

## Q & A for the Dental Hygiene Applicant

Here are some answers to the most common questions.

**Q:** The application deadline is in October. I'm close with having the number of science and non-science courses to be able to apply. However, in fall quarter, I will still be taking the last of the seven (7) science courses required to be eligible to apply. Will I still be able to apply?

**A:** Unfortunately this disqualifies an applicant because the cut-off is in fall quarter, the policy is as stated:

- ***All Math and Science courses must be complete at the time of application except for NUTR& 101.***
- ***ENGL& 101 Composition I and two (2) non-science courses must be complete before the application deadline in October of the year you intend to apply.***

In other words, applicants must complete the prerequisite courses before the fall quarter.

**Note:** For the Application Period of October 2018, an exception to this policy is in effect. If you are enrolled in the 7<sup>th</sup> course of your science prerequisites courses only (this does not apply to non-sciences or NUTR&), you are allowed to apply for the Class of 2021 which enters in spring 2019. Please remember to submit your unofficial fall quarter 2018 transcript to the dental hygiene program office. This will be the LAST year this exception is allowed.

**Q:** I'd like to know more about the process of applying and I'm a bit hesitant to create a profile in the online application system. How can I get some information on how to apply and what the requirements are before I begin an online application?

**A:** First, go to the Seattle Central College Dental Hygiene website and read all there is posted under "Programs." Here are some places that will help you in your searches:

To locate the Dental Hygiene Program/Application

- <http://seattlecentral.edu/>
  - Go to Programs
  - Drop down to Bachelor's Degree <https://seattlecentral.edu/programs/bachelors-degree>
  - Click on Dental Hygiene <https://healthcare.seattlecentral.edu/programs/dental-hygiene>
  - Click on Get Started <https://healthcare.seattlecentral.edu/programs/dental-hygiene/get-started>
  - Scroll down to Application Procedure and click on it to bring on the log in page to: <https://www.seattlecolleges.edu/bas/dentalhygiene>
- Additional Links to:
  - Estimated Cost of the Program <https://healthcare.seattlecentral.edu/sites/alliedhealth.seattlecentral.dev/files/inline-files/estimated-cost-of-the-program.pdf>
  - Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Loans <https://healthcare.seattlecentral.edu/sites/alliedhealth.seattlecentral.dev/files/inline-files/financial-aid-scholarships-and-loans.pdf>

Next, speak with an advisor. Please contact the Advising Center at [AdvisorCentral@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:AdvisorCentral@seattlecolleges.edu). Once you have spoken with a college advisor, it is highly recommended to attend an Information Session. Information Sessions are held four (4) times a year. These sessions are held at the Pacific Tower Health Education Center which is located at 1200 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144 is Suite 204.

It is noteworthy that before applying to our program, you must apply to the college. Once done, create an account to view the Dental Hygiene program requirements. You will need to read all the information to know the process to apply. Once logged into the application, look to the right hand side of the screen and open documents to help you with the application process.


**Q:** In the online application, I entered a course for the Humanities Elective course requirement. When and how will I know the course I entered will be approved for this pre-requisite course?

**A:** Dear Applicant: I looked at your application and I see you've added Japanese 121 (example only) as your Humanities Elective course to be reviewed. Congratulations! You have added it to the correct area of the system.

Once your application is complete and submitted, it will be under review. It will be considered and, if there are any questions, you will be notified. The Review Committee has enough time to evaluate these courses for consideration.

Note in the graphic below: The green circle with the check mark indicates that the course is accepted. The blue circle with the "A" indicates this course must be reviewed by the Review Committee.

#### Example Only Below:

	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	PSYC&100	SCC	Fall 2016	4.0	5.0 Qtr
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#### Humanities Course

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	Japanese121	0236.01	BE 4123	SPR16	3.6	5.0 Qtr
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**Q.** I want to know more about the points used to calculate for the application process.

**A:** The Competitive Selection is calculated by a Pre-Selection criteria which is 50% of the points and are derived from a 20 points rating as listed below:

- Employer Recommendation Letter (1 pt.)
- Community Member Recommendation & Service Hours Declaration (2 pt.)
- Essay Evaluation (up to 8 points total)
- GPA (total of 5 points broken down by the bullets below:
  - GPA between 2.5 – 2.9 (2 pt.)
  - GPA between 3.0 – 3.3 (3 pts.)
  - GPA 3.4 or higher (5 pts.)
- Multi-Purpose Verification Form (Verification of 500-1000 hours Dental Assisting Experience: (1pt.)
- CDA Certification (Not to be confused with Registered DA); OR more than 1,000 hours experience as a Neighborcare dental assistant; OR graduation from a CODA accredited dental assistant program requiring 9 months or more full time study (1 pt.)
- Verified Worker Retraining Applicant/Military Experience (2 pt.)

The second portion of the Competitive Selection consists of 50% of the points and are derived from the Group Interview which include:

- Five questions that equal 18 points.

**Q:** How long is your program? How many credits for the entire program?

**A:** The dental hygiene program is eight (8) quarters. The program starts in spring quarter. The dental hygiene program including prerequisites will be a total of 195 credits.

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**Q:** I'm wondering how to record my volunteer/community service hours. How should I document my hours?

**A:** The Community Member Recommendation & Service Hours Declaration form in the application is to be downloaded and printed. After which, taken to the individual who is supervising your volunteer activities. In conjunction with your organization you are volunteering for, you should have records or logs for all the activities, dates, and hours that you provided volunteer services. You can use up to the last five years of recorded hours. This is to be scanned and then uploaded into the Online Application System.

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**Q:** I have a B.S. in Biology, however I have not taken the prerequisite courses microbiology or anatomy & physiology. Would I have to take these courses before being eligible for your program?

**A:** All prerequisite courses are required and successfully completed with at least a minimum grade of 2.5 for each course respectively. This grade requirement is not an overall GPA.

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**Q:** Is it necessary to complete the associate's degree if I already have a bachelor's degree?

**A:** Yes. The entire program is required. The prerequisites and the entire 8 quarters that consist of the dental hygiene program are required.