

## Dental Hygiene

This program prepares the student to be a dental hygienist, whose primary duties are to provide patients with regular oral prophylaxis, dental x-rays, dental sealants, and dental health care instruction for the control of oral diseases and the promotion of oral health.

Graduates will receive an Associate in Applied Science degree and are eligible to take national, regional, and state board licensing examinations. After passing these examinations, the graduate is licensed to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist.

The Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 440-4653, [www.ada.org/coda](http://www.ada.org/coda). A Dental Advisory Committee assists College officials in the implementation of the curriculum under the standards established by the Commission.

Applicants to the Dental Hygiene program must submit the following information to ADEA Dental Hygiene Centralized Application Service (DHCAS), an online application service, before **March 1** of the year admission is desired:

- Completed Dental Hygiene program application
- ~~Two recommendation forms~~
- Official copies of college transcripts
- have an overall 2.0 GPA in college courses
- If applicable, supply documentation of graduation from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), dental assisting program or CDA certificate. (Note: Dental Assisting experience is not an admission requirement.)

The application process can be accessed at <http://dhcas.liaisoncas.com>

**Note:** The general education and science courses in the curriculum should be taken prior to admission to the program. All science courses completed must be within a five-year period prior to enrollment in the Dental Hygiene program.

This criteria is weighted to arrive at a score for each applicant. A selection committee, consisting of the program director and program faculty, will meet to select the next class. All applicants are notified by letter of the selection committee's decisions. ~~All applicants are notified by letter of the selection committee's decisions.~~ Applicants not selected are advised to contact Del Mar College's Student Enrollment Center or Dental Hygiene Program Director for advice concerning their academic goals.

**Additional Requirements:** If admitted into the program, the student must submit proof of physical, visual, and dental examinations prior to the first day of class. **In addition, the student must pass a background check, at student's expense, for security clearance and continued enrollment in the program.**

If accepted into the Del Mar College Dental Hygiene program, a formal online application to Del Mar

College must be submitted via the [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) web site. Applicants must have an overall 2.0 GPA in college courses. Placement test scores, official high school and College/University transcripts also must be submitted to the Del Mar College Registrar's office at 101 Baldwin Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78404. Current Del Mar College students will not need to send any further documentation to the college.