



Dental Hygiene Program

How to Apply

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

APPLICATIONS TO BEGIN THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
FALL SEMESTER 2024 WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA AN
ONLINE LINK ON THE DH WEBSITE
MARCH 4 - APRIL 30, 2024

**GRADES FROM COURSES IN PROGRESS SPRING SEMESTER 2024
WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR APPLICATION POINTS***

*INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SUBMIT SP GRADES AT THE END OF THE TERM WILL BE SENT VIA
CCC EMAIL ONCE THE ONLINE APPLICATION IS COMPLETED

Minimum Application Requirements

1. Unconditional admission to Calhoun Community College
2. Completion of three general education courses with a grade of C or > by the end of spring semester 2024 :
 - a. [BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I](#)
 - b. [BIO 220 General Microbiology](#)
 - c. [CHM 104 Intro. to Inorganic Chemistry](#) or [CHM 111 College Chemistry I](#)
3. Submission of:
 - a. an ACT composite score of 18 or > from a test taken in the past 3 years - 2021, 2022, 2023, or 2024 **OR**
 - b. a Next-Generation ACCUPLACER reading placement score of 245 or > **AND** a WritePlacer score of 4 or > both from tests taken in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.
 - c. NOTE: A Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics Assessment test **does not** fulfill DH application requirements.
3. 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
4. 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.

The application scoring system heavily weights academic achievement in the general education classes required for the AAS degree as students who have completed the foundational classes will best be poised for success in the program. Application points may also be earned for standardized test scores and attendance at a Dental Hygiene Information Session held in the fall of 2023 or in the spring of 2024. Points are awarded for documentation of completion of a CODA accredited dental assisting program and for submission of a current Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) credential.

Dental Hygiene Application Scoring System 2024

General Education Course Completion	Grade / Points
*BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	A = 12 B = 6 C = 2
*BIO 220 General Microbiology	A = 12 B = 6 C = 2
*CHM 104 Intro. to Inorganic Chemistry or CHM 111 College Chemistry I	A = 12 B = 6 C = 2
* These 3 courses must be completed with grade of C or > by the end of spring semester 2024 for the applicant to be considered *	
BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	A = 10 B = 5 C = 0
Mathematics Elective (MTH 100, 110, 112, 113, 120, 125, 126, 227, 237, 238, or 265)	A = 10 B = 5 C = 0
PHL 206 Ethics and Society (preferred Humanities elective) -OR-	A = 10 B = 5 C = 0
Other HUM elective: Art, Music, Theater, Religion, Literature, but <u>not a Foreign Language</u>	A = 5 B = 3 C = 0
ENG 101 English Composition I (only this ENG course may be used for application points)	A = 5 B = 3 C = 0
PSY 200 General Psychology	A = 5 B = 3 C = 0
SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	A = 5 B = 3 C = 0
Speech Elective: SPH 106 or 107, <u>but not</u> SPH 116	A = 5 B = 3 C = 0
General Education Points Possible = 86	
Standardized test score – see scoring grids - test must be dated 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024	up to 20
Attendance at a Dental Hygiene Program Information Session FA23 or SP24	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

ACT Composite Score	Application Points	ACCUPLACER Reading Score	Application Points	ACCUPLACER WritePlacer Score	Application Points
Test results should display first & last name and be dated in past 3 years					
17 or less	Ineligible for admission	244 or less	Ineligible for admission	3 or less	Ineligible for admission
18 - 20	4 points	245-259	2	4	2
21 - 23	8 points	260-269	4	5	4
24 - 26	12 points	270-279	6	6	6
27 - 29	16 points	280-289	8	7	8
30 - 36	20 points	290-300	10	8	10

Please 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 CCC &/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 of April 30th. 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 initial application, the student will be considered ineligible for consideration.
 - Do not submit transcripts from other colleges with the DH application.
 - On your CCC transcript, **highlight completed general education courses and the 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.
 - The online application will ask if you are taking general education classes spring semester 2024. If you respond yes, you will be instructed via CCC email how to submit your final course grades to add to your application points total in May. Submission of SP grades is the responsibility of the student and must be accomplished by the specified deadline. Only coursework that has been completed can earn application points; no credit can be given for courses in progress.
3. Obtain [standardized test scores](#). DH applicants must submit a copy of either:
 - a. an [ACT](#) composite score from a test taken in the past 3 years (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
 - or**
 - b. a Next-Generation ACCUPLACER [reading](#) assessment **and** [WritePlacer](#) scores taken in the past 3 years (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023).
 - 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 be 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, find 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, it is the student's responsibility to contact the CCC Disability Services Office.
5. Be aware that to practice as a dental hygienist in Alabama, state licensure is required. Licensure may be denied to persons found guilty of offenses listed in Alabama Code 34-9-18; the list includes the habitual use of intoxicants and crimes involving moral turpitude.
<https://www.sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/voter-pdfs/Updated%20Version%20of%20Moral%20Turpitude%20Crimes.pdf>
6. Attend a [Dental Hygiene Program Information Session](#).
 - Sessions are presented multiple times during the year and all interested persons are welcome to attend. No reservations are required.
 - At the session, faculty will discuss the program, estimated costs, and application requirements and procedures.
 - Dates, times, and location of sessions are noted on the DH website.
 - Students who sign the attendance roster of an info session conducted in the [fall of 2023](#) or [spring of 2024](#) will receive points for their 2024 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 (a diploma) and a copy of a current DANB CDA card must be submitted as a [pdf attachment](#) with the online 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 with pdf, search online to find free document conversion sites
 - Two PDF documents are [required](#), two are [optional](#):

1. a CCC transcript, including name, with courses from the application scoring system highlighted	REQUIRED
2. ACT test results or Next-Gen reading and writing scores from a test dated 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024	REQUIRED
3. Diploma verifying graduation from an accredited dental assisting program	OPTIONAL
4. Unexpired DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) card	OPTIONAL

- Documentation is not accepted separately from the online application and students will not be contacted if their application is incomplete.

8. If you answer "yes" in the online application indicating **you are taking classes spring semester 2024**, instructions on how to submit your grades for application points will be sent through your **CCC email address**. It will be your responsibility to email documentation of course completion and the grade(s) earned, as instructed in the email, **no later than 3:00 PM on May 21st**.

Application Questions

If you have questions , not addressed in this document, about the application process, please email the program @ barbara.bozeman@calhoun.edu Do not wait until the final day to apply!

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 will be contacted by **CCC email in early June**. Fourteen students will be offered enrollment and a short list of 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 and to apply again in 2025.

Accreditation

The CCC Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.

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