



Dear Prospective Dental Hygiene student,

Thank you for your inquiry concerning the **Dental Hygiene Program** at Cuyahoga Community College. Our curriculum emphasizes clinical dental hygiene practice and academic excellence. The graduate completing the program is prepared for Regional and State licensing examinations and the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination.

The full-time, daytime course of study is rigorous; however, the rewards of the profession are exceptional. Opportunities for part-time employment and flexible schedules are common.

Entrance to the program is guaranteed to applicants who meet the program admission requirements, including completing the five Admission Courses with a 3.0 CORE GPA and 2.75 overall GPA. Please read the enclosed information carefully and follow the admission procedures. It is recommended that you keep a copy of all credentials for your own records. It is **your** responsibility to verify that your preadmission requirements are complete, including verification of the evaluation of all transcripts from colleges/universities you have attended. If you would like further information, please call 216-987-4494 and we will be happy to meet with you, discuss the Program in detail and explain how a career in dental hygiene may align with your personal and professional goals. Please feel free to check in with me at any time during the preadmission requirement completion process and advise me of your progress.

Best wishes in the pursuit of a rewarding career through study at Cuyahoga
Community College.

Sincerely,

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Program Director, Dental Hygiene

Admission Procedures

All requirements for admission into the Dental Hygiene Program must be met before acceptance to the program is granted. Once all of the admission requirements have been met, the student will receive an email from DentalHygiene@tri-c.edu with a weblink to complete an online acknowledgement of intent to start the program in the next available start year. A letter of acceptance with projected starting date will be emailed to the student using their Tri-C email account.

Students are encouraged to express their interest in pursuing the Dental Hygiene program by either declaring “Dental Hygiene” as their major and/or completing the “Get Started Here” online form (see #2. below)

1. Complete a Cuyahoga Community College Application. Do this first before you submit any transcripts.
2. Complete an acknowledgement form that you will need to complete a criminal background check when instructed to by the Dental Hygiene Program using the “Get Started Here” online form at [Tri-C Dental Hygiene Program: Cleveland, Ohio](#)
3. Submit an official high school transcript and /or GED transcript if you have not already done so. Request the high school or GED office to send the official transcript directly to Tri-C, Office of the Registrar PO BOX 5966 Cleveland, OH 44101.
4. If you have attended colleges or universities OTHER than Tri-C, request the institution/s to forward an official transcript to Tri-C, Office of the Registrar, PO BOX 5966 Cleveland, OH 44101. Once received, the Office of Registrar requires 1-2 weeks to evaluate transcripts.
5. Complete the following **Dental Hygiene Admission Courses** (or transfer of comparable courses from another college or university) with a CORE GPA of 3.0. **Only three of the Admission Courses may be repeated one time to improve a grade from a previous attempt (grade). The only three that may be repeated are ENG 1010, PSY 1010 and ONE science. A ‘W’ is counted as an attempt (grade).** It is recommended that all science coursework be completed within the past 5 years.

Admission Courses for Dental Hygiene Program must be completed with a “C” or better and reflect a CORE GPA of 3.0.

ENG-1010 College Composition
PSY-1010 General Psychology
BIO- 1100 Biological Chemistry or BIO 1110 Biological Foundations
BIO-2331 Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO-2341 Anatomy and Physiology II

6. Maintain an overall college GPA of at least 2.75. This includes all current and previous college coursework.

7. 8-16 hours of observation in a dental office of a Registered Dental Hygienist are highly recommended. Please contact Program Director at 216-987-4494 if you are experiencing difficulty in locating a dental office to complete your observation.

Remaining general education degree requirements may be taken while waiting to enter the dental hygiene program. This is any course in the degree sequence that does not have the “DENT” prefix.

Applicants must remain in continuous good standing (2.75 overall GPA) for final enrollment into dental hygiene and while enrolled in the program.

Calculating your CORE GPA

Quality Points: Grade x Credit Hour(cr hr) = Quality Points.

“A” grade is worth 4 quality points, “B” grade is worth 3 quality points, “C” grade is worth 2 quality points.

Divide the sum of the quality points by 17 credit hours to determine your CORE GPA. Example: ‘B’ grade earned in BIO 1100, ‘B’ 3pts x 3 credit hours=9 Quality Points.

FYI: It is possible to receive a “C” in a course as long as you have received an “A” in an equivalent credit hour course.

Example: Grade of “C” in BIO 1100 3 cr hr, “A” in ENG 1010 3 cr hr = “B” (3.0) average. NOT EQUIVALENT: Grade of A in Bio 1100- 3 cr hr and a C in BIO 2331 4 cr hr.

CORE course	Term & year taken	Grade earned	Credit Hours	Quality Points	Was the course repeated?	If repeat, when & Grade**
ENG 1010		X	3	=	Yes/No	
PSY 1010		X	3	=	Yes/No	
BIO 1100 or BIO 1110		X	3	=	Yes/No	
BIO 2331		X	4	=	Yes/No	
BIO 2341		X	4	=	Yes/No	

** English and Psychology and one Science course may be repeated once (1) to improve a grade.

Grade Point Average (Admission Courses)

Total of quality points ÷ credit hours (17) = _____ CORE GPA