Dental Hygiene Program

How to Apply

It is never too early to begin to prepare to apply!

THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS VIA AN ONLINE LINK WHICH WILL BE OPEN ON THE WEBSITE APRIL 1 – TO MIDNIGHT OF JUNE 1, 2022.

Minimum Admission Requirements

1. Unconditional admission to Calhoun Community College
2. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5
3. Submission of:
   a. a minimum ACT composite score of 18 from a test taken in the past 3 years, OR
   b. a Next-Generation ACCUPLACER minimum reading placement score of 250 and a minimum WritePlacer score of 4
4. Submission of an unofficial CCC transcript showing all general education coursework applicable to the dental hygiene AAS degree taken at CCC or accepted in transfer
5. Completion of the online program application

Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance. Admission to the program is selective as a limited number of students can be admitted each year. A point system is used to evaluate each application.

General education coursework and grades are heavily weighted as students who have taken foundational classes will be poised for success in the program. Application points are also earned for standardized test scores, by attending a Dental Hygiene Information Session, for completion of a CODA accredited dental assisting program, and for submission of a current Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) credential.
# Dental Hygiene Application Scoring System

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<th>General Education Course Completion</th>
<th>Letter Grade / Points</th>
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<td>BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I</td>
<td>A = 12  B = 6  C = 2</td>
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<td>BIO 220 General Microbiology</td>
<td>A = 12  B = 6  C = 2</td>
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<td>CHM 104 Introduction to Inorganic Chemistry or CHM 111 College Chemistry I</td>
<td>A = 12  B = 6  C = 2</td>
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<td>BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II</td>
<td>A = 10  B = 5  C = 0</td>
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<td>Mathematics Elective (MTH 100, 110, 112, 113, 120, 125, 126, 227, 237, or 238)</td>
<td>A = 10  B = 5  C = 0</td>
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<td>PHL 206 Ethics and Society (preferred Humanities elective)</td>
<td>A = 10  B = 5  C = 0</td>
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<td>Other HUM elective: (Art, Music, Theater, Religion, Literature but not a Foreign Language)</td>
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<td>ENG 101 English Composition I (only this ENG course may be used for application points)</td>
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<td>PSY 200 General Psychology</td>
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<td>SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology</td>
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<td>Speech Elective (SPH 106, 107)</td>
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General Education Points Possible = 86

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<td>Attendance at a Dental Hygiene Program Information Session</td>
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<td>Graduate of a CODA accredited DA program</td>
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<td>Submission of current Certified Dental Assistant credential</td>
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Maximum Application Points = 120

Students interested in dental hygiene should take note that the application scoring system encourages achievement in the required basic science courses, mathematics and PHL 206 Ethics and Society

## Standardized Test Scores – Required

DH applicants must submit a copy of either:
- an ACT test taken in the past 3 years (2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022) or
- test score results must display first and last name and date of testing

Tests scores are required regardless of applicant age or prior educational accomplishment. Do not contact the program requesting an exception. If a current reading and writing score is not submitted, the applicant will be not be considered.
Calhoun offers Next-Gen ACCUPLACER testing. Contact the Testing Center (Decatur 256-306-2522 / Huntsville 256-890-4792).

More information about taking the ACCUPLACER and study guides can be found at:
https://www.accuplacerpracticetest.com/writeplacer-essay-guide/

**General Education Coursework**

**Calhoun Community College Transcript – Required**

**CCC Students:**
If you are a current CCC student enrolled in spring semester general education classes, **wait until spring semester course grades are posted** to print an unofficial copy of your CCC transcript and apply online to the DH program online.

**Students not currently taking classes at CCC:**
All students must submit an unofficial copy of a CCC transcript when applying online to the DH program. **It is essential to have transcripts from all other colleges you have attended sent to CCC for evaluation at least 4-6 weeks before you plan to apply to the DH program.** You may verify that courses have been evaluated and accepted in transfer by viewing your MYCALHOUN transcript.

Only the CCC Office of Admissions and Records may determine if coursework from other institutions meets the general education requirements for the DH degree. Do not email transcripts from other colleges to DH faculty with questions regarding transferability.

**ALL Dental Hygiene Applicants:**
Prior to applying online, print an unofficial copy of your CCC transcript and **highlight** the general education courses and grades you are claiming for DH application points. If you took more than
one course eligible for points in a category (for example the Humanities elective or the Mathematics elective), or repeated a course, highlight the course with the highest letter grade. Applicants who do not submit a CCC transcript cannot be considered.

**Dental Hygiene Program Information Sessions - Optional**
Sessions are presented multiple times during the year and all interested persons are welcome to attend. Dates and times of upcoming sessions are noted on the DH website. Students who have attended a session will receive application points.

**Certified Dental Assistant - Optional**
Graduates of a CODA accredited dental assisting program and applicants with a current CDA credential can earn application points. The submitted unofficial CCC transcript must show completion of a DA program and a copy of an unexpired DANB CDA card must be submitted as an attachment with the application for the points to be awarded.

**Online Application - Required**
Applying to the dental hygiene program requires preparation. Assemble all needed documents prior to accessing the online application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Individual items of documentation are not accepted separately from the online application. You will not be contacted if your application is incomplete.

**Before accessing the online DH Application:**

- Verify you have been unconditionally accepted for admission to Calhoun Community College
- Have your Student ID (A #) available
- Log on to MYCALHOUN and print an unofficial copy of your Calhoun Community College transcript which includes all coursework taken at CCC and coursework taken at other colleges and accepted in transfer. Highlight the general education courses and grade earned for application points. Once highlighted, convert your transcript to a .pdf, .jpg, or .tif for upload. Make certain your name and A# is clearly visible on the copy. If a CCC transcript is not uploaded, the applicant will not be considered.
- Obtain a copy of your results from an ACT test taken within the past three years or a Next-Generation ACCUPLACER test taken within the past three years that includes both reading and writing scores. Convert your report to a .pdf, .jpg, or .tif for upload. Make certain your name is clearly visible on the copy. If an ACT or ACCUPLACER reading and writing report is not uploaded, the applicant will not be considered.
☐ If you are a graduate of a CODA-accredited dental assisting program, highlight evidence of completion on your unofficial CCC transcript.

☐ If you hold current DANB certification as a CDA, make a .pdf, .jpg, or .tif copy of evidence for upload. Make certain your name is clearly visible on the copy.

Notification of Admission

All applicants are contacted by Calhoun email approximately 4 weeks after the application deadline. Fourteen students will be offered enrollment and a few applicants will be designated as alternates. In the event a student declines admission, alternates will be notified and offered enrollment up to the beginning of fall semester.

Applicants who are not admitted, but remain interested, are encouraged to complete any outstanding general education courses and to consider enrolling in the Dental Assisting Program. You may apply to the DH program again the following year. The program does not have a waiting list.

Accreditation

The CCC Dental Hygiene Program has been granted the accreditation status of “Initial Accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.

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