



DENTAL HYGIENE

Transfer Requirements

The following requirements are subject to change without notice. To assure accuracy of this information, you should consult with a Health Science counselor, or review articulation agreements at WWW.ASSIST.ORG. You may also consult the Articulation Officer for specific articulation agreements.

Dental Hygienists work under the supervision of a dentist to provide patients with maintenance of oral health and prevention of oral disease. Hygienists removes deposits and stains from teeth, applies agents to help prevent tooth decay, provides oral health instruction, administers local anesthesia and nitrous oxide sedation, and performs soft tissue curettage.

Admission is competitive and is not assured by the completion of the recommended requirements. Dental Hygienists in California must pass the National Board of Dental Hygiene Examination and the California Dental Hygiene Clinical Examination.

Bachelor Degree Programs

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Criteria for Admission:

1. 30-40 students admitted each year. Students should have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 and science prerequisites with 3.0 to be considered for admission.
2. Visit www.adea.org. Under "Application Services" please click on "DHCAS" then "Learn more." Create a new account. Whether you are applying to Dental Hygiene (DH) or the DH/DDS Pathway program, select "Entry-Level Bachelor." Application materials* are due by March 1 of the year in which enrollment is desired. The Common Application deadline for USC Undergraduate Admission is February 1.
3. USC requires a minimum of three years of high school math, including advanced algebra with a grade of C or better or intermediate algebra at the college level with a grade of C or better.
4. Completion of the prerequisites and USC's general education courses must be completed or near completion at time of application.

Required courses: To be considered for admission, candidates must include the following prerequisite courses (taken within the past 5 years) with a grade of "C" or better: Biology 101; Anatomy 32; Chemistry 1A, 1B; Psychology 5; Sociology 101; English 1A; Communication Studies 100; Nutrition 11; Physiology 31; Microbiology 33. And completion of the general education pattern:

http://www.elcamino.edu/student-services/co/docs/USC_2015_2016_newGE.pdf

**Note: No foreign course work is accepted.*

For additional information contact the Department of Dental Hygiene (213) 213) 740-2800 or visit the website: <http://dentistry.usc.edu/programs/dental-hygiene/admission-requirements/>;
<https://camel2.usc.edu/articagmt/artic.aspx>

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

Criteria for Admission:

1. Completion of 64 semester units. The average GPA of admitted students have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 in all college transferable courses and 3.0 in science prerequisites.
2. Applications should be filed September 15-April 1st.
3. Proficiency in verbal and written English
4. 20 hours minimum of observation/shadowing
5. 3 letters of reference including: spiritual leader, science professor and employer or professional
6. Formal Interview (*by invitation only*)

Required Courses: Science courses must be completed within the past 5 years: Anatomy 32; Physiology 31; Chemistry 21A, 21B; Microbiology 33; Math 130; Anthropology 2; Psychology 5; Sociology 101; English 1A; Communication Studies 100; 2 units of PE; Contemporary Health 10 or Nutrition 11 and 14 units of humanities from 3 areas in: History, Art History or Art Appreciation; Music History or Music Appreciation; Performing Arts (4 units max); Literature; Foreign Language; Philosophy/Ethics.

Coursework may be in progress at time of application, but courses are expected to be completed before enrolling in the dental hygiene program.

***Note:** For additional information view the following website or call the Dental Hygiene Department at <http://dentistry.llu.edu/future-students/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-bs-program>

WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE

B.S. Dental Hygiene: Each year, 42 students are selected from a large number of qualified applicants based on the selection criteria listed below. These criteria have been approved by the West Los Angeles College Academic Senate and are consistent with State regulations:

A minimum of 60 units of degree applicable lower division coursework

An overall minimum 2.5 GPA for all courses taken

An overall minimum 3.0 GPA in science courses and taken within 7 years of applying to the program

Completion of all pre-requisite coursework

In-class Essay Performance during the Application Workshop

Applications are due the first week of March to start in fall semester.

Additional Considerations are given to applicants who have the following:

- Previous work experience in the dental field
- Dental Assistant Licenses or Certifications
- Completion of Biochemistry, Nutrition, Medical Terminology, or Organic Chemistry
- Special Circumstances (military veteran, first generation college student, foster youth, EOP&S, or CALWORKS)

Required prerequisites: Completion of the IGETC or CSU General Education pattern

And the following courses to be completed with C grades: Anatomy 32; Psychology 5; Anthropology 2; Sociology 101; English 1C; Microbiology 33; Math 150; Physiology 31; Political Science 1; Communication Studies 100; Chemistry 4 or 20. *One course is allowed to be in progress during the spring semester prior to the start of the program.*

*** Note:** For additional information on the program, contact (310) 287-4464 or view the website at <http://www.wlac.cc.ca.us/dentalhygiene/>

Associate of Science Degree Programs

CERRITOS COLLEGE

Criteria for Admission:

1. High School Graduate or equivalent.
2. Valid CPR certification, including two-person CPR and adult, child, and infant CPR through the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
3. Applications due by April 1. *Priority will be given to students who have completed all prerequisite prior to application.*
4. Estimated fees of \$13,000 for books and instruments, uniforms, and immunizations are in addition to tuition and enrollment fees.
5. Pass the Reading Clearance Exam at Cerritos or complete an Associate Degree

Required courses to be completed with C grades or better within the past 5 years: Chemistry 20; Physiology 31, Anatomy 32, Microbiology 33, Nutrition 11; English 1A, Math 73 or 80 (students can repeat only one of the science courses).

For additional information contact the dental hygiene department at (562) 860-2451 ext.: 2231 or at <http://cms.cerritos.edu/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-program.htm>

CYPRESS COLLEGE

Criteria for Admission:

1. 3.00 GPA in science prerequisites and a 2.50 cumulative GPA.
2. High school graduation, or GED, or high school proficiency exam.

Science prerequisites are to be completed within the past 5 years: Chemistry 4 or 20, Chemistry 21A-21B, Microbiology 33, Nutrition 11, Anatomy 32, and Physiology 31.

Additional courses that are to be completed prior to applying to the program: Psychology 5, Sociology 101, Communication Studies 100, English 1A and 1B, Math 73 or 80; Any Arts, Dance or Theatre course on ECC's AA/AS Degree GE pattern under Humanities.

Applications are accepted by mid-March, check website for exact dates as they could change. For additional information contact 714-484-7299 or view the website at <http://www.cypresscollege.edu/dh/>

PASADENA CITY COLLEGE

Criteria for Admission: Applications accepted between February 1-April 1, please check website for exact dates

1. Graduation from high school or equivalent.
2. CPR certification.
3. Completion of science prerequisites within 5 years with C grades or higher.
4. A competitive GPA (students admitted to the program had a 2.80)

Required courses to be completed with a "C" grade or higher and the science courses are recommended to be completed within the past 5 years: Chemistry 21A-21B (preferred) or Chemistry 1A-1B; Microbiology 33; Anatomy 32; Nutrition 11; Physiology 31; English 1A; Psychology 5; Sociology 101; Communication Studies 100

For additional information contact (626) 585-3308 or view the website at <http://www.pasadena.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/dental-programs/dental-hygiene/>