



# GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE **DENTAL HYGIENE**

## PROGRAM INFORMATION







## DENTAL HYGIENE – Fall 2026

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in Gulf Coast State College's Dental Hygiene Program! The program is located on the Panama City Campus near the stunning emerald waters and white sand beaches of the Gulf of America. Our program offers an exceptional education experience in a state-of-the-art dental facility with dedicated faculty and staff eager to support you as you embark on your academic journey.

Each year, we admit 16 students through a selective admission process. The application deadline is **11:59 p.m. (CST) on the first working day of March 2026**. To strengthen your application, we encourage students to complete as many general education courses as possible before applying. Once accepted into the program, students' complete core dental hygiene courses over 5 semesters. While general education courses may be available in flexible formats (e.g., evenings, weekends, online), core dental hygiene courses are only offered in-person during traditional daytime hours.

If you haven't already applied for admission to Gulf Coast State College, we recommend starting the process by contacting Enrollment Services at **850-872-3892** or visiting <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/index.html>. We also invite you to explore our dental hygiene website to familiarize yourself with different aspects of the program. <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/academic-division/health-sciences/dental-programs/dental-hygiene/index.html>.

Please carefully review the information included in this information packet. Submitting both the **GCSC application** and the **Dental Hygiene online application** confirms your interest and allows the Health Sciences Division to create a file for with your supporting documents.

We wish you success as you take the first steps toward a rewarding career in dental hygiene!

Sincerely,

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## PROGRAM ACCREDITATION:

Gulf Coast State College Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene programs offered by Gulf Coast State College were initiated in 1970 and 1996, respectively. The most recent evaluation of both programs was in 2019; this was the Commission's seventh site evaluation of the Dental Assisting Program and fifth site evaluation of the Dental Hygiene program. At the time of the site visit, the accreditation status for the dental hygiene education programs was "approval without reporting requirements."

## PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The Dental Hygiene program is a limited access, selective admissions program designed to assist students in developing and mastering basic clinical competencies and theoretical concepts of the Dental Hygiene process of care. Graduates will receive an A.S. degree in Dental Hygiene and will be eligible to apply for the national and state board examinations in any U. S. state. Students are encouraged to complete as many of the general education courses as possible, especially the science courses, prior to seeking admission into the program.

One class of **sixteen** students is selected each year. Students not selected are encouraged to enroll in and complete any remaining general education courses while reapplying to the program for the next year. Students should receive advising and counseling regarding their status and recommended courses. The Dental Hygiene program is a rigorous, full-time program that requires commitment and hard work. **For a portion of the laboratory learning experiences, it is necessary for students to practice on each other which includes administering local anesthesia.**

Students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program are at risk for exposure to blood and body fluids, and the potential does exist for transmission of blood-borne and other infectious diseases during patient care activities. If you contract a blood-borne infectious disease during your enrollment, appropriate healthcare experts will be consulted about your ability to continue to treat patients. Each applicant may view the Dental Hygiene Program Policies on Blood-borne and Infectious Diseases in the handbook that is available online at <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/academic-division/health-sciences/dental-programs/dental-hygiene/general-information.html>. The Dental Hygiene faculty will discuss or answer any questions that an applicant may have concerning these policies.

## ADMISSIONS:

The Dental Hygiene program is a limited-access program. A selective admissions policy with specific selection criteria is utilized to select the most qualified applicants. The strength of the applicant pool varies year to year, with the highest qualified applicants receiving first consideration. **It is the applicant's responsibility to inquire about these specific admission and selection criteria and to ensure that all required documents are received by the deadline of 11:59 p.m., C.S.T., on the first working day of March 2026.**

## SELECTION CRITERIA AND INFORMATION:

Selection to the program is based upon an objective cumulative point system that includes overall GPA, the completion of prerequisite and general education courses with a grade of "C" or better, completion of an ADA-accredited dental assisting program, DANB certification, 1+ year of dental assisting work experience/military training certificate, and advanced degrees (i.e. AAS, AA, AS, BS, BA, MS, MA). ***All qualified applicants will be ranked accordingly by the DENTAL HYGIENE SELECTION COMMITTEE DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH and the top sixteen (16) qualified applicants will be selected. The next (16) qualified applicants are placed on an alternate list and will be notified if an opening becomes available.***

**IMPORTANT: In the month of April, all applicants to the Dental Hygiene program will be notified of their application status through their Gulf Coast student email.** For those conditionally accepted, there is a required response form to confirm conditional acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program, which must be signed and returned to the Dental Programs Senior Administrative Assistant by the specified deadline in the letter. If we do not receive this form by the deadline, the position will be offered to the next candidate. **If your mailing address changes after you have submitted this application, it is your responsibility to notify the Senior Administrative Assistant, at 850.873.3542.** Additionally, all accepted students are required to complete Background Check/Fingerprinting, Health Requirements, CPR Training, Drug Screening, Interprofessional Healthcare Training, attend the Dental Programs New Student Orientation, and become a member of the Student American Dental Hygiene Association (SADHA) for final acceptance. Final acceptance will be withdrawn if the student does not successfully complete these items.

### **DENTAL PROGRAMS TRANSFER POLICY:**

Applicants who are currently enrolled in another Dental Hygiene Program and wish to investigate transferring to a GCSC Dental Program must: 1) meet all current admission requirements, 2) apply at least two months prior to the expected date of enrollment, 3) notify the Dental Hygiene Program Coordinator in writing, stating anticipated entry date and reason for transfer, 4) provide evidence of successful completion of previous core dental courses from an American Dental Association accredited program, and 5) provide a letter from the Program Chair stating that the student is in good academic and clinical standing and is eligible to return to the Dental Hygiene program they wish to transfer from. Acceptance of any transfer student will be dependent upon available resources.

Transferability of GCSC Dental Hygiene/Dental Assisting courses to another institution will be dependent upon the acceptance of the receiving institution.

### **DENTAL PROGRAMS ARTICULATION POLICY:**

Students who elect to articulate must have completed said courses with a grade of “C” or better from Gulf Coast State College’s accredited Dental Assisting Program within the last three years *and* have actively been working in the dental field at least 3 months prior to entrance in the program. If you feel you meet articulation requirements, please contact the Dental Hygiene Coordinator for more information.

### **FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS:**

Students requiring financial assistance should contact the GCSC Office of Financial Aid located in the Enrollment Services Building or visit <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/tuition-aid/financial-aid/consumer-information.html> for directions on how to apply for assistance.

### **BASIC PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS:**

To become licensed to practice dental hygiene in Florida, the graduate must first apply for and successfully pass the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination. The student must then apply for and take the state examination, which is composed of a written examination of the Florida Dental Law and a practical examination on a clinical patient. The license to practice dental hygiene in Florida is issued by the Florida Board of Dentistry and must be renewed every two years through a process of continuing education requirements.

Gulf Coast State College Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). This Disclosure is strictly limited to GCSC’s determination of whether the Program, if successfully completed, would be sufficient to meet the educational licensure requirements in a State, as defined as 34 C.F.R. § 600.2. GCSC cannot provide verification of an individual’s ability to meet licensure requirements unrelated to its educational programming.

This Disclosure does not provide any guarantee that any particular State licensure entity will approve or deny your application. Furthermore, this Disclosure does not account for changes in state law or regulation that may affect your application for licensure and occur after this disclosure has been made. Enrolled students and prospective students are strongly encouraged to contact their state’s licensure entity to review all licensure or certification requirements imposed by their State(s) of choice.

In accordance with 34 C.F.R. § 668.43, GCSC has determined the Dental Hygiene Program meets the educational licensure requirements for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the US protectorates, as defined in 34 C.F.R. § 600.2.

It is strongly encouraged that students, applicants, and prospective students determine any additional requirements for licensure in the State in which they seek to be licensed. Information regarding State licensure can be found at: <https://www.dentalboards.org/state-board-list>.

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact Miranda Stewart at [mstewart@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:mstewart@gulfcoast.edu) or (850) 747-3244.

<https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/online/professional-licensure-disclosure.html>



## **GENERAL CAREER INFORMATION:**

The dental hygienist is a licensed oral health professional who provides educational, clinical, and therapeutic services. This professional specializes in the prevention of dental disease and the promotion of optimal oral health which contributes to the overall well-being of the patient. Although the tasks performed by a dental hygienist vary from state to state, the primary functions are:

- Remove biofilm (plaque) and calculus (soft and hard deposits) from teeth both coronal and apical to (above and below) the gingival margin (gum line) using dental manual and/or mechanical instrumentation.
- Evaluate a patient's current health status including all medications; perform an extraoral and intraoral examination and oral cancer screening
- Develop a dental hygiene diagnosis (as a component of the dental diagnosis) based on the oral health findings
- Expose, process, and interpret dental radiographic images (x-rays)
- Provide patient education on biofilm (plaque) control and home care protocol by incorporating techniques and products that will become part of an individualized self-care oral hygiene program
- Educate patients on the importance of good nutrition for maintaining optimal oral health
- Apply caries-preventive agents such as fluorides and sealants to teeth
- Work with special population groups such as the elderly, the mentally/physically handicapped, and the culturally diverse
- Counsel and coordinate tobacco cessation programs
- Perform administration of local anesthesia for pain control
- Perform the Expanded Functions legally allowable in the state of Florida
- Assess, diagnose, plan, implement, evaluate, and document community dental health projects

## **EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Dental Hygiene is one of the fastest-growing career fields due to the emphasis on preventive dental health care. Hygienists have a range of career opportunities in areas such as:

Private Dental offices	Specialty Dental Offices
Hospitals/Nursing Homes	Foreign Service/Practice
Education	Insurance
Federal and State Services	Dental Supply Sales
Management and Consultation	Public Health Departments
Research and Design	Public School Systems

*Regional employment opportunities vary depending on location and demand; consult with Dental Program faculty for additional information regarding employment and compensation for our service area.*

## **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS:**

Gulf Coast State College (GCSC) students who are granted conditional acceptance into a Health Sciences program must receive a satisfactory criminal background check prior to final acceptance into the program. The background check will be scheduled and performed at the discretion of the Division of Health Sciences at GCSC. Information and instructions on how to complete the background check will be sent by the program coordinator. Criminal background checks performed through other agencies will not be accepted. The student must also be aware that clinical agencies may require an additional background check prior to clinical access.

It is possible to graduate from a program at GCSC and be denied the opportunity for licensure because of an unfavorable background check. An applicant must consider how his/her personal history may affect the ability to meet clinical requirements, sit for various licensure exams, and ultimately gain employment. Most healthcare boards in the State of Florida make decisions about licensure on an individual basis. You may visit the Florida Department of Health website at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/> for more information regarding licensure. We offer this information so that you can make an informed decision regarding your future.

**Please read the following information carefully:** Any student who has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere, or guilty to, any offense under the provision of 456.0635 (see below) may be **disqualified** from admission to any Health Sciences program. In addition to these specific convictions, there are other crimes which may disqualify applicants from entering the Health Sciences programs and/or clinical rotations. The statute listed below can also be found online: [http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&URL=0400-0499/0456/Sections/0456.0635.html](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0400-0499/0456/Sections/0456.0635.html).

**456.0635 Health care fraud; disqualification for license, certificate, or registration.**

- (1) Healthcare fraud in the practice of a healthcare profession is prohibited.
- (2) Each board within the jurisdiction of the department, or the department if there is no board, shall refuse to admit a candidate to any examination and refuse to issue a license, certificate, or registration to any applicant if the candidate or applicant or any principal, officer, agent, managing employee, or affiliated person of the candidate or applicant:
  - (a) Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under chapter 409, chapter 817, or chapter 893, or a similar felony offense committed in another state or jurisdiction, unless the candidate or applicant has successfully completed a pretrial diversion or drug court program for that felony and provides proof that the plea has been withdrawn or the charges have been dismissed. Any such conviction or plea shall exclude the applicant or candidate from licensure, examination, certification, or registration unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended:
    1. For felonies of the first or second degree, more than 15 years before the date of application.
    2. For felonies of the third degree, more than 10 years before the date of application, except for felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a).
    3. For felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), more than 5 years before the date of application;
  - (b) Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970, or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396, unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended more than 15 years before the date of the application;
  - (c) Has been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid program pursuant to s. 409.913, unless the candidate or applicant has been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years;
  - (d) Has been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state, from any other state Medicaid program, unless the candidate or applicant has been in good standing with a state Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years and the termination occurred at least 20 years before the date of the application; or
  - (e) Is currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities, except when such applicant is listed solely based on a default or delinquency on a student loan as provided in s. 120.82.

This subsection does not apply to an applicant for initial licensure, certification, or registration who was arrested or charged with a felony specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) before July 1, 2009.

- (3) The department shall refuse to renew a license, certificate, or registration of any applicant if the applicant or any principal, officer, agent, managing employee, or affiliated person of the applicant:
  - (a) Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under chapter 409, chapter 817, or chapter 893, or a similar felony offense committed in another state or jurisdiction, unless the applicant is currently enrolled in a pretrial diversion or drug court program that allows the withdrawal of the plea for that felony upon successful completion of that program. Any such conviction or plea excludes the applicant from licensure renewal unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended:
    1. For felonies of the first or second degree, more than 15 years before the date of application.
    2. For felonies of the third degree, more than 10 years before the date of application, except for felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a).
    3. For felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), more than 5 years before the date of application.
  - (b) Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970, or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396 since July 1, 2009, unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended more than 15 years before the date of the application.
  - (c) Has been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid program pursuant to s. 409.913, unless the applicant has been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years.

(d) Has been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state, from any other state Medicaid program, unless the applicant has been in good standing with a state Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years and the termination occurred at least 20 years before the date of the application.

(e) Is currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities, except when such applicant is listed solely based on a default or delinquency on a student loan as provided in s. 120.82.

This subsection does not apply to an applicant for renewal of licensure, certification, or registration who was arrested or charged with a felony specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) before July 1, 2009.

(4) Licensed health care practitioners shall report allegations of health care fraud to the department, regardless of the practice setting in which the alleged health care fraud occurred.

(5) The acceptance by a licensing authority of a licensee's relinquishment of a license which is offered in response to or anticipation of the filing of administrative charges alleging health care fraud or similar charges constitutes the permanent revocation of the license.

The following disqualifying offenses under current Florida law for healthcare licensure. The individual must not be awaiting final disposition of charges related to disqualifying offenses. The individual must not have been found guilty, regardless of whether adjudication was withheld, nor have entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or guilty to any disqualifying offense. If the individual was adjudicated delinquent for a disqualifying offense, the record must have been sealed or expunged; otherwise, it remains a disqualifying factor.

The disqualifications apply to applicable offenses under:

Relevant provisions of Florida State law or Similar laws in other jurisdictions (laws from other states or countries the applicant originates from).

Specifically, the following pending charges or convictions per statutes: 393.135, 394.4593, 794.011, 825.1025, 826.04, 916.1075, 985.701, 415.111, 825.102, 827.03, 825.103, 827.05, 827.04, 782.04, 782.07, 787.01, 787.02, 784.011, 784.03, 827.071, ch. 796, ch. 800, 798.02, 825.103, 787.025, 874.05, ch. 812, 817.563, ch. 893, 944.47, 985.711, 806.01, 810.02, 810.14, 796, 843.01, 843.025, 847, 944.35(3), 775.21, 775.261 and 943.0435.

**Important Note: After acceptance and during enrollment in this program, the student is responsible for notifying the Program Coordinator of any arrest, regardless of adjudication, that occurs after acceptance through graduation. Failure to promptly notify the Program Coordinator shall be grounds for dismissal from the program.**

***\*A physical examination, criminal background check (Level II), and drug screening WILL be required prior to the official program acceptance.***

Gulf Coast State College does not discriminate against any person in its programs, activities, policies, or procedures on the basis of race ethnicity, color, national origin, marital status, religion, age, gender, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identify, genetic information, disability, or veteran status.

All questions or inquiries regarding compliance with laws relating to non-discrimination and all complaints regarding sexual misconduct or discrimination may be directed to the Executive Director of Human Resources / Title II / 504 / Title IX Coordinator and Employment Equity Officer, Gulf Coast State College, 5230 West US Highway 98, Panama City, FL 32401; 850-872-3866.



## ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Students are encouraged to complete as many of the pre-requisite\* and general education courses as possible while preparing to apply to the Dental Hygiene Program. A grade of "C" or better for all four of the pre-requisite courses\* must be posted to transcript **prior to beginning** the First Year Fall semester (Term II).

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">✓</div>
ENC 1101	*English Composition I ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
HUN 1201	*Principles of Nutrition ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
BSC 2085	*Human Anatomy & Physiology I ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
BSC 2085L	*Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab ..... 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Approved College Math (MAC, MGF, <b>or</b> STA) ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Humanities Core Elective (designated as a • in College Catalog) ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
SYG 2000	Principles of Sociology ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
BSC 2086	Human Anatomy & Physiology II ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
BSC 2086L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab ..... 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
MCB 2004	Microbiology ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
MCB 2004L	Microbiology Lab ..... 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
PSY 2012	General Psychology ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPC 1608	Intro to Public Speaking ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
POS 2041 <b>or</b> AMH 2020	American National Government <b>or</b> United States History II <b>or</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>or</b> **AMH 2010	*United States History I <b>and</b> Civics Literacy Competency Examination ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### Core Course Requirements:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">✓</div>
DES 1010	Head & Neck Anatomy ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DES 1000	Dental Anatomy ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 1130	Oral Histology & Embryology ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DES 1100C	Dental Materials ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
DES 1200	Dental Radiology I ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DES 1200L	Dental Radiology I Lab ..... 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 2300	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 1400	Oral Pathology ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DES 1201	Dental Radiology II ..... 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
DES 1201L	Dental Radiology II Lab ..... 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 1002	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 1002L	Dental Hygiene Pre-Clinical Procedures ..... 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
DES 1832	Expanded Functions ..... 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
DES 1832L	Expanded Functions Lab ..... 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 1800	Dental Hygiene I ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 1800L	Dental Hygiene Clinical I ..... 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 1802	Dental Hygiene II ..... 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 1802L	Dental Hygiene Clinical II ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 2602	Periodontology ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 2702	Community Dental Health ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 2702L	Community Dental Health Lab ..... 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 2804	Dental Hygiene III ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 2804L	Dental Hygiene Clinical III ..... 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 2806	Dental Hygiene IV ..... 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 2806L	Dental Hygiene Clinical IV ..... 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS</b>	<b>88</b>
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\*Pre-requisite courses – grade of "C" or better for all pre-requisite courses must be posted to transcript prior to beginning the First Year Fall semester (Term II).

\*\*AMH 2010 does not meet the course requirement if taken prior to Fall 2024.



**GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**  
**ESTIMATED EXPENSE SHEET 2025-2026**

<b>FIRST YEAR</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>In State Tuition</b>	<b>Out of State Tuition</b>	<b>Lab Fee</b>	<b>Textbook(s)</b>	<b>In State Total</b>	<b>Out of State Total</b>
<b>Summer Term I: DH Core Pre-requisites &amp; Math</b>								
ENC 1101	English Composition I	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86	\$5.00		\$301.25	\$1,023.86
HUN 1201	Principles of Nutrition	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$146.00	\$442.25	\$1,164.86
BSC 2085	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$176.00	\$472.25	\$1,194.86
BSC 2085L	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1	\$98.75	\$339.62	\$27.00	\$62.99	\$188.74	\$429.61
	Approved Math (MAC, MGF, STA)	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$223.00	\$519.25	\$1,241.86
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$1,283.75</b>	<b>\$4,415.06</b>	<b>\$32.00</b>	<b>\$607.99</b>	<b>\$1,923.74</b>	<b>\$5,055.05</b>

<i>The following 6 classes must be completed prior to graduation, preferably before entering the First Year</i>		<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>In State Tuition</b>	<b>Out of State Tuition</b>	<b>Lab Fee</b>	<b>Textbook(s)</b>	<b>In State Total</b>	<b>Out of State Total</b>
BSC 2086	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$176.00	\$472.25	\$1,194.86
BSC 2086L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1	\$98.75	\$339.62	\$27.00	\$64.99	\$190.74	\$431.61
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86			\$296.25	\$1,018.86
MCB 2004	Microbiology	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$144.00	\$440.25	\$1,162.86
MCB 2004L	Microbiology Lab	1	\$98.75	\$339.62	\$142.00	\$73.49	\$314.24	\$555.11
SPC 1608	Introduction to Public Speaking	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86			\$296.25	\$1,018.86
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$1,382.50</b>	<b>\$4,754.68</b>	<b>\$169.00</b>	<b>\$458.48</b>	<b>\$2,009.98</b>	<b>\$5,382.16</b>

<b>Fall Term II</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>In State Tuition</b>	<b>Out of State Tuition</b>	<b>Lab Fee</b>	<b>Textbook(s)</b>	<b>In State Total</b>	<b>Out of State Total</b>
DEH 1002	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$295.99	\$592.24	\$1,314.85
DEH 1002L	DH Preclinical Procedures	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86	\$1,303.00		\$1,599.25	\$2,321.86
DES 1000	Dental Anatomy	2	\$197.50	\$679.24		\$131.95	\$329.45	\$811.19
DES 1010	Head & Neck Anatomy	2	\$197.50	\$679.24		\$89.99	\$287.49	\$769.23
DES 1100C	Dental Materials	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86	\$215.00	\$82.95	\$594.20	\$1,316.81
DES 1200	Dental Radiology I	2	\$197.50	\$679.24		\$94.95	\$292.45	\$774.19
DES 1200L	Dental Radiology I Lab	1	\$98.75	\$339.62	\$189.00		\$287.75	\$528.62
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$1,580.00</b>	<b>\$5,433.92</b>	<b>\$1,707.00</b>	<b>\$695.83</b>	<b>\$3,982.83</b>	<b>\$7,836.75</b>

<b>Spring Term III</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>In State Tuition</b>	<b>Out of State Tuition</b>	<b>Lab Fee</b>	<b>Textbook(s)</b>	<b>In State Total</b>	<b>Out of State Total</b>
DES 1832	Expanded Functions	1	\$98.75	\$339.62			\$98.75	\$339.62
DES 1832L	Expanded Functions Lab	1	\$98.75	\$339.62	\$26.00		\$124.75	\$365.62
DEH 1800	Dental Hygiene I	2	\$197.50	\$679.24			\$197.50	\$679.24
DEH 1800L	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	4	\$395.00	\$1,358.48	\$748.00		\$1,143.00	\$2,106.48
DEH 1130	Histology & Embryology	2	\$197.50	\$679.24			\$197.50	\$679.24
DEH 1400	Oral Pathology	2	\$197.50	\$679.24		\$79.95	\$277.45	\$759.19
DES 1201	Dental Radiology II	1	\$98.75	\$339.62			\$98.75	\$339.62
DES 1201L	Dental Radiology II Lab	1	\$98.75	\$339.62	\$61.00		\$159.75	\$400.62
DEH 2300	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	2	\$197.50	\$679.24		\$79.95	\$277.45	\$759.19
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$1,580.00</b>	<b>\$5,433.92</b>	<b>\$835.00</b>	<b>\$159.90</b>	<b>\$2,574.90</b>	<b>\$6,428.82</b>

Summer Term IV		Credit Hours	In State Tuition	Out of State Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbook(s)	In State Total	Out of State Total
DEH 1802	Dental Hygiene II	1	\$98.75	\$339.62		\$91.99	\$190.74	\$431.61
DEH 1802L	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	2	\$197.50	\$679.24	\$497.00		\$694.50	\$1,176.24
DEH 2602	Periodontology	2	\$197.50	\$679.24		\$87.95	\$285.45	\$767.19
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$493.75</b>	<b>\$1,698.10</b>	<b>\$497.00</b>	<b>\$179.94</b>	<b>\$1,170.69</b>	<b>\$2,375.04</b>

SECOND YEAR Fall Term V		Credit Hours	In State Tuition	Out of State Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbook(s)	In State Total	Out of State Total
DEH 2702	Community Dental Health	2	\$197.50	\$679.24		\$78.99	\$276.49	\$758.23
DEH 2804	Dental Hygiene III	2	\$197.50	\$679.24			\$197.50	\$679.24
DEH 2804L	Dental Hygiene Clinical III	4	\$395.00	\$1,358.48	\$347.00		\$742.00	\$1,705.48
SYG 2000	Principles of Sociology	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$39.00	\$335.25	\$1,057.86
POS 2041 <u>or</u> AMH 2020 <u>or</u> *AMH 2010	American National Government <u>or</u> United States History II <u>or</u> United States History I	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$90.00	\$386.25	\$1,108.86
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$1,382.50</b>	<b>\$4,754.68</b>	<b>\$347.00</b>	<b>\$207.99</b>	<b>\$1,937.49</b>	<b>\$5,309.67</b>

\*AMH 2010 does not meet the course requirement if taken prior to Fall 2024.

Spring Term VI		Credit Hours	In State Tuition	Out of State Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbook(s)	In State Total	Out of State Total
DEH 2702L	Community Dental Health Lab	1	\$98.75	\$339.62	\$8.00		\$106.75	\$347.62
DEH 2806	Dental Hygiene IV	2	\$197.50	\$679.24		\$77.95	\$275.45	\$757.19
DEH 2806L	Dental Hygiene Clinical IV	4	\$395.00	\$1,358.48	\$240.00		\$635.00	\$1,598.48
	Approved Humanities	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$100.00	\$396.25	\$1,118.86
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$987.50</b>	<b>\$3,396.20</b>	<b>\$248.00</b>	<b>\$177.95</b>	<b>\$1,413.45</b>	<b>\$3,822.15</b>

<b>TOTAL Program Credit Hours</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>TOTAL for all semesters IN-STATE</b>	<b>\$13,125.34</b>
<b>TOTAL for all semesters OUT-OF-STATE</b>	<b>\$36,209.64</b>

*Estimated Additional Expenses			**Tuition Per Credit Hour			
Professional Organizational Dues (SADHA \$85 yearly)	\$170.00		In-State College Credit		\$98.75	
Interprofessional Healthcare Training	\$110.50		Out-of-State College Credit		\$339.62	
Dental Hygiene Uniforms & Shoes	\$350.00					
BP Cuff, Stethoscope, Safety Glasses, Thermometer	\$75.00					
Dental Hygiene Loupes (optional)	\$1,200.00		<b>*Estimated additional expenses are subject to change. Cost for uniforms and supplies will vary based on vendor.</b>  <b>**Tuition and Fees are subject to change by the Florida Legislature and the District Board of Trustees. Consult the current GCSC Catalog.</b>			
Background Check and Fingerprinting	\$85.00					
PreCheck/SentryMD (Drug Screening & Compliance Tracker Service)	\$75.00					
Dental Hygiene Pin	\$75.00					
ADEX Clinical Exam	\$1,150.00					
Dental Hygiene National Board Exam	\$600.00					
Florida Rules and Laws Exam	\$105.00					
Dental Hygiene Licensure	\$135.00					
<b>TOTAL Additional Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,130.50</b>					

<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRAM EXPENSES IN-STATE</b>	<b>\$17,255.84</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRAM EXPENSES OUT-OF-STATE</b>	<b>\$40,340.14</b>

## DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM ADMISSIONS PROCESS GUIDE

Application Deadline:  
11:59 p.m., C.S.T., on the first  
working day of March 2026

**IMPORTANT:** All items must be received and posted to the student's computer record prior to the application deadline, or the application will be considered incomplete.

### Submit to GCSC Enrollment Services:

☐ **Apply for general admission to Gulf Coast State College (IF NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED)**



*Note: While working on admission to this program, you may choose the HLSC – AA, Health Sciences, General Education as your major only if you intend to complete that separate degree either before or after this limited access program.*

Call 850.872.3892 or visit Enrollment Services. Application fee does apply; applications are available on the GCSC website: <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/forms.html>.

To request a major change, visit <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/forms.html>, and click on Program Major Change Form.

Students declaring an unintended major for the sole purpose of receiving financial aid may be subject to penalties, including repayment of any financial aid received.

☐ **Provide official High School Transcript or GED (showing completion of high school) and all Final College Transcripts to GCSC Enrollment Services for evaluation**

An **official** transcript is a transcript that is **sent directly** from the granting school/institution to GCSC Enrollment Services. Transcripts that have been in the student's possession (regardless of whether they are "sealed," stamped, or in a sealed envelope) are not considered official and will not be accepted. Transcripts must be submitted from ALL post-secondary educational colleges or universities attended and must display all periods of enrollment and/or degrees earned.

**The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all college transcripts are evaluated prior to 11:59 p.m., C.S.T., on the first working day of March 2026.** Submitting transcripts at least 30 days prior to the published deadline will prevent lengthy transcript/course evaluation delays. Candidates will receive ranking points based on cumulative GPA of all post-secondary coursework and general education requirements.

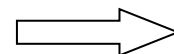
☐ **Demonstrate Competency in Math/Algebra, English, and Reading**

Students **must** demonstrate competency using **one** of the following quantitative methods:

Subject	CLT	PERT	ACT	SAT	College Course
Math/Algebra	≥16	≥114	≥19	≥480 or 24 (old)	Eligibility for or successful completion of a 3-credit minimum course with prefix MAC, MGF or STA
English	≥38	≥103	≥17	≥490 in Critical Reading or 24 (old)	Completion of ENC 1101 with a grade "C" or better
Reading	≥38	≥106	≥19		

If the applicant wishes to use test scores to demonstrate competency for any of the above, and the test was not administered at Gulf Coast State College, the applicant must have an OFFICIAL score report sent to the GCSC testing office. Test scores that have been in the student's possession (regardless of whether they are "sealed," stamped, or in a sealed envelope) are not considered official and will not be accepted. **All applicants are responsible for ensuring that their scores are received and posted to their GCSC computer record prior to 11:59 p.m., C.S.T., on the first working day in March 2026.** Please consult the GCSC Testing Services website at <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/academic-support-tutoring/testing/index.html> or call 850.769.1551 Ext. 3594 for additional information.

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## Submit Online

### ☐ Dental Hygiene Program Application Form with Technical Standards Acknowledgement

A current application **MUST** be completed and submitted for each year of application. **Previous applications and documents will not be "rolled over" or accepted.**

The Dental Hygiene Application and Technical Standards Form may be submitted online at  
<https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/academic-division/health-sciences/dental-programs/dental-hygiene/index.html>

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### ☐ RANKING POINTS:

- ✓ Candidates will receive ranking points based on overall grade point average (GPA) as posted in the GCSC computer record. Therefore, it is advantageous to have performed well in previous college courses.
- ✓ Points will be earned for completion of the following general education courses with a minimum grade of "C" or better **by 11:59 p.m., C.S.T., on the first working day of March 2026.** *The applicant is responsible for ensuring that these courses and grades have been submitted via an official transcript, reviewed, and posted to their GCSC computer record by the established program deadline.*
  - BSC 2085 Anatomy & Physiology I
  - BSC 2085L Anatomy & Physiology I Lab
  - HUN 1201 Principles of Nutrition
  - ENC 1101 English Comp. I
  - Approved Humanities (Core)
  - SPC 1608 Intro. to Public Speaking
  - BSC 2086 Anatomy & Physiology II
  - BSC 2086L Anatomy & Physiology II Lab
  - SYG 2000 Principles of Sociology
  - POS 2041 American National Government **or** AMH 2020 United States History II **or** \*AMH 2010 United States History I **and** Civics Literacy Competency exam
  - PSY 2012 General Psychology
  - MCB 2004 Microbiology
  - MCB 2004L Micro. Lab
  - College Math (MAC, MGF, or STA)

*\*AMH 2010 does not meet the course requirement if taken prior to Fall 2024.*

### ☐ OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENT POINTS:

- ✓ Registered Dental Assisting or DANB certification should be submitted by email to Connie "Crickett" Pimentel at [HealthSciencesGCSC@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:HealthSciencesGCSC@gulfcoast.edu) by the published deadline.
  - ✓ Current enrollment in GCSC dental assisting program **or** graduate from an ADA-accredited dental assisting program – certificate of completion or enrollment must be evident on the official transcript.
  - ✓ Documented evidence (by employer) for a minimum of one (1) year of on-the-job dental assisting experience **OR** military certificate/training. Documentation should be submitted by email to Connie "Crickett" Pimentel at [HealthSciencesGCSC@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:HealthSciencesGCSC@gulfcoast.edu) by the published deadline.
  - ✓ Any post-secondary degree achieved from a regionally accredited college/university as evidenced on official transcript(s) (i.e., AA, AS, AAS, BS, BA, MA or MS).
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**Only application folders that are current and complete will be considered for selection.**

**Materials from previous application attempts will not be "rolled over" to a new application year. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure his/her application folder is complete prior to the deadline. Late applications will only be considered if a sufficient pool of qualified applicants does not exist.**

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