



DENTAL HYGIENE – Fall 2022

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in Gulf Coast State College! The **Dental Hygiene** Program is located at the Panama City Campus, near the emerald green waters and white sand beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. The dental faculty and staff are very proud of the exceptional program and state of the art dental facility that we offer and would like to provide assistance to you as you prepare for your academic career.

Accepting sixteen students each year, the program utilizes a selective admission process with an application deadline on the **last working day of January 2022**. It is advantageous to complete as many of the general education courses prior to applying, as several of them are required before entering the First Year Fall semester of the program. Additionally, candidates are selected based on previous post-secondary academic performance. While general education classes may be available at more flexible times (i.e., evenings, weekend, online, etc.), once accepted into the program, the core dental hygiene classes are only offered during traditional day time hours.

If you have not already applied for admission to Gulf Coast State College, you should do this **first** by contacting the Office of Admissions and Records at 850.872.3892 or by visiting www.gulfcoast.edu/. This will not only start the college admissions process, but will also permit you access to a variety of services available at the college. We also invite you to visit our program website at <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/current-students/academic-divisions/health-sciences/dental/dental-hygiene/general-information.html> to better familiarize yourself with all aspects of our educational program.

Please read and review carefully the information included in this introductory packet. Completing the GCSC application and Dental Hygiene application will confirm your interest and will enable the Health Sciences Division to create a file for your other application documents as you return them. **IN ADDITION TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS, THE FINAL 3 FORMS IN THIS APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS BY THE STATED DEADLINE.**

We wish you much success as you begin to prepare for your future in the profession of Dental Hygiene!

Sincerely,

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DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Fall 2022

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION:

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 health care 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 upon request. 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 in order 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 on campus by to the deadline of the last working day of January.**

SELECTION CRITERIA AND INFORMATION:

Selection to the program is based upon an objective cumulative point system that includes earned college grade point averages (GPA), SAT/ACT/Accuplacer or PERT placement scores, work/observation documentation, and optional enhancement points. Applicable enhancement points may include: the number of prerequisite and general education courses completed with a grade of "C" or better, completion of a dental assisting program, DANB certification, 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 FEBRUARY 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 March, all applicants to the Dental Hygiene program will be notified of their application status through the mail. 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 Sr. Administrative Assistant, Amanda Walker, by the specified deadline. 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, PLEASE be sure to notify the Sr. Administrative Assistant, Amanda Walker, at 850.873.3542.** Additionally, all students are required to attend the Dental Programs New Student Orientation and the Health Sciences Orientation held in August, and become a member of the Student American Dental Hygiene Association for final acceptance. Final acceptance will be withdrawn if the student does not attend/become a member.

APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED FOR EACH NEW CLASS AND ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY HELD OVER FOR THE NEXT SELECTION PROCESS. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO RE-APPLY FOR THE NEXT APPLICATION CYCLE/YEAR.

DENTAL PROGRAMS TRANSFER POLICY:

Applicants who are currently enrolled in another Dental Hygiene/Dental Assisting 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 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 an American Dental Association 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 Programs 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 www.gulfcoast.edu/finance_assist 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 is issued by the Board of Dentistry and must be renewed every two years through a process of continuing education requirements.

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 (gumline) using dental instruments
- 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 radiographs (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, and the mentally/physically handicapped
- 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

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 that 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 (www.doh.state.fl.us/) 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 into 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&Search_String=&URL=0400-0499/0456/Sections/0456.0635.html

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

- (1) Health care fraud in the practice of a health care 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 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 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.

***NOTE: A physical examination, criminal background check and drug screening
WILL be required prior to official program acceptance.***



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).

PRE-REQUISITE* / GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

<u>Course</u>		<u>Credits</u>	v
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, STA)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Humanities Elective	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.....	<u>3</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		33	<input type="checkbox"/>

Core Course Requirements:

<u>Course</u>		<u>Credits</u>	v
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 1100	Dental Materials	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DES 1100	Dental Materials Lab	1	<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	5	<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	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 2806	Dental Hygiene IV	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEH 2806L	Dental Hygiene Clinical IV	<u>5</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		55	
TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS		88	

GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
ESTIMATED EXPENSE SHEET 2021-2022

FIRST YEAR		Credit Hours	In State Tuition	Out of State Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbooks	In State Total	Out of State Total
Summer Term I: DH Core Pre-requisites								
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		\$144.00	\$440.25	\$1,162.86
BSC 2085	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$160.00	\$456.25	\$1,178.86
BSC 2085L	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1	\$98.75	\$339.62	\$27.00	\$60.96	\$186.71	\$427.58
	TOTAL	10	\$987.50	\$3,396.20	\$32.00	\$364.96	\$1,384.46	\$3,793.16

<i>The following 6 classes must be completed prior to graduation, preferably before entering the First Year</i>		Credit Hours	In State Tuition	Out of State Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbooks	In State Total	Out of State Total
BSC 2086	Anatomy & Physiology II							
BSC 2086L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1	\$98.75	\$339.62	\$27.00	\$61.96	\$187.71	\$428.58
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86			\$296.25	\$1,018.86
MCB 2004	Microbiology	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$102.38	\$398.63	\$1,121.24
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
	TOTAL	14	\$1,382.50	\$4,754.68	\$169.00	\$397.83	\$1,949.33	\$5,321.51

Fall Term II		Credit Hours	In State Tuition	Out of State Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbooks	In State Total	Out of State Total
DEH 1002	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene							
DEH 1002L	DH Preclinical Procedures	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86	\$1,385.00		\$1,681.25	\$2,403.86
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	\$237.00	\$82.95	\$616.20	\$1,338.81
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	\$187.00		\$285.75	\$526.62
	TOTAL	16	\$1,580.00	\$5,433.92	\$1,809.00	\$695.83	\$4,084.83	\$7,938.75

Spring Term III		Credit Hours	In State Tuition	Out of State Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbooks	In State Total	Out of State Total
DES 1832	Expanded Functions							
DES 1832L	Expanded Functions Lab	1	\$98.75	\$339.62	\$50.00		\$148.75	\$389.62
DEH 1800	Dental Hygiene I	2	\$197.50	\$679.24			\$197.50	\$679.24
DEH 1800L	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	5	\$493.75	\$1,698.10	\$827.00		\$1,320.75	\$2,525.10
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	\$80.00		\$178.75	\$419.62
DEH 2300	Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	2	\$197.50	\$679.24		\$79.95	\$277.45	\$759.19
	TOTAL	17	\$1,678.75	\$5,773.54	\$957.00	\$159.90	\$2,795.65	\$6,890.44

Summer Term IV		Credit Hours	In State Tuition	Out of State Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbooks	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	\$547.00		\$744.50	\$1,226.24
DEH 2602	Periodontology	2	\$197.50	\$679.24		\$87.95	\$285.45	\$767.19
	TOTAL	5	\$493.75	\$1,698.10	\$547.00	\$179.94	\$1,220.69	\$2,425.04

SECOND YEAR Fall Term V		Credit Hours	In State Tuition	Out of State Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbooks	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	5	\$493.75	\$1,698.10	\$377.00		\$870.75	\$2,075.10
SYG 2000	Principles of Sociology	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86			\$296.25	\$1,018.86
	Approved Math	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$308.00	\$604.25	\$1,326.86
	TOTAL	15	\$1,481.25	\$5,094.30	\$377.00	\$386.99	\$2,245.24	\$5,858.29

Spring Term VI		Credit Hours	In State Tuition	Out of State Tuition	Lab Fee	Textbooks	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	5	\$493.75	\$1,698.10	\$322.00		\$815.75	\$2,020.10
	Approved Humanities	3	\$296.25	\$1,018.86		\$154.00	\$450.25	\$1,172.86
	TOTAL	8	\$790.00	\$2,716.96	\$330.00	\$231.95	\$1,648.20	\$4,297.77

TOTAL Program Credit Hours	88							
TOTAL for all semesters IN-STATE							\$15,328.40	
TOTAL for all semesters OUT-OF-STATE								\$36,524.96

*Estimated Additional Expenses	**Tuition Per Credit Hour			
Professional Organizational Dues (SADHA \$75 yearly)	\$150.00		In-State College Credit	\$98.75
Health Sciences Orientation Courses	\$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)	\$1,000.00			
Background Check and Fingerprinting	\$85.00			
CastleBranch (Drug Screening & Compliance Tracker Service)	\$60.00			
Dental Hygiene Pin	\$75.00			
ADEX Clinical Exam	\$975.00			
Dental Hygiene National Board Exam	\$490.00			
Florida Rules and Laws Exam	\$105.00			
Dental Hygiene Licensure	\$135.00			
TOTAL Additional Expenses	\$3,610.50			

***Estimated additional expenses are subject to change. Cost for uniforms and supplies will vary based on vendor.**

****Tuition and Fees are subject to change by the Florida Legislature and the District Board of Trustees. Consult the current GCSC Catalog.**

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRAM EXPENSES IN-STATE	\$18,938.90
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRAM EXPENSES OUT-OF-STATE	\$40,135.46



**Application
Deadline:
Last working day of January**

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
ADMISSIONS PROCESS GUIDE

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 (Admissions and Records Office):

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

-  Choose “AS Dental Hygiene Applicant” as your Planned Course of Study. Failure to do so can result in lengthy transcript/course evaluation delays.

Call 850.872.3892 or visit GCSC Office of Admissions and Records located in the Enrollment Services Building. Application fee does apply; applications are available on the GCSC website: www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/.

While working on admission to this program, you may choose the Associate of Arts as your major only if you intend to complete that separate degree either before or after this limited access program. To request a major change, visit: <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/forms.html> and select “Program 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 (showing completion of high school) (or GED) **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 the last working day of January.** 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	PERT	Accuplacer (CPT)	ACT	SAT	College Course
Math/Algebra	≥ 114	≥72	≥19	≥440 or 24 (new)	Eligibility for a MGF, STA, or MAC prefixed course.
English	≥ 103	≥83	≥17	≥440 in Critical Reading or 24 (new)	Completion of ENC 1101 with grade “C” or better
Reading	≥ 106	≥83	≥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 the last working day in January.** Please consult the GCSC Testing Services website at <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/testing-services/index.html> or call 850.769.1551 Ext. 3594 for additional information.



Submit Online or to Division of Health Sciences (Room 200):

Dental Hygiene Program Application Form

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

Technical Standards Form

Previous applications and documents will not be “rolled over” or accepted.

Work/Observation Experience Form

Documented evidence of a minimum of 4 hours work and/or observation in a dental environment; must include specific observation of a Dental Hygienist. **Previous applications and documents will not be “rolled over” or accepted.**

The Dental Hygiene Application, Technical Standards Form, and the Work Observation Form may be submitted by mail to Adam Carlini (see contact info below), faxed to 850.747.3246 or submitted online at <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/current-students/academic-divisions/health-sciences/dental/dental-hygiene/index.html>

HOW TO ACQUIRE 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 the **last working day of January**. *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
 - SPC 1608 Intro. to Public Speaking
 - BSC 2086 Anatomy & Physiology II
 - BSC 2086L Anatomy & Physiology II Lab
 - SYG 2000 Principles of Sociology
 - PSY 2012 General Psychology
 - MCB 2004 Microbiology
 - MCB 2004L Micro. Lab
 - College Math (MAC, MGF, STA)
- ✓ Registered Dental Assisting or DANB certification – provide copy of current certification.
- ✓ 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 official transcript.
- ✓ Documented evidence (by employer) of a minimum one (1) year on-the-job dental assisting experience OR military certificate/training.
- ✓ Any post-secondary degree achieved from regionally accredited college/university as evidenced on official transcript(s) (i.e. AA, AS, AAS, BS, BA, MA or MS).

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. Please contact us if you have any further questions:

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide information about two people who will always know where to locate you.

Name	Mailing Address	Telephone Number
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

HEALTH RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE AND / OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE
Use additional sheets if necessary

1. EMPLOYER: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____ Extension _____
 Street & Number City State

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____

Dates employed: From _____ To _____ Nature of Your Job Duties: _____
 Mo./Yr. Mo./Yr.

Reason for Leaving _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____

2. EMPLOYER: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____ Extension _____
 Street & Number City State

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____

Dates employed: From _____ To _____ Nature of Your Job Duties: _____
 Mo./Yr. Mo./Yr.

Reason for Leaving _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation, omission or falsification of information is cause for denial of admission to the program. I understand that illegal use, possession, and/or misuse of drugs are reasons for immediate dismissal from any of the programs in the Health Sciences Division. I further understand that background checks and drug screening are routinely required at most clinical facilities prior to the students' clinical placement.

Signature of Applicant

Date

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

Gulf Coast State College
Health Sciences Division – Room 200
ATTN: Adam Carlini
5230 W. U.S. Highway 98
Panama City, FL 32401-1058

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY:

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____



DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM – TECHNICAL STANDARDS

A dental auxiliary is a health care professional whose primary responsibility is to work with the dentist in the office and perform duties delegated by the dentist. In addition to the duties of the profession, the dental auxiliary must always be aware of the patient's condition and needs and be able to interact appropriately.

TECHNICAL STANDARD	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES OF NECESSARY ACTIVITIES (Not All Inclusive)
Cognitive Qualifications	Sufficient Reading, Language and Math Skills; intellectual and emotional functions necessary to plan and implement dental care for individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to comprehend and interpret written material Follow and deliver written and oral direction Prepare dental treatment plans
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment; synthesize information from written material and apply knowledge to clinical situations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations Develop dental treatment plans Make rapid decisions under pressure Handle multiple priorities in stressful situations Assist with problem solving
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, educational, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish rapport with patients and colleagues Cope effectively with stress Cope with anger/fear/hostility of others in a calm manner Cope with confrontation Demonstrate high degree of patience
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and non-verbal form (speech, reading, and writing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain treatment procedures Initiate patient education Document and interpret treatment actions and patient responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, to maneuver in small spaces and to perform procedures necessary for emergency intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move around in clinical operatories, workspaces, classrooms, laboratories and other treatment areas Administer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation procedures Remain on one's feet in upright position at a workstation without moving about Climb stairs Remain in seated or standing position for 3-5-hour periods without a break
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective dental care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calibrate and use equipment Position patients Perform repetitive tasks Able to grip Bend at knee and squat. Reach above shoulder level Lift with assistance 150 pounds Exert 20-50 pounds of force (pushing/pulling) Successfully complete a CPR (Healthcare Provider) certification course
Hearing	Normal, corrected or aided - Auditory ability sufficient to interpret verbal communication from patients and health care team members and to monitor and assess health needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, and cries for help Hear tape recorded transcriptions Hear telephone interactions Hear audible stethoscope signals during blood pressure screenings
Visual	Normal, corrected - Visual acuity sufficient for observation and assessment necessary for patient assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observe patient responses Identify and distinguish colors Accurately read mm markings on small dental instruments
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for gross and fine motor coordination necessary for delicate manual assessment of oral tissues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention
Environmental	Ability to tolerate environmental stressors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with chemicals and detergents Tolerate exposure to fumes and odors Work in areas that are close and crowded Tolerate the use and wearing of personal protective equipment such as masks or respirator, goggles, face shields, gloves, gowns, and lead aprons for up to 9 hours per day

I have read the above technical standards. I feel it is within my ability to carry out the duties and qualifications of a dental hygienist. If I ever have any change in my ability to meet these standards, I will inform the Dental Hygiene Coordinator without fail.

Signature of Student _____

Date _____



Dental Hygiene Work/Observation Experience Form

The person who supervises the observation/experience must sign the statement of observation/work experience form. When completing this form, indicate the types of dental-related experience. **PLEASE DOCUMENT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS/MONTHS OF OBSERVATION/WORK EXPERIENCE** (a minimum of 4 hours work and/or observation must include specific observation of a Dental Hygienist).

1. Applicant Name: _____ GCSC Student ID# or SS# _____

2. Please Check One: Salaried Employee Unsalariated Observer

3. Please check all applicable types of experience that pertain to the applicant.

_____ Observed Dental Hygiene Procedure(s) _____ Performed Reception-Secretary Duties

_____ Assisted Dental Hygienist _____ Provided Patient Education

_____ Other Duties Performed—please specify: _____

4. Please specify the amount of time devoted to dental hygiene-related work and/or observation by completing the following:

Total Number of Hours Observed: _____ and/or Total Number of Months Work Experience: _____

Dates of supervision:

From: _____ 20 _____ To: _____ 20 _____

5. Are you currently enrolled in or a graduate of an American Dental Association accredited dental assisting program?

If yes, please provide an official transcript evidencing enrollment/completion of your certificate. YES NO

6. Have you successfully passed the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)? YES NO

If yes, please provide documentation of current DANB certificate.

7. Please write any additional comments on a separate piece of paper.

Signature of Supervising Dental Hygienist

Date

Signature of Supervising Dentist

Date