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THE FOLLOWING COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A LETTER GRADE OF “C” OR BETTER BEFORE SUBMITTING A DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM APPLICATION:

Note: Some application requirements must be completed in sequence to meet certain course prerequisites. Please check the current FCC campus catalog.

PROGRAM COURSE PREREQUISITES	C-ID	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
BIOL 20, Human Anatomy AND BIOL 22, Human Physiology OR BIOL 21A, Human Anatomy & Physiology I AND BIOL 21B, Human Anatomy & Physiology II	BIOL 110B BIOL 120B BIOL 115S	4 5			
CHEM 3A, Introductory General Chemistry OR college equivalent	CHEM 101	4			
CHEM 3B, Introductory Organic & Biological Chemistry	CHEM 102	4			
MATH 3A, College Algebra OR MATH 11, Elementary Statistics OR higher math course*	MATH 110	4			
BIOL 31, Microbiology		5			
ENGL 1A, Reading and Composition	ENGL 100	4			
PSY 2, General Psychology	PSY 110	3			
SOC 1A, Introduction to Sociology	SOCI 110	3			
COMM, 1 OR 2	COMM 110 / 130	3			

*If a transfer level math course has already been completed, this will meet application and graduation requirements for Math content.

Beginning 2024 the Dental Hygiene program is a Bachelor of Science program.

After completing all the prerequisites above, the CSU or IGETC general education requirements, and a minimum of 60 units, students may submit a Program Application for the Dental Hygiene Program lottery during an application period.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Registered Dental Hygienist provides dental health education, promotes and encourages the preventive aspects of dental care utilizing standard precautions of infection control, performs oral cancer inspections, exposes and processes dental radiographs, removes deposits and stains from the teeth, employs techniques for pain control and assumes responsibilities that pertain to dental hygiene care. The FCC Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE SUBMITTING A PROGRAM APPLICATION:

There are no restrictions as to age, gender, marital status, or race.

1. Graduated from high school with a minimum GPA of C (2.0) or completed the General Educational Development (GED) test with an average standard score of 45.
2. Have completed all application course prerequisites above, with a letter grade of “C” or better.
3. Have a minimum cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of **2.75** or higher.

For application dates and program updates please check with the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Office and the [FCC Website – Dental Hygiene Application Process.](#)

All students pursuing the Dental Hygiene major should meet with a Health & STEM Counselor.

General Education Requirements: In addition to all courses required for the Dental Hygiene major and licensure, students must complete one of the two different general education patterns: option 1 – CSU GE – California State University General Education, OR option 2 – IGETC – Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum with a minimum of **60 semester units** with a grade of “C” or better. *In order to be eligible to apply to the Dental Hygiene Program students must have minimum cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher.*

Accepted applicants will be required to complete four hours of observation in a dental facility prior June 30th in order to be enrolled in the program.

All Dental Hygiene courses in the program are taken in a cohort, i.e., all students take the same courses each semester. See the catalog for a listing of Dental Hygiene courses. The program requires four full-time semesters for completion of a Bachelor’s Degree.

FCC currently uses a computerized lottery selection process for admission into the Dental Hygiene Program. The lottery process is used in response to more eligible applicants than enrollment space. All Program Application requirements, program requirements, selection criteria, and application dates are subject to change. Changes can be found on the FCC website. It is the student’s responsibility to stay current with these criteria and requirements. Applicants will enter the lottery pool based on the current application requirements within the application period in which the student is applying, not the catalog of initial or subsequent FCC registration.

NOTES:

1. If a transfer level math course has already been completed, this will meet application and graduation requirements for Math content.
2. To apply to the program, it is the applicant’s responsibility to complete the online Program Application and submit all necessary documents, along with all college transcripts, by the deadline.
3. Applicants and Dental Hygiene students must keep the Dental Hygiene Office informed of any changes in name, address, and telephone number. Failure to maintain accurate information may result in loss of application or admission status.
4. Applicants should have no physical or emotional impairment that would preclude the performance of all duties in the program. Successful completion of the program requires applicants to be in good physical and mental health.
5. All students who are accepted into an Allied Health program will be required to complete a background check and drug screening. Results from the drug screening can affect qualification to participate in the program.
6. National and/or regional licensing boards protect the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. Applications for licensure may be denied to persons convicted of certain crimes that may relate to professional practice. In addition, persons impaired by alcoholism, substance abuse and/or mental health disorders are expected to voluntarily seek diagnosis and treatment. Students with concerns in these areas should discuss them with the appropriate licensing body before entering FCC health programs. The appropriate licensing offices are listed online at [FCC – Dental Hygiene](#) or you may contact the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Division Office for assistance.
7. Classes, clinical training, and related activities are conducted on the FCC campus. Mandatory external clinical rotations and observations take place at off campus sites affiliated with the program. Students must provide their own transportation.
8. State Licensure: The successful completion of the Dental Hygiene Program requires the completion of the Associate in Science Degree. Graduates who pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) and a regional clinical licensing examination may apply for state licensure.

Estimated expenses during the two-year Dental Hygiene Program:

Description	Fee
FCC Tuition (62 Major units x \$130 per unit)	\$8060
California State Mandated Health Fee (4 x \$20 per semester)	\$80
Parking Permit (4 x \$30 per semester)	\$120
Physical examination, immunizations, and diagnostic tests	\$500
Uniforms, shoes, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	\$1000
Equipment, instrument kits, supplies	\$8000
Textbooks and Classroom Supplies	\$2000
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$1000
Written Board (National Board Dental Hygiene Examination), Regional Clinical Board, Dental Hygiene Board of California Application for Licensure, Law and Ethics Examination.	\$2000
Total	\$22,760

Employment information: Generally, all graduates find employment, with salaries ranging from \$40 – \$45 per hour. Salaries and benefits are negotiated with the employer. Long-term employment prospects are good. Graduates also qualify for employment in administration, business, education, management, public health, research, and related fields. With further education, graduates may also qualify to practice as a Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAP).

For more information, students should attend a Nursing & Allied Health Information Session and talk to a Health & STEM Pathway Counselor. Contact the Allied Health, Physical Education, & Athletics Division office, at apa@fresnocitycollege.edu or (559) 244-2604, for more information.