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HYGIENE

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BEFORE YOU APPLY...

We appreciate your interest in Clark College’s Dental Hygiene program. Please be aware that as a pre-dental hygiene student, you are your own first advisor. It is your responsibility to read and understand all information regarding the Dental Hygiene program. You must comply with the application process listed in the admissions packet, submit all necessary documents in a timely manner, and meet the entrance requirements to be eligible for selection into the program.

For questions regarding the application process, contact **The Health Occupations Admissions Office** at (360) 992-2262.

- E-mail: heoc@clark.edu
- FAX: (360) 992-2867*

For questions regarding transcript evaluation, course equivalency and file status, contact **The Health Occupations Credential Evaluation Office** at (360) 992-2805.

For advising questions, contact the **Advising Center** at (360) 992-2345.

Updated admissions packets are available October 1st. Whether you are a new or re-applying student, it is imperative you request a current admissions packet before beginning the application process.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: All applications must be postmarked by **JANUARY 8th** for possible selection into the following **FALL** class. However, students are encouraged to **apply early** in order to receive official evaluation of transfer credits. Send applications and transcripts to the Clark College Health Occupations Admissions Office.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Caring, compassionate persons who demonstrate reliability, responsibility and respect for others possess traits that are essential for the professional dental hygienist. Any person interested in pursuing the educational program to become a dental hygienist should apply.

Please be aware that applicants who have failed or been dismissed from a limited entry program will not receive admission into the Dental Hygiene program.

**When faxing information, please include your full name (and any previous names) and Student Identification Number or Social Security Number.*

ABOUT THE PROFESSION

The dental hygienist is a licensed primary healthcare professional, oral health educator, and clinician who provides preventive, educational and therapeutic services supporting total health for the control of oral diseases and the promotion of oral health. Therapeutic services are clinical treatments designed to arrest or control disease and maintain oral tissues in health. Clark College graduates also receive expanded duties training and have the ability to administer local anesthetics, nitrous oxide sedation and perform some restorative treatment.

Career Benefits

- **Job Security**—The demand for dental hygienists is high, and job placement statistics upon graduation are excellent.
- **Flexibility**—Dental Hygienists frequently have the option to work full- or part-time, and may negotiate their own schedules.
- **Variety**—Hygienists work with diverse groups of patients in a variety of healthcare settings, and draw upon a wide range of technical and interpersonal skills as they care for patients.



Career Opportunities

Dental Hygienists are part of an exciting and expanding healthcare environment. Growth in knowledge and technology are being transferred to the educational and career environment. Licensed dental hygienists have many professional career options, from private practice to consulting. Career settings include private practice, education, hospitals, public health, dental product sales and marketing, insurance industry, dental research, consulting, and business ownership.

PRELIMINARY COURSEWORK

General Courses

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
ENGL 101	English Composition	3
ENGL 102	English Composition (research paper)	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	5
Humanities	Elective*	3
PE	Physical Education (fitness course)	1

Science Courses

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
CHEM 111	Integrated Chemistry (Inorganic)	5
CHEM 112	Integrated Chemistry (Organic/Biochemistry)	5
BIOL 231	Anatomy and Physiology I (including lab)	4
BIOL 232	Anatomy and Physiology II (including lab)	4
BIOL 233	Anatomy and Physiology III (including lab)	4
BIOL 240	Microbiology (including lab)	5
NUTR 103	General Nutrition	3

- Course requirements in **sciences** must be at least **seven years current** upon program entry or be measured by a proficiency examination.
- The most recent educational experience will be used to meet admission criteria.
- In the case of an incomplete grade or grade change, it is the student's responsibility to update their records.

Minimum Requirements for Preliminary Consideration

In order to be considered for the preliminary selection, an applicant must have completed 35 of the 45 credits outlined above by the end of winter quarter. Applicants must also have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 and an applicable science GPA of 2.25.

TOTAL PRE-DENTAL HYGIENE COURSE REQUIREMENTS: 45

*Please refer to the *AAS Degree Requirements* in section B of the current Clark College Catalog for appropriate list or visit Clark's website at www.clark.edu.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION

To be considered for selection into the upcoming fall quarter class, all applicants must:

- Submit the Community College Application for Admission and Statement of Intent forms with a \$40 non-refundable application fee* to the Clark College Admissions Office by January 8th. If a student wishes to pursue more than one health occupation, an additional \$20.00 non-refundable application fee is required for each additional program.
- Mail ALL official college transcripts to the Health Occupations Admissions Office for complete transcript evaluation. Updated official transcripts must be sent each term after grades are posted. (An up-to-date file provides the candidate with the most effective advising possible and assures a more accurate evaluation of qualifications.)
- Earn a 2.0 or higher grade in each dental hygiene preliminary course.
- Obtain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- Obtain a minimum applicable science GPA of 2.25 or higher.
- Complete ENGL 101 or equivalent with 2.0 or higher grade.
- Complete 35 of the 45 credits of preliminary coursework by **the end** of winter quarter.

Applicants' Responsibilities in the Admissions Process

- Candidates are responsible for keeping the Health Occupations Admissions Office informed of their progress towards completing admissions requirements. Effective and accurate advising cannot be provided until all records have been received.
- Candidates are responsible to submit all forms, applications and transcripts on time and meet deadlines as stated in the application packet.

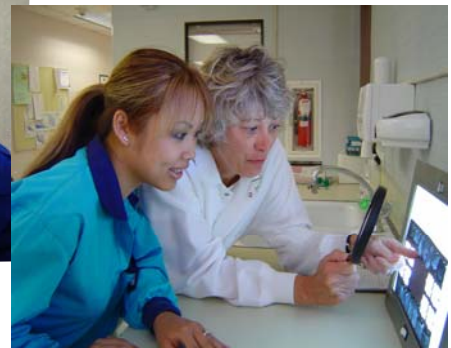
FINAL PROGRAM SELECTION

All applicants who meet the preliminary requirements must also complete the following:

1. **Orientation**
 - Attend the mandatory orientation day with the Dental Hygiene Department (by invitation only).
2. **ASSET Test**
 - Demonstrate college level skills as indicated by the Clark College ASSET Test. This test is given during the mandatory student orientation. Sample ASSET questions are available on-line at www.clark.edu. In the site search box, enter "Sample ASSET Test", then select the first link. For information regarding study resources for the ASSET test contact the Testing Center at (360) 992-2648 or the Textbook Department of the Clark College Bookstore at (360) 992-2261.
3. **Coursework**
 - Complete 35 of the 45 credits of preliminary coursework by the end of winter quarter to qualify for selection into the following fall class.
 - ENGL 101 must be completed by the end of winter quarter prior to entrance.
 - All preliminary coursework must be complete by the end of summer quarter prior to entrance.

Points toward final admission to the Dental Hygiene program are given for (listed in no particular order):

- Dental Hygiene ASSET Test scores
- Completion of coursework
- Science GPA
- Cumulative GPA



**Please send a check or money order payable to Clark College with your application.*

Important Notes for Final Admissions

Completion of the pre-dental hygiene requirements does not guarantee entrance into the program. The Dental Hygiene program has limited enrollment and Clark College reserves the right to determine admission status.

- Successful candidates will be notified in writing of final acceptance into the program. Payment of a \$300 **non-refundable** deposit will reserve a position for fall quarter entry.
- Accepted students must complete all pre-dental hygiene course requirements prior to entry. Failure to successfully complete all pre-dental hygiene course requirements will nullify acceptance into the program.
- Persons not selected for entry are welcome to reapply the following year, but are encouraged to seek advising before doing so. Students who wish to re-apply must **re-submit** their application including all current admissions forms, transcripts and fees. Students must also comply with published application deadline. An advisor may be able to assist you in determining areas for improvement.
- All accepted Dental Hygiene students must complete and submit an FBI Criminal History background check (including fingerprints). Accepted students will be given information about the criminal background check process.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

When the Health Occupations Admission office has received your application, \$40 processing fee and all official transcripts, an evaluation will be completed to determine college course equivalencies. A letter will then be sent to you regarding your status.

COURSE EQUIVALENCY

Course numbers and titles vary from college to college. Equivalency of transfer credits is determined by **course content**. Course credit hours and equivalency will be determined by Clark College. It MAY be necessary for candidates to submit course descriptions and/or syllabi to determine equivalency. Submitting a complete syllabus* will allow for the most accurate evaluation. Courses accepted as equivalent at one college may not be equivalent at another college.

General courses (non-science):

For each course you wish to transfer, submit the course description(s) and a copy of the catalog cover that verifies the college and the year you took the course(s).

English Composition:

For English composition courses submit the following:

1. A copy of the English (or Communication) distribution (degree) requirements from the appropriate year's catalog.
2. A copy of the catalog cover that verifies the college and year you took the course(s).
3. A copy of the course description(s).

Science:

Requires a copy of the syllabus* from each course you wish to be evaluated. The syllabus must show the appropriate year and quarter you took the course. IF a syllabus showing the appropriate year and quarter is not available, a letter from the college's Science Department needs to accompany the syllabus. The cover letter must verify the content and coverage of the course that was taken is the same as listed on the syllabus being sent and must state the name of the text used during the quarter you took the course(s).

REQUIRED TESTING

If you have not completed college level English and Math, and you are planning to take those courses at Clark College, you must complete required testing:

- If English is your first language, make an appointment to take the ASSET Test by calling (360) 992-2648.
- If English is not your first language, call the Assessment Center at (360) 992-2648 for date and availability to take the Compass Exam—English as a Second Language version.

All qualified applicants will take the ASSET Test (covering Reading, Writing and Numeric Skills Math) during the mandatory orientation day. (See page 3 for more information.)

**A syllabus is a detailed outline of a course, usually handed out by the instructor the first day of class. It includes information such as textbook(s), chapters studied, subjects covered, class assignments, lab assignments, test and quiz schedule, grading policies, attendance requirements, etc.*

FINANCIAL AID

The Clark College Financial Aid Office assists eligible students in meeting their educational expenses through a variety of state, federal and Clark College resources. More specific information on funding availability, the application process, and eligibility determination is available in the Financial Aid Office, located upstairs in West Gaiser Hall, or on the Clark College web site at www.clark.edu.

As part of the Financial Aid application process, all students are required to have formally applied for admission at Clark College. Official copies of academic transcripts from all prior colleges and universities attended must be submitted to the Admissions Office before the application for financial aid can be processed. Students also must be enrolled in an eligible program at Clark College to qualify for funding.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Disability Support Services Office at (360) 992-2314 or (360) 992-2835 TTY to determine appropriate academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids and services.

REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

After completing an accredited dental hygiene program, graduates apply for licensure in the state(s) of their choice. The application for R.D.H. licensure in the state of Washington includes the following personal data questions, which are to be answered “yes” or “no.” If any of the following questions are answered “yes,” full details must be provided with the application for licensure. **Washington reserves the right to deny a license when appropriate.** It is important that you are aware of these questions prior to starting the program.

1. Can you specifically list licenses granted as temporary, reciprocity, exemption or similar with type, date, and grantor, as well as state whether license is current or not?
2. Have you ever been called before any state board for interrogation concerning unethical conduct or any violation of the laws and/or rules pertaining to the profession for which you are applying?
3. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than traffic violations?
4. Have you ever been convicted of a violation of the Controlled Substance Act or any narcotic law?
5. Have you ever had a license to practice revoked or suspended?
6. Have you ever been addicted to or treated for addiction to narcotic drugs?
7. Have you ever received psychiatric treatments or received treatment for a mental illness?
8. Have you ever engaged in the excessive use of alcohol or received treatment for alcoholism?
9. Have you ever been denied the right to take a licensing examination in any state?
10. After successfully completing a licensing exam, have you ever been denied a license in any state?



EXPANDED DUTIES TRAINING

In 1971, the Washington State Legislature granted expanded duties to the dental hygienist. Many states do not offer this opportunity to hygienists within their borders. Clark College's Dental Hygiene program prepares graduates to perform the expanded duties, including administering local anesthetics and nitrous oxide sedation as well as condensing and carving restorations (silver and tooth colored fillings).

BACHELOR DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Program graduates from the Clark College Dental Hygiene program may transfer directly into a baccalaureate program offered on the Clark College campus by Eastern Washington University.

Clark College provides the facility for the program and Eastern Washington University administers the program and grants the baccalaureate degree.

Because students in this program are licensed dental hygienists there is no clinical component to the curriculum. Instead the curriculum emphasizes the interrelated roles of the dental hygienist as client advocate, educator, researcher, change agent, and dental hygiene administrator/manager.

Baccalaureate study in this program includes theory and practice in the interrelated roles with the use of processes and theoretical frameworks. With this broad, generalist perspective, the dental hygiene practitioner is in an excellent position to move into entry-level managerial, research and advocacy roles as well as to adapt to new roles necessitated by an ever-changing environment.

If you have any questions about this program, contact the program director, Brenda Knutson, at (360) 992-2528.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The ethical practice of Dental Hygiene requires intellectual ability, physical competence, and personal responsibility. Therefore, each applicant must satisfactorily complete all requirements for admission to the Dental Hygiene program. In addition to demonstrating personal characteristics appropriate for a career in a healthcare profession, completing admissions requirements and all program curriculum requirements, graduation from the Dental Hygiene program requires satisfaction of the following standards:



1. sufficient intellectual capacity to fulfill the curricular requirements of the various required basic science and clinical courses;
2. ability to communicate effectively with patients, colleagues, faculty, staff, and other members of the healthcare community;
3. ability to learn and safely perform the various technical skills required to complete the dental hygiene curriculum;
4. sufficient emotional stability and responsibility to withstand the stresses, uncertainties, and changing circumstances that characterize the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.

SPECIAL NOTE: The educational environment contains multiple latex products.

QUICK PHONE REFERENCE

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ADMISSIONS OFFICE

(360)992-2262

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS CREDENTIAL EVALUATIONS OFFICE

(transcript and course equivalency information)

(360)992-2805

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ADVISING OFFICE

(360)992-2345

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS FAX NUMBER

(360)992-2867

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Vancouver WA 98663-3487

(360)992-2000

DENTAL HYGIENE CURRICULUM

Fall Quarter

DH 101	Dental Anatomy	3 credits
DH 111	Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques I	6 credits
DH 141	Oral Medicine	2 credits
DH 161	Pharmacology	3 credits
DH 171	Periodontics I	3 credits

Winter Quarter

DH 102	Head and Neck Anatomy	3 credits
DH 112	Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques II	5 credits
DH 122	Oral Radiology I	3 credits
DH 152	Ethics and the Profession	1 credit
DH 172	Cariology	2 credits

Spring Quarter

DH 103	Oral Health Education	2 credits
DH 113	Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques III	5 credits
DH 123	Oral Radiology II	3 credits
DH 143	General and Oral Pathology	3 credits
DH 163	Local Anesthesia and Pain Control in Dentistry	3 credits

Summer Quarter

DH 104	Introduction to Dental Materials/Assisting	3 credits
DH 114	Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques IV	4 credits
DH 134	Restorative Dentistry I	2 credits
DH 154	Clinical Dental Hygiene Technique IV Seminar	1 credit
DH 174	Nitrous Oxide Sedation	1 credit

Fall Quarter

DH 201	Public Dental Health I	2 credits
DH 211	Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques V	9 credits
DH 231	Restorative Dentistry II	5 credits
DH 251	Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques V Seminar	1 credit
DH 271	Periodontics II	2 credits

Winter Quarter

DH 202	Public Dental Health II	2 credits
DH 212	Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques VI	9 credits
DH 232	Restorative Dentistry III	4 credits
DH 252	Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques VI Seminar	1 credit
DH 272	Periodontics III	2 credits

Spring Quarter

DH 203	Public Dental Health III	1 credit
DH 213	Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques VII	10 credits
DH 233	Restorative Dentistry IV	3 credits
DH 253	Clinical Dental Hygiene Techniques VII Seminar	1 credit
DH 263	Ethics and Practice Management	1 credit

Clark College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, sexual orientation, creed, disabled veteran status, marital status, and Vietnam-era veteran status in its programs and activities. The following position has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Director for Equity and Diversity
Human Resources
Baird Administration Building
(360) 992-2355
(360) 992-2835 (TTY)