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 2025 WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA AN
ONLINE LINK ON THE DH WEBSITE
MARCH 4 - APRIL 29, 2025

GRADES FROM COURSES IN PROGRESS SPRING SEMESTER 2025
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 2025:
   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 - 2022, 2032, 2024, or 2025
      OR
   b. a Next-Generation ACCUPLACER reading placement score of 245 or > AND
      a WritePlacer score of 4 or > both from tests taken in 2022, 2023, 2024, or 2025.
   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 2024 or in the spring of 2025. Points are awarded for documentation of completion of a CODA accredited dental assisting program and for submission of a current Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) credential.

**Dental Hygiene Application Scoring System 2025**

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<th>General Education Course Completion</th>
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* These 3 courses must be completed with grade of C or > by the end of spring semester 2025 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, 116, 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 not a Foreign Language | 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 (not SPH 116) | A = 5, B = 3, C = 0 |

**General Education Points Possible = 86**

**Standardized test score – see scoring grids - test must be dated 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 up to 20**

**Attendance at a Dental Hygiene Program Information Session FA24 or SP25**

**4**

**Documentation of graduation from a CODA accredited DA program**

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**Submission of documentation of a current CDA or RDA 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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<td>ACT composite 17 or less = ineligible for admission</td>
<td>Reading score 244 or less = ineligible for admission</td>
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<td>18 - 20</td>
<td>4 points</td>
<td>245-259</td>
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<td>21 - 23</td>
<td>8 points</td>
<td>260-269</td>
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<td>12 points</td>
<td>270-279</td>
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<td>16 points</td>
<td>280-289</td>
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<td>20 points</td>
<td>290-300</td>
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**Test results should display first & last name and be dated in past 3 years**
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 in April. 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 2025. 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 2022, 2023, 2024, or 2025 or
   b. a Next-Generation ACCUPLACER reading assessment and WritePlacer test scores taken in 2022, 2023, 2024, or 2025
   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 ACT composite or ACCUPLACER 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  select “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/

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.

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 2024 or spring of 2025 will receive points for their 2025 application

6. Applicants who are a graduate of CODA accredited dental assisting program and applicants with a current CDA or RDA credential can earn additional application points. Proof of DA graduation (a diploma) and a copy of a current CDA/RDA 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. an unofficial CCC transcript, including name, with courses from the application scoring system highlighted for points  REQUIRED
2. ACT test results or Next-Gen reading and writing scores from a test dated 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025  REQUIRED
3. Diploma verifying graduation from an accredited dental assisting program  OPTIONAL
4. Unexpired CDA or RDA credential  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 2025, 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 Tuesday, May 20th.

**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 days to apply!

**Notification of Admission**

Each application is individually evaluated including the verification of transcripts. The DH Admissions Committee makes the final decisions and all applicants will be contacted by CCC email of their decisions 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 immediately 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 2026.

**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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