

IWCC Dental Hygiene Program Application Checklist

Eligibility deadline is January 31st

Eligibility for the Dental Hygiene program will be determined by the following criteria:

Eligibility Requirements
1. Completed an Application to Iowa Western Community College
2. All official high school and college transcripts on file
3. *Application Testing:
ACT English
ACT Reading
ACT Math
OR
COMPASS Writing
COMPASS Reading
COMPASS Math
OR
ASSET Writing
ASSET Reading
ASSET Math
Testing Center Number – 800.432.5852 ext. 3277 or 712.325.3277
* All scores expire after two years. In order to be valid, scores cannot be more than two years old at the start of the term. If you do not have valid test scores, you may call the testing center at the above number to schedule the COMPASS test at no charge.
4. Completed prerequisite courses with a “C” or better:
Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, and Microbiology
5. Proof of 16 hours of Dental Hygiene Observation, which must be signed by a registered Dental Hygienist.

**All five criteria listed above must be met by the eligibility deadline of January 31.
It is the responsibility of the student to make sure that all items above are
documented in his/ her file. 18 students will be accepted each fall.**

If you have any questions about the Dental Hygiene program please stop in to Clark Hall and speak with one of the Admissions Advisors or give us a call at 800.432.5852 ext. 3277 or 712.325.3277.

Dental Hygiene Program

Point System & Selection Process

1. DETERMINING POINTS: Points will be awarded based on the following and will be calculated only if the eligibility requirements are met by the specified deadline. All grades and materials must be received by the deadline of January 31 in order to be counted in the point total.	Possible Points
GPA in Science Courses:	35 pts
Anatomy and Physiology I	
Anatomy and Physiology II	
Microbiology	
Completion of Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry or General Chemistry I and II with a grade of "C" or better**	5 pts
<i>**Please note that if you are accepted, Intro to Organic and Biochemistry or General Chemistry I and II must be completed before beginning Dental Hygiene classes in the fall.</i>	
GPA in Non-Science Courses:	20 pts
Composition I	
Public Speaking	
Intro to Psychology	
Intro to Sociology	
Prior Attainment of a Bachelor's Degree	10 pts
Graduation from an Accredited Dental Assisting Program	5 pts
or	
Graduation from Iowa Western Community College Dental Assisting Program	10 pts
Previous health care experience with patient contact, which must be documented by employer. Must be a minimum of two years full-time or four years part-time. Verification forms are available in the Admissions Office.	2 pts
2. INTERVIEW & SELECTION: Only those students who have earned the highest amount of total points will be granted interviews. The interview is one of the most important factors used to determine admission into the program. Selection is determined by the Dental Hygiene Committee.	

Points for Non-Science GPA

3.90-4.0.....20 pts	3.39-3.30...8 pts
3.89-3.80...18 pts	3.29-3.20...6 pts
3.79-3.70...16 pts	3.19-3.10...5 pts
3.69-3.60...14 pts	3.09-3.00...4 pts
3.59-3.50...12 pts	2.99-2.90...3 pts
3.49-3.40...10 pts	2.89-2.80...2 pts

*2.79 and below earns zero points

Points for Science GPA

3.90-4.0.....35 pts	3.39-3.30...22 pts
3.89-3.80...32 pts	3.29-3.20...20 pts
3.79-3.70...30 pts	3.19-3.10...18 pts
3.69-3.60...28 pts	3.09-3.00...16 pts
3.59-3.50...26 pts	2.99-2.90...14 pts
3.49-3.40...24 pts	2.89-2.80...12 pts

*2.79 and below earns zero points

Number of Gen Ed Courses Completed	Percentage of Points
4	100%
3	75%
2	50%
1	25%

PROGRAM MISSIONS STATEMENT

The mission of Iowa Western Community College Department of Dental Hygiene affiliated with Creighton University School of Dentistry is to educate Associate of Applied Science Degree dental hygienists in the broadest scope of clinical practice. Graduates are competent to provide comprehensive educational and clinical services, reflecting dental hygienists' areas of expertise. Graduates are prepared to serve the community in both private and public health settings that support optimal oral health. All aspects of the program are continually assessed to provide on-going excellence and to guide improvement. In keeping with the mission of caring, commitment and challenge, the dental hygiene program provides a positive learner-focused environment.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES - IWCC Dental Hygiene Graduates will be:

1. Self directed, lifelong learners who utilize evidence based research methodology.
2. Critical thinkers and problem solvers who model professional behavior and provide a high standard of client centered care.
3. Positive motivators who utilize leadership skills through active participation in professional and community organizations.
4. Effective communicators who demonstrate effective communication skills with peers, clients and the community.
5. Community contributors who meet the needs of the diverse communities including underserved populations to be culturally aware and sensitive.

AFFILIATED PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Iowa Western Community College Dental Hygiene Program was organized and established in conjunction with Creighton University School of Dentistry in 1998. Each institution offers a diverse educational and clinical experience for the students. Although IWCC is small in comparison to Creighton, our students receive the best of both worlds - exposure to an urban, private university campus with the intimacy of a small, rural community college campus.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Clinic requirements are met at Creighton University School of Dentistry and selected off-site clinics.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old on the first day of class.
- Twenty (20) students are admitted each fall semester.
- Classes are held during the day, Monday through Friday.
- Courses must be taken in sequence with a minimum grade of "C" in order to progress in the program.
- Co-requisites may be taken either before entering the program or along with the dental hygiene courses. Workplace Empowerment should be taken during your final semester at IWCC.
- The cost of the program varies from student to student. Some general costs are:
 - Tuition, fees, labs, etc.....\$15,000.
 - Books & Instruments:.....\$3,500.
 - Exams/Licenses.....\$1,800.
- There is no waiting list – new applications are taken yearly.
- Upon completion of the curriculum, students must successfully complete the Dental Hygiene National Board, and either the CRDTS exam, or another state or regional board of choice, and a jurisprudence exam before being licensed.

Iowa Western Community College does not discriminate on the basis of disability, gender, age, race, religion, or national origin in educational programs, activities, employment practices or admissions procedures. We adhere to CDC and OSHA guidelines. A copy of the Infection Control Policy is located in the Division Office.



Date Received _____

**IWCC OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
Dental Hygiene Program Acceptance**

Observation Verification Form

To be completed by the student and returned to IWCC Office of Admissions:

Name: _____ Student ID# or DOB: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

To be completed by Dental Hygienist/Dental professional:

The above named student is applying for admissions to the Dental Hygiene program at Iowa Western Community College. All applicants are required to complete a minimum of 16 hours of Dental Hygiene observation.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone Number: _____

I confirm that the above named student has completed 16 hours or more of dental hygiene observation at this facility.

Signed

Dated

Did the student complete more than 16 hours of dental hygiene observation? If yes, how many hours and what tasks did the individual see performed?

*Office of Admissions
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