester or one quarter to allow
students to attend classes while obtaining the required vaccines and acceptable evidence of
vaccination.

(c) Students cannot be provisionally enrolled without at least one dose of measles, mumps,
and rubella vaccine if direct patient contact will occur during the provisional enrollment
period.

(d) Polio vaccine is not required. Students enrolled in health-related courses are encouraged
to ascertain that they are immune to poliomyelitis.

(e) One dose of tetanus-diphtheria toxoid (Td) is required within the last ten years.

(f) Students who were born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact,
acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of measles-containing vaccine administered
since January 1, 1968.

(g) Students must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of one
dose of rubella vaccine.

(h) Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable
evidence of vaccination of one dose of mumps vaccine.

(i) Students shall receive a complete series of hepatitis B vaccine prior to the start of direct
patient care or show serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B virus. Vaccination
consists of a three dose series. This series may commence following acceptance into the dental
hygiene program. Individuals unable to receive the HBV must inform the program director.
In such cases the applicant must sign a declination form.

(j) Students shall receive two doses of varicella vaccine unless the first dose was received
prior to thirteen years of age.

Exceptions to Immunization Requirement
(verification of Immunity/History of Illness)

(a) Serologic confirmations of immunity to measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis A,
hepatitis B, or varicella, are acceptable. Evidence of measles, rubella, mumps,
hepatitis A, or hepatitis B, or varicella illnesses must consist of a laboratory
report that indicates either confirmation of immunity or infection.

(b) A parent or physician validated history of varicella disease (chickenpox) or
varicella immunity is acceptable in lieu of vaccine. A written statement from a
physician, or the student’s parent or guardian, or school nurse, must support
histories of varicella disease.

(c) Annual TB testing
Communicable Disease Statement

Students who plan to enter dental hygiene will be required to read and sign a communicable disease statement and waiver of liability waiver form. This form will become a part of the student’s permanent record and will state that the student:

- Has been informed of their risk for exposure to blood and body fluids
- Understands the potential transmission of bloodborne diseases during patient care activities
- Is financially responsible for any necessary testing/treatment resulting from an occupational incident and/or communicable disease exposure
- Agrees to treat all patients that are assigned regardless of disease state presented by the patient

Students who are minors must have the form signed by a parent or legal guardian and the form must be notarized.

Although there are no documented cases of occupational spread of HIV to dental workers, students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program are at a slight risk of exposure to blood and body fluids and potential does exist for transmission of bloodborne and other infectious diseases during patient care activities. The risk of disease transmission from dental patients to members of the dental team is extremely low. Nevertheless, there is some small potential for this to occur. The Americans with Disabilities Act forbids discrimination against patients with HIV or Hepatitis, therefore, students are required to treat all patients assigned, regardless of the disease state of the patient. Refusal to treat any patient may affect the student’s academic success.

Collin College is not responsible for any medical cost associated with you contracting any communicable disease during your education and/or participation in college sponsored functions. If you contract a bloodborne infectious disease during your enrollment appropriate health experts will be consulted regarding your ability to continue to treat patients.

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. Applicants/students who are HIV/AIDS or HBV positive will not be barred from working, teaching, attending classes or participating in college sponsored activities unless the applicant/student is unable to follow Universal Precautions. All decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Reporting Infectious Status

Any student or employee who knows, or has reasonable basis for believing that he or she is infected with HIV/AIDS, HBV or other infectious disease which may pose a threat to others, and whose curriculum or job requires performance of patient care procedures which may be exposure prone, has an obligation to share that information. Disclosure will allow the College to protect the welfare of employees, students and patients/clients from the spread of disease, and so that we can respond appropriately to the individual’s health and employment/educational needs.

Students, faculty and staff of Collin College identified as having HIV/AIDS, HBV will not be barred from working, teaching, attending classes or participating in college activities unless it is determined that he/she is unable or unwilling to conduct themselves in a ethical, responsible and safe manner on campus. All decisions will be made on a case by case basis.
Individuals in need of assistance will be referred to counseling services. The individual will receive the College’s bloodborne policy and the Aids in the Workplace brochure that provides information regarding the availability of further assistance.

**Confidentiality/Disclosure**

Collin College abides by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.

All health information disclosed by an applicant, student, patient, faculty or staff member is strictly maintained. We want to assure you that your personal health history will not unnecessarily be made available to others outside of the dental hygiene department. We will use and communicate your health information only for the purpose of providing you treatment, in cases of abuse or when required by law.

The College recognizes the importance of protecting to the greatest extent possible, the confidentiality and privacy of any employee/student found to have HIV/AIDS, HBV or other infectious disease. This information will be handled with care and sensitivity and will be kept confidential. The College also has a responsibility to protect employees, student and patients/clients from the harmful acts or conditions of its employees/students. Complete confidentiality will be protected to the highest degree, however may not be guaranteed in such cases that would prevent responsible actions.

A personal physician in keeping with the current standards, requirements and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control must routinely assess all students/employees who have a known infectious disease. An evaluation of the individual will include the physician’s statement of the individual’s ability to adequately and safely perform the objectives/job performance required of the dental hygiene curriculum. The physician’s statement must also indicate the nature and extent of the individual’s susceptibility to infectious disease often encountered when performing the objective/job skills required for the individual’s curriculum.

**Health Records for Students and Employees**

As stated in the Collin College Faculty and Staff Handbook AIDS Policy “Collin College shall comply with any state and federal laws regarding the confidentiality of educational and medical records of students and staff. Health information about a student or employee is personal and confidential and should be treated as such. Records will be maintained in a secure and confidential manner.”

**Health Requirement**

All students who plan to enter a health related field of study must be able to prove immunity to mumps, rubella, rubeola, tetanus, diphtheria, polio, varicella zoster, hepatitis B and tuberculosis. Those students who reject immunizations could jeopardize their health and ability to fulfill clinical requirements. Students who elect not to be immunized must sign a declination waiver form.

5. A drug scan and background check will be required upon acceptance into the program. Also CPR certification, the American Heart Association, BLS Healthcare Provider: Adult, Child and Infant with AED will be required upon acceptance into the program. CPR online courses will not be accepted. Requirements for dental hygiene licensure as set by The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (SBDE) define 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.
In addition to a drug screening following admissions, there may be additional random or incident drug screenings while enrolled in the curriculum.

6. Applicant must have passed all sections of THEA/TSI **OR** be exempt.

7. The applicant must have acquired basic computer skills in word processing Windows 95 or higher prior to admission into the program. Documentation of course work or work experience will be required prior to DHYG 1331 Preclinical Dental Hygiene.

8. Successful completion of dental hygiene prerequisites with a grade of “C” or better.

   *Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 2401), Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOL 2402) and General Chemistry (CHEM 1411) including the laboratory sessions for each are included as prerequisites for dental hygiene admission.* These courses must be completed within five years prior to the application deadline. Courses taken more than five years prior to the time of application deadline will not be accepted.

9. The applicant must complete the PSB Allied Health Aptitude Examination by December 2014. There will be no exceptions.

   It is in the best interest of the applicant to take the PSB Aptitude Examination upon completion of the majority of admission prerequisites.

   The PSB Exam includes five areas: Academic Aptitude, Spelling, Reading Comprehension, Natural Science and Vocational Adjustment. The exam is given in the Testing Center at the Central Park Campus in McKinney. Allow three hours to take the exam. **There is a $20.00 non-refundable fee for this examination. Registration is on a first come-first serve basis** and can be done in the Dental Hygiene Department (972.548.6535 room A119) at CPC, M-F, 8 am – 5 pm. Please call to verify there is someone in the department to complete the registration. Payment should be made to the Cashier before registering for one of the exams. As there is limited space for each exam, you are advised to register early. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card. Though not recommended, you may register by mail with a money order only but risk being unable to take the exam on the date you want should it be full by the time your payment is received. The mailing address is 2200 W. University Drive, McKinney, TX 75071, Attn: Dental Hygiene, PSB. There will be no refund or transfer of fee to future test dates if student does not show up for originally registered test date.

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The PSB Examination must be taken by December 2014 in order to apply to the Dental Hygiene program for fall 2015. Remember to schedule an exam date early as dates fill quickly.

**THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Additional PSB dates will be added later.

10. All applicants must submit results from the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA/TSI), which is required for all applicants entering a Texas college unless the applicant is THEA/TSI exempt. All applicants required to take THEA/TSI must successfully complete the exam prior to the beginning of classes. Additional THEA/TSI information may be found in the Collin College catalog.

11. All applicants **must** submit a *handwritten*, well developed, one to two page essay discussing why dental hygiene has been selected as a profession and why you have selected Collin College. (You may also submit an additional hard copy of your essay as an addendum)

12. Two reference forms are included in this packet for references from individuals who can attest to your character and aptitude as a dental hygiene student. Dental hygiene admission requires two completed references **mailed directly** to the dental hygiene program.

* employer (If you have not been employed for a period of time you may, select a reference from the following list: clergy/volunteer experience/dentist or dental hygienist

* educator

13. Upon formal acceptance into the dental hygiene program, all applicants must be certified in CPR, the American Heart Association for the BLS for Healthcare Providers: Adult, Child and Infant with AED. CPR online courses will not be accepted. Completion of this requirement is mandatory prior to admittance into Dental Hygiene Clinic I (DHYG 1331). Individuals with medical/physical disabilities are not expected to provide CPR. Documentation will be kept on file for anyone who is medically or physically unable to perform such services.

14. You must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 (including dental hygiene courses) (75 average) once enrolled as a dental hygiene student.
The Point System and Selection Criteria (Maximum 28 Points)

Admission to the dental hygiene program is on a competitive basis. Applicants will be awarded points based on specific admission criteria. Applicants will be ranked and selected based on the number of points earned.

1. **PSB Exam (Battery of five tests, maximum weight: ten points)**
   - Please register early as there is limited space for each exam
   - An average PSB score of 40% and above is required for the applicant to receive points.
     - (PSB may only be taken once per application year.)
     - • scores above 75% will receive two points per category
     - • scores from 40-75% will receive one point per category

   The Revised PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Examination is composed of a battery of tests that measures abilities, skills, knowledge, and attitudes important for successful performance of students in the allied health education programs. A maximum of ten points will be awarded in this area. The battery of five tests is:
   - • Academic Aptitude (Verbal, Numerical, Nonverbal)
   - • Spelling
   - • Reading Comprehension
   - • Information in the Natural Sciences
   - • Vocational Adjustment Index

   See information on page 8 beneath the PSB schedule for last day to take the exam and apply for fall 2015.

   **Please refer to page 7 & 8 for PSB registration information.**

2. **Prerequisite GPA (maximum weight: twelve points)**

   The applicant will be awarded a maximum of twelve points for completion of the prerequisite courses Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II and Introduction to Chemistry or General Chemistry. These courses must be completed within five years prior to the application deadline. Retaking prerequisite courses within a five year period is discouraged. The GPA of these courses will be awarded points based on the following scale:
   - “A” in lecture course = 3 points   “A” in lab = 1 point
   - “B” in lecture course = 2 points   “B” in lab = 1 point
   - “C” in lecture course = 1 point   “C” in lab = 0 points

   If a course is four credit hours and has only one grade, that grade will apply for both the course and the lab.

3. **Microbiology bonus (Maximum 2 points) (Must be completed within five years prior to the application deadline)**

   Applicants completing Microbiology will receive a maximum of 2 points based on the scale below. (Completion of Microbiology is considered a bonus, not a prerequisite)
   - “A” in lecture course = 1 point   “A” in lab = 1 point
   - “B” in lecture course = 1 point   “B” in lab = 0 points
   - “C” or lower = 0 points   “C” or lower = 0 points
4. Honors BIOL 2401 bonus points
   “A” in lecture course = 1 point   “A” in lab = 1 point
   “B” in lecture course = 1 point   “B” in lab = 0 points

Honors BIOL 2402 bonus points
   “A” in lecture course = 1 point   “A” in lab = 1 point
   “B” in lecture course = 1 point   “B” in lab = 0 points

5. The handwritten essay discussing dental hygiene as a profession will receive a maximum weight of two points.

6. Two references (maximum weight: two points): Specific forms are included in the admissions packet. These references must be mailed directly to the dental hygiene department.

   Applications will be ranked according to points accumulated at the time application materials are reviewed. Applications are due by 5:00 PM January 30, 2015 for consideration of acceptance in the fall entry class. Applicants will be notified by mail, within six to eight weeks after application deadline. The Collin College Dental Hygiene Program reserves the right to make changes in admission criteria and program information as circumstances require. In the event of a tie for final slots into the program, qualified applicants will be considered on an individual basis with priority given to Collin County residents. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have not repeated courses.

6. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend a Dental Hygiene Group Advising Meeting (no points awarded). There will be three group advising meetings scheduled for the fall semester and two for the spring semester. Please check our website, http://www.collin.edu/dentalhygiene or Collin calendar for dates.

MAXIMUM POINTS AWARDED: 32 POINTS
**Estimated Costs**

All of the costs listed in this bulletin are estimates and subject to change.

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Candidates should consider other related expenses and issues such as child care and family responsibilities, lunch, gas, notebooks, pens, paper, planner, etc.
Dental Hygiene Career Description

The dental hygienist is a licensed dental healthcare professional who specializes in periodontal therapy and oral health education. A broad-based education in biological sciences and humanities as well as dental sciences and clinical techniques prepare the graduate for work in private practice and community settings. The dental hygienist is a member of the dental health team, along with the dentist, dental assistant, and dental laboratory technician. The dental hygienist may be employed in private dental offices, dental product sales, public schools, or other institutions under the supervision of a licensed dentist. Alternative practice settings include hospitals, clinics, federal agencies, and local and state health departments.

The dental hygienist is in demand nationally, statewide, and locally, and opportunities are available on a full-time and part-time basis for employment.

In the state of Texas, the dental hygienist is licensed to perform primary preventive procedures including:

- Perform oral health care assessments that include reviewing patients’ health history, dental charting, oral cancer screening, and taking and recording blood pressure;
- Expose, process, and interpret dental X-rays;
- Remove plaque and calculus (tartar)-soft and hard deposits-from above and below the gum line;
- Apply cavity-preventive agents such as fluorides and sealants to the teeth;
- Teach patients proper oral hygiene techniques to maintain healthy teeth and gums;
- Counsel patients about plaque control and developing individualized at-home oral hygiene program and
- Counsel patients on the importance of good nutrition for maintaining optimal oral health.

Collin College Dental Hygiene Program Goals

The Collin College Dental Hygiene Program will prepare the graduate to perform clinical procedures, dental nutritional counseling, identify potential health problems and understand the physical and clinical aspects of treatment. The student will study the physical structures of the head, neck, and teeth, recognize patients’ health conditions, understand medications and their effects, and understand diseases processes.

The Dental Hygiene Program goals reflect the institution’s core values. They are listed as follows:

1. Create an active learning environment that integrates the principles of evidence-based research while promoting critical thinking, self-evaluation, innovation, creativity, and lifelong learning.
2. Provide clinical experiences that promote a commitment to community service and civic involvement while responding to the oral health needs of a diverse community.
3. Provide students with the knowledge and clinical competence required to provide current, comprehensive dental hygiene services in a variety of settings for individuals of all ages and stages of life including those with special needs.
4. Emphasize the importance of treating each patient/client with dignity and respect.
5. Create an environment that promotes the importance of wellness in both student and patient/clients.
6. Provide students the knowledge to integrate preventive dental hygiene services to a diverse community in an evolving health care system.
Collin College affirms as its mission the commitment to provide, within the resources available, educational programs and services that meet the individual and community needs. The district seeks to promote lifelong individual growth and excellence through strengthening the intellect, character and capabilities of all students. The college acts as a resource to local, state, national and international communities by providing education, cultural and civic programs and services.

Collin College core values are as follows:
- service and involvement
- creativity and innovation
- academic excellence
- dignity and respect
- integrity

**Employment Opportunities**

**Consider the possibilities**
Whether you’re starting a career or looking for a change, the dental hygiene profession can provide many satisfying opportunities in the status of a health care professional, an attractive income potential, the rewards of keeping people healthy, a flexible work schedule, professional settings, the opportunity to work nationwide or abroad, pleasant surroundings, career potential, and stability.


McKinney, Texas was recently rated as the fastest growing city in the United States. The population in the area is projected to triple within the next five years. The employment opportunities for dental hygienists are expected to rise in order to meet the oral health needs of the growing population.

**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation**

All dental hygiene students must be certified in health care provider level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) at intervals not to exceed two (2) years. A copy of such certification must be presented to the department head’s office on the first day of class. Certification must be maintained through graduation. Documentation must be on file for anyone who is medically or physically unable to perform such services.
Training in Infection Control Procedures

No student will be allowed to deliver patient services in any setting until he/she has been instructed in infection control (as per OSHA guidelines) and has mastered material on safety/universal precautions with satisfactory accuracy. Following mastery of infection control skills and under faculty supervision, each student will be expected to provide services for patients with health deviations, including patients with HIV/HBV and other bloodborne/infectious diseases, as part of routine clinical/lab curriculum experiences.

In all admissions policies and practices, Collin College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, disability or veteran status in accordance with federal law.

In order to make college life more convenient, all campuses are accessible to all individuals with disabilities. Please contact the ACCESS office, Spring Creek Campus (972) 881-5898, Room G200, or (972) 881-5950 for information regarding special needs.

State Board Examination

Applicants to the Dental Hygiene Program should be aware that the following questions must be answered when completing the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Application for Examination to Practice Dental Hygiene:

Have you now or have you ever:
1. Been notified of any charges, complaints, or other disciplinary action filed against you by any disciplinary agency? If yes, explain
2. Been convicted of a drug related felony or a felony involving moral turpitude? If yes explain.
3. Been chronically or habitually intoxicated or addicted to intoxicant, drugs, or controlled substances? If yes, explain.
4. Been the subject of a pending prosecution for an offense which is a felony under the law of Texas? If yes, explain.

Other

The dental hygiene program reserves the right to require remedial work of any student who does not demonstrate clinical competence.

Core Performance Standards

In response to the Americans with Disabilities Act, a national survey of administrators of health care facilities, which employ dental hygienists, validated a list of core performance standards a health professional must possess in order to function safely and effectively in a variety of clinical settings. Results indicate that relatively high numbers of activities were identified in each core performance standards category by the health care agencies as being necessary for dental hygiene practice.

These core performance standards include, but are not limited to:
- Ability to sit for prolonged periods of time
- Ability to grasp, push, and/or pull
- Ability to bend and stoop
- Moving quickly in response to emergency
- Using upper body movements
- Carrying and moving equipment & supplies
• Reaching and/or lifting

Other core performance standards identified for dental hygiene care include, but are not limited to:
• Vision that allows detecting physical change
• Hearing that allows responding to physical and verbal cues
• A sense of touch that allows for assessment and palpation
• Critical thinking
• Interpersonal and communication skills

Specific Technical Standards for Dental Hygiene Students

Additional General Skills:

The practice of dental hygiene is composed of skills in communication, patient management, time management, cognitive assimilation, and fine motor skills. Skills in each of these areas are required on a daily basis.

Time management skills are needed both in the educational and clinical practice phases as the practitioner is presented with a variety of deadlines and time critical tasks. Often, more than one task competes for a given block of time and the prospective student is expected to be able to prioritize the tasks and have them completed in a timely fashion. Functioning under time and patient management constraints is often encountered. Additionally, the student will be expected to comply with a variety of clinical and workplace rules and regulations related to successful and safe clinical practice. More specific skill requirements follow.

Visual and Perceptual Skills:

The practice of clinical dental hygiene mandates that the practitioner have extremely fine motor control with correspondingly high hand-eye coordination. The prospective student is expected to have binocular vision with discrimination/perception to 1.0 mm or better. Visual acuity should be corrected to 20/40 or better with the ability to accommodate at a distance of 10” or less. Color vision deficiencies should be limited to a single color. As a part of visual/perceptual coordination, the student must be able to observe detail during laboratory demonstrations and patient conditions as a part of clinical treatment.

Other Sensory Skills:

Should have correctable hearing in at least one ear and be able to develop reasonable skills of percussion and auscultation. Sensory and motor innervations of the hand and arm muscles should be intact and functioning normally as fine motor and tactile skills are an essential component of this profession.

Motor Skills:

Candidates for admission must have sufficient motor function to elicit information from a patient by palpation, auscultation, percussion, and other diagnostic modalities. Candidates must also be able to perform the motor movement skills necessary to render clinical dental hygiene treatment, and have the physical strength to move themselves (by walker, cane or crutches as necessary) to a position enabling them to provide dental care. Additionally, the candidate must possess the strength to assist a patient in transferring themselves to and from a dental chair, and whenever necessary perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation for an extended period of time. Fine motor skills are expected of every candidate. Providing dental hygiene care requires both gross and fine motor control. The candidate should have full manual dexterity including the functioning of both arms, both wrists, both hands, and all fingers.
Necessary clinical skills involve procedures requiring (but not limited to) grasping, fingering, pinching, pushing, pulling, holding, extending, and rotation.

*Intellectual, Conceptual and Cognitive Skills:*

Candidates must have the ability to measure, assess, calculate reason, analyze, and synthesize data. Problem solving and diagnosis (which includes obtaining, interpreting, and documenting information) are critical and essential skills. The ability to understand and comprehend three dimensional relationships is necessary.

*Communication Skills:*

The student is expected to be able to communicate clearly in English at a level of understanding appropriate to the ability of an individual patient to understand. This communication ability is expected both in the oral and written form. The clinical practice of dental hygiene requires the ability to accurately transfer gathered data into a patient record. Included in this area is therapeutic communication in which a candidate is expected to have (or be able to develop) skill in coaching, facilitating, and touching.

*Emotional Stability:*

Direct patient contact often involves stressors that must be dealt with rationally. High levels of mental and emotional stability are required on a daily basis.

*Collin College Requirements*

Dental Hygiene Functional Abilities/Core Performance Standards and need for accommodations worksheet will be distributed to all applicants following initial acceptance into the program.

*Request for Accommodation(s)*

The college district’s Dental Hygiene program has accepted these core performance standards as expectations for success in its program. Following initial acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program, each prospective student applying to the Dental Hygiene program must complete the Functional Abilities/Core Performance Standards worksheet. Thereafter, each accepted student must regularly and successfully demonstrate/perform the listed Core Performance Standards, as a required component to continue in the program.

*Determination*

If the student is unable, or becomes unable, to meet the Core Performance Standards, the student must identify on the Functional Abilities/Core Performance Standards worksheet any and all accommodations required to enable the student to meet the Core Performance Standards. This form and any required medical documentation will be presented to the Student Affairs Committee of the Dental Hygiene program for determination of reasonableness within the scope of professional dental hygiene practice. Members of the Student Affairs committee that review the form and any related medical documentation will include representative faculty members from the dental hygiene faculty. A representative from the college district’s office for students with disabilities will be present at the determination meeting. Additional research regarding requested accommodation(s) may be conducted prior to issuance of the determination.
The Functional Abilities/Core Performance Standards worksheet, and related documentation, will be maintained in a file separate and apart from the application for the program and other educational records.

The student will be notified in writing of the determination of the Student Affairs Committee within ten (10) academic calendar days unless additional research is necessary, in which case the determination will be made as soon as practical. Requests for accommodations are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, considering the identified core performance standards.

The student is responsible for initiating any requested accommodations, should the ability to meet the Core Performance Standards change during progression in the program. Faculty may request that a student re-complete the Functional Abilities/Core Performance Standards if the student is unable to demonstrate particular core performance standards.

If the requested accommodation is determined to be reasonable, it will be implemented until such time as the accommodation is no longer necessary, the accommodation is no longer reasonable, and/or for the duration of the student’s progression in the program. The student may be required to supply documentation for current and continuing accommodation(s) requested.

**Appeal**

If the student does not agree with the determination of the Student Affairs Committee, the student may appeal the determination within ten (10) academic calendar days of the date of the initial determination by submitting a Request for Appeal of Determination of Reasonableness of Accommodation form to the Dean of Health Sciences and Emergency Services. This appeal will be considered a formal appeal under board policy. The student will be notified in writing of the Dean’s decision within ten (10) academic calendar days.

If the student does not agree with the decision of the Dean, the student may appeal to the Vice President of Student Development within the provisions of the college grievance procedure, identified in the Collin College Board Policy.
Collin College  
Dental Hygiene Program  

Application Checklist  

Application Deadline: January 30, 2015 by 5:00 PM  

Submit the following for general admission to Collin College:  

- completed general admissions application  
- official college/university transcripts from all schools attended  
- THEA/TSI test results (if applicable)  

Contact the Dental Hygiene Advisor: 972-548-6778 or lgibbs@collin.edu  

Proficiency Tests:  

Applicant must have successfully met all requirements of THEA/TSI OR be exempt. And, applicant must sit for the PSB Allied Health Exam by application deadline.  

- THEA/TSI  
- PSB Allied Health Exam (Must be taken by December 2014)  

Submit the following to the Dental Hygiene office:  

- completed dental hygiene program application  
- copy of high school transcript or GED  
- Official college/university transcript(s)  
  Copies will be accepted from the college’s admissions office; however, applicant must request that transcripts be forwarded to the Dental Hygiene Department  
- Handwritten 1 to 2 page essay – Required  
  (You may also attach a hard copy as an addendum)  

The following must be mailed direct to the Dental Hygiene office:  

- two completed Applicant Reference Forms  

Pre-requisite courses which must be completed prior to Fall admission: *  

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I **  
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II **  
- CHEM 1411 General Chemistry**  

* Check with college admissions for acceptance of courses from other college(s)  
** These courses must be completed within five years of application deadline and with a 2.5 GPA.
# Collin College Application for Dental Hygiene Admission

**Associate of Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene**

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**Social Security # ________ - ________ - ________**

**Name**  
Last  First  MI  Other Names Records Are Under

**Address:**  
Street  City  State/Zip Code

**Telephone:**  
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**Expected Date of Entry:**  
Fall 20______  
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**Date of Application:**

1. List other Dental Hygiene Programs to which you have made application:

2. List other majors to which you have made application:

3. I have read the Core Performance Standards for Dental Hygiene as listed in this packet (Please Initial)

**Criminal Activities:** Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty to a felony or do you have a criminal charge pending?

If yes, give the year, location and nature of the violation and disposition:

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**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:**

| Director of Dental Hygiene  
Collin College  
Room A119  
2200 W. University Drive  
McKinney, TX 75071 |
|------------------------|
| Signature  
Date |

**Signature**

*My signature certifies that all information given on this application is true, complete and accurate. (Applications will not be considered without a signature.)*

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Collin College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability of veteran status.
The following person is using your name as a professional reference for application to the Dental Hygiene Program of Collin College. The applicant must have this evaluation in his/her file in order to be considered for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. We appreciate you taking time to complete the following questionnaire. At your earliest convenience, please mail this completed form directly to:

Director, Dental Hygiene Program  
Collin College  
2200 W. University  
McKinney, TX  75071

APPLICANT’S NAME: ________________________________

PLEASE CHECK YOUR RESPONSES

In what capacity do you know this person?  
☐ Employer  ☐ Educator

How long have you known this person?  
☐ < 6 months  ☐ 6-12 months  ☐ 1-3 years  ☐ > 3 years

Rate this applicant in the following areas:

Communication Skills:

☐ Unable to assess  
☐ Occasionally uses poor grammar in verbal and written communication  
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Dependability/Attendance:

☐ Unable to assess  
☐ Frequently absent or late, calls in  
☐ Frequently absent or late, rarely calls in

☐ Occasionally absent or late, always calls  
☐ Never absent or late

Neatness/Grooming: *hygiene includes external environmental odors

☐ Unable to assess  
☐ Consistently displays poor hygiene* and/or grooming  
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Interpersonality Skills:

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☐ Always gets along with co-workers or other students, supervisors and subordinates

Initiative:

☐ Unable to assess

☐ Self-motivated; seeks opportunities to gain new knowledge and asks appropriate questions

☐ Seldom needs direction; frequently initiates own activities

☐ Relies on direction for all actions

☐ Occasionally initiates own activity needing occasional direction

Organizational Skills:

☐ Unable to assess

☐ Well organized in work habit; independently productive

☐ Completes tasks in timely manner even though disorganized

☐ Disorganized; does not complete tasks

☐ Occasionally disorganized; requires excessive time to complete tasks

If you are a dentist, would you employ this individual once a licensed dental hygienist?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Signature ___________________________ Date ________________

Print your name ___________________________

Business/Company/Institution ___________________________

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- [ ] No
- [ ] N/A

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