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

APPLICATIONS TO BEGIN THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM FALL SEMESTER 2023 WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA AN ONLINE LINK ON THE WEBSITE FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20, 2023

Minimum Admission Requirements

1. Unconditional admission to Calhoun Community College
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 competitive as a limited number of students can be admitted each year. A point system is used to evaluate each application.

Completion of general education courses and the grades earned 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 held in the fall of 2022 or in the spring of 2023, 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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<tr>
<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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<tr>
<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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<tr>
<td>PHL 206 Ethics and Society (preferred Humanities elective) -OR-</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>
<td>A = 5  B = 3  C = 0</td>
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<td>ENG 101 English Composition I (only this ENG course may be used for application points)</td>
<td>A = 5  B = 3  C = 0</td>
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<td>PSY 200 General Psychology</td>
<td>A = 5  B = 3  C = 0</td>
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<td>SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology</td>
<td>A = 5  B = 3  C = 0</td>
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<td>Speech Elective (SPH 106, 107)</td>
<td>A = 5  B = 3  C = 0</td>
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**General Education Points Possible = 86**

- Standardized test score – see scoring grids - dated 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 up to 20
- Attendance at a Dental Hygiene Program Information Session 4
- Graduate of a CODA accredited DA program 5
- Submission of current Certified Dental Assistant credential 5

**Maximum Application Points = 120**

### DH Application Points for AP Class Transfer Credit

- AP Course Exam Score 4 or 5 "A" points
- AP Course Exam Score 3 "B" points

### Test Results - Application Points

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<tr>
<th>ACT Composite Score</th>
<th>Application Points</th>
<th>ACCUPLACER Reading Score</th>
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<td>&lt; 18</td>
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<td>&lt; 250</td>
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<td>18 - 21</td>
<td>4 points</td>
<td>250-259</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>22 - 24</td>
<td>8 points</td>
<td>260-269</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>25 - 27</td>
<td>12 points</td>
<td>270-279</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>28 - 30</td>
<td>16 points</td>
<td>280-289</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>31 - 36</td>
<td>20 points</td>
<td>290-300</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>8</td>
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Read prior to accessing the online application portal.
Application steps:

1. If needed, apply for Admission to Calhoun Community College.
   - It is recommended this be completed at least 6-8 weeks prior to the DH application deadline and that all new CCC students meet with an advisor.

2. Obtain a Calhoun Community College transcript.
   - An unofficial copy of a CCC transcript, which can be printed by accessing MyCALHOUN, must be uploaded with the online application. The correct document will be labeled ACADEMIC.TRANSCRIPT at the top, display your name, and include all coursework applicable to the DH degree requirements taken at Calhoun &/or other colleges and accepted in transfer.
   - Courses taken at other institutions must be evaluated and accepted by the CCC Admissions and Records Office and appear on your CCC transcript to be considered for DH application points. It is the applicant’s responsibility to make certain their transcript is correct. Contact the Admissions and Records Office with questions regarding the transfer of credit.
   - Transcripts from other colleges should be sent to CCC Admissions and Records at least one month prior to the DH application deadline. Faculty cannot advise students regarding coursework taken at other colleges. Do not send transcripts to DH program faculty or the health sciences division.
   - If a CCC transcript is not uploaded with the application, the student will be considered ineligible for consideration for enrollment.
   - Do not submit transcripts from other colleges with the DH application.
   - On your CCC transcript, highlight completed general education courses and grades earned that are eligible for application points. Refer to the DH Application Scoring System for the courses which meet the degree requirements. If you have taken more than one course eligible for points in a category or repeated a course, highlight the course with the highest letter grade.
   - Only coursework that has been completed can earn application points. No credit can be given for courses in progress at the time of application.
   - Students interested in dental hygiene should note that the application scoring system encourages achievement in the required basic science courses, mathematics and PHL 206 Ethics and Society.
3. Obtain standardized test scores. DH applicants must submit a copy of either:
   a. an ACT test taken in the past 3 years (2020, 2021, 2022, or 2023) or
   c. 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 application will not be considered.
   • CCC offers, at low or no cost, Next-Gen ACCUPLACER testing on both campuses Monday through Thursday. Schedule an appointment with the Testing Center online:

     https://calhoun.edu/testing-center/?bsearch_highlight=testing%20center by selecting "Proctored Exams" at the bottom of the webpage or 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/ https://www.accuplacerpracticetest.com/accuplacer-reading-comprehension-practice-test/

4. Read the Dental Hygiene Eligibility Criteria posted on the DH website
   • Prior to submitting an application, it is necessary to read the Eligibility Criteria posted on the DH website. The Alabama Community College System endorses the Americans’ with Disabilities Act. If an individual has a disability that might require special materials, services, or assistance, the student should contact the CCC Disability Services Office.

5. Attend a Dental Hygiene Program Information Session.
   • Sessions are presented multiple times during the year and all interested persons are welcome to attend.
   • Faculty discuss the program, including estimated costs, and application requirements and procedures are reviewed.
   • Dates, times, and location of sessions are noted on the DH website.
   • No reservations are required.
   • Students who sign the attendance roster of an info session conducted in the fall of 2022 or spring of 2023 will receive points for their 2023 application

6. Applicants who are a graduate of CODA accredited dental assisting program and applicants with a current CDA credential can earn additional application points. Proof of DA graduation (diploma) and a copy of a current DANB CDA card must be submitted as an attachment with the application for the points to be awarded.
7. Online application submission preparation
   • You will need your A# and Calhoun Community College email address to apply.
   • All submitted documentation must be in the form of a Portal Document Format (pdf)
   • If unfamiliar, search online to find free document conversion sites
   • Two PDF documents are required, two are optional:

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<td>1. CCC transcript, including name, with courses from the application scoring system highlighted</td>
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<td>2. ACT test results or Next-Gen reading and writing scores from a test dated 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023</td>
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<td>3. Diploma verifying graduation from an accredited dental assisting program</td>
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<td>4. Unexpired DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) card</td>
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   • Documentation is not accepted separately from the online application and students will not be contacted if their application is incomplete.

Notification of Admission

Each application is individually evaluated including the verification of transcripts. The DH Admissions Committee will meet to make final decisions and applicants are contacted by Calhoun email in late March. 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.

Individuals on the alternate list are not ‘carried over’ to the next year. Applicants who are not admitted, but remain interested, are encouraged to complete any outstanding general education courses, to consider enrolling in the Dental Assisting Program, and to apply again in 2024.

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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