

## Dental Hygiene Department Application Packet

***Read this packet carefully. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the Dental Hygiene Department receives all required paperwork and information by the deadlines.***

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Coastal Bend College Dental Hygiene Program. Our two-year program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. Students who submit a completed application packet and meet all deadline criteria will be evaluated by a selection committee for acceptance into the program.

No applicant will be denied acceptance on the basis of disease status, such as HIV, HBV or HCV. In the occurrence of such infection, the rules & regulations established by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) state that the health care provider must notify patients and obtain their written consent prior to patient treatment. The student may encounter obstacles with acquiring patient consent thus making completion of clinical education requirements difficult. In the event that the student completes the program, the TSBDE may deny licensure. Therefore, in the instance of such disease status, career counseling may be in order.

Coastal Bend College Dental Hygiene Department requires all accepted applicants to undergo a criminal background check prior to admission into the program. Final acceptance into the program is contingent upon a satisfactory background check. Only background checks conducted through the College-approved agency, Corporate Screening, will be accepted and the cost of the background check will be at the applicant's expense. The TSBDE may deny application for licensure based on a person's conviction, under state or federal law, of a felony or misdemeanor that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the profession for which the person seeks licensure. In order to receive final acceptance for enrollment in the Dental Hygiene Program, an accepted applicant with an unsatisfactory criminal background check must obtain a Criminal History Evaluation (CHE) from the TSBDE to ensure licensure eligibility upon graduation. <http://tsbde.texas.gov/licensing/criminal-history-evaluation/>

**If the applicant has been charged with and/or convicted of any misdemeanor or felony (other than a traffic violation) they must submit the CHE to the TSBDE ninety days prior to the application deadline.**

If the applicant with an unsatisfactory criminal background check is selected into the program, or has an alternate status, the CHE ensuring licensure eligibility will not prevent final acceptance into the program. For further information, see The Texas Occupations Code, Title 2. General Provisions Relating to Licensing, Chapter 53, Consequences of Criminal Conviction, Subchapter B. Ineligibility for License. <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/OC/htm/OC.53.htm>

Applicants accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program are required to complete a drug screening consisting of a Health Care Professional Panel. Final acceptance into the program is contingent upon a negative drug screening. Only drug screenings conducted through the College-approved agency, Corporate Screening, will be accepted and the cost of the drug screening will be at the applicant's expense. An applicant with a positive drug screening will not gain acceptance into the program for that application period. The applicant may re-apply after a minimum of twelve months and must provide documentation of successful counseling and treatment.

Coastal Bend College Office of Financial Aid is available to assist with financial aid and scholarship options and can be reached at 361-354-2238 or toll free at 866-722-2838. Applications for financial aid may also be submitted at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

This application packet includes:

1. Program Deadlines & Requirements
2. Selection Committee Criteria
3. Course Transferability
4. Immunization Requirements
5. Expense Estimate
6. Philosophy Statement
7. Dental Hygiene Application

Please submit your application through the following link:

<https://dhcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

If further assistance is needed with the application process or other program information, please contact Esther Anzaldua, Dental Hygiene Administrative Support Specialist, at 361-354-2561 or at [eranzaldua@coastalbend.edu](mailto:eranzaldua@coastalbend.edu). It is the applicant's responsibility to verify that the application submitted is complete with all required documents by the March 31 deadline.

Please be advised that the Dental Hygiene Department does not require personal interviews and requesting an interview will not affect the status of your application.

*Lynn Southerland, MPA, RDH, FAADH, FADHA*

Sincerely,

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Dental Hygiene Director

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## **Dental Hygiene Department**

### **Program Deadlines & Requirements**

Application Dates

**December 1 – Begin accepting applications**

**March 31 – Final date to receive applications**

Applicants Accepted

Up to 30 applicants will be selected depending upon space availability and program constraints. Admission is competitive using criteria indicative of probable success in the DH Program. Only a COMPLETE application packet will be considered. All documentation must be received by the March 31 deadline to be considered for acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program. **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all documentation is received by the March 31 deadline.**

#### **Program Requirements:**

Hepatitis B

Must be documented in progress by the March 31 deadline (Hep B series and HBsAb Titer with proof of immunity)

Immunizations

Copy of immunization records from a health care provider or government agency; MMR, Varicella, Tdap, Hep B series, HBsAb Titer and TB skin test must be submitted with the application. Also, CBC requires evidence of meningitis vaccination or booster during the five-year period prior to enrollment for all students aged 21 and under.

TSI

Students must be in compliance with the Texas Success Initiative (TSI, Texas Education Code §51.3062) to enroll in Texas public institutions of higher education. The DH Program requires completion of, or exemption from, all three parts of the TSI (math, reading and writing. <http://www.coastalbend.edu/per/>)

## PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

CHEM 1306 (lab 1106)  
BIOL 2301 (lab 2101)  
BIOL 2302 (lab 2102)

Four hours of college chemistry (Allied Health Emphasis)  
Anatomy and Physiology I with lab  
Anatomy and Physiology II with lab  
(Pre-requisite courses may be in progress at the time of application submission but must be completed before the March 31 deadline and must have been taken within the last five years preceding the month and year of the beginning of the program year applied for)

## CO-REQUISITE COURSES

BIOL 2320 (lab 2120)

Microbiology for Microbiology for Non-Science Majors (taken within the last five years preceding the month and year of the beginning of the program year applied for.)

ENGL 1301  
Humanities  
PSYC 2301 or 2314  
SPCH 1311  
SOC 1301

English Composition & Grammar  
Three hours of a Humanities equivalent or Performing/Visual Arts (See College Catalog for options or contact Dental Hygiene Dept.)  
Psychology or Lifespan Growth and Development  
Introduction to Speech Communication  
Introduction to Sociology

**For questions about substitution of courses, please contact Esther Anzaldúa at 361- 354-2561**

**PRE-REQUISITE** courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or above and should be completed prior to application submission. If pre-requisite courses are not completed before the March 31 deadline, the application will be considered incomplete and not considered for entrance into the DH Program.

**CO-REQUISITE** courses must be completed prior to graduation from the Dental Hygiene Program. The program is curriculum intensive, thus completion of most or all co-requisites prior to entering the Dental Hygiene Program is recommended.

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE UPLOADED THROUGH THE ADEA LINK.**

CBC Application

Include proof of CBC Application of Admission with the DH application (i.e., CBC ID#, CBC email address). If applicant is not a CBC student, application to the college is required along with the Dental Hygiene Program. Apply for admission to CBC at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org).  
Dental Hygiene Program application with all sections **complete**  
**Official transcripts** from all colleges attended must be sent to the CBC registrar's/admissions office AND to ADEA.

DH Application  
 Transcripts

Hepatitis B Immunization

Documentation of Hep B series, in progress or complete with HBsAb titer, by a health care provider.

Dental Assistant License

Proof of dental assistant certification/registration with the TSBDE or proof of one year or more experience as a dental assistant (provide if applicable, not required)

### Deadlines and Requirements AFTER Acceptance

Upon **acceptance** into the program, the following must be provided. These forms and information are included in the Acceptance Packet.

<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Deadlines</b>
Criminal Background/ Drug Screening	Information mailed with Acceptance Letter	Must be submitted to specified company within <b>fifteen</b> days of program acceptance
Criminal History Evaluation (CHE)	<b>Required only</b> if applicant has been charged with and/or convicted of any misdemeanor or felony (other than a traffic violation)	<b>If Required:</b> CHE must be submitted to the TSBDE <b>ninety days prior to application deadline.</b> Completed TSBDE CHE must be submitted to Dental Hygiene office within <b>one month of acceptance.</b>
Student Record of Immunization Form	Immunizations records completed by a health care provider or gov't agency and HBsAb Titer, TB skin test results and meningitis proof must be included	Must be submitted to Dental Hygiene Department with the acceptance packet
Letter of Intent, Student Health Questionnaire, Program Requirements and Emergency Contact Form	Completed by applicant	Must be submitted to Dental Hygiene Department with the acceptance packet

## Selection Committee Criteria

### 1. **Applicant completion of Application Packet**

- i) Applications must contain all information and documentation, as specified in the Program Deadlines & Requirements section, and has met the March 31 deadline. DO NOT send the application copy to our office. Upload all required information with your application.
- ii) Prerequisite Courses are completed with a grade of “C” or above
  - a) Prerequisite courses “In Progress” during application submission must be completed prior to the prior to the March 31 application deadline
- iii) Co-requisite Courses are completed or in progress
  - a) Co-requisites completed prior to the March 31 application deadline will be included in the scoring/evaluation process

### 2. **Applicant Evaluation**

- i) Applicants are ranked according to a point system with the highest scoring applicants considered first for acceptance. In the event applicants have identical scores, science grades in chemistry and anatomy I & II will be evaluated and ranked by individual grades.
  - a) An extra point will be awarded with proof of active dental assistant certificate/registration issued by the TSBDE or one year or more of dental assistant experience
  - b) An extra point will be awarded for a completed/documented bachelor’s degree
- ii) Transcript evaluations will be conducted by the selection committee
  - a) The number of failed and repeated courses will be considered for the pre-requisite and co-requisite courses. Multiple failed attempts or repeats will decrease the overall applicant’s scoring.
- iii) Applicant has shown the ability to meet all required deadlines for the application process

### 3. **Acceptance, Alternate, or Rejection of Applications**

- i) Letters will be issued via mail or email within four weeks after deadlines and will identify the applicant’s status; accepted, alternate or denied
  - a) Acceptance letters are conditional, pending all future deadlines and documentation requirements are satisfied, including a satisfactory criminal background check and receipt of all required immunizations. If any stated requirements in an individual’s letter are not met, the position will be offered to an alternate. A declined position will result in the position being filled by an alternate applicant.
  - b) Alternate candidate positions are offered to qualified applicants only, with a potential fluctuation in the number offered, dependent upon the application pool and the number of withdrawn or declined applications
  - c) Alternate candidates are ranked. When a position arises, the space may be filled with the first alternate contacted.
  - d) Denial of an application will result in a letter stating why the application was not qualified. These letters will be mailed after the March 31 deadline.
  - e) It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the application is complete and qualified, via contact with the Dental Hygiene Department, as changes occur.

## Course Transferability

Other requisite courses necessary to graduate from the Dental Hygiene Program are transferable to Texas colleges as outlined in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM).

## **Dental Hygiene Department Immunization Requirements**

Documentation by **applicant's health care provider or government organization** for the immunizations below must be provided **with application packet**. The reporting form will be included in the acceptance packet. The following is for applicant information only.

**CBC requires evidence of meningitis vaccination or booster during the five-year period prior to enrollment for ALL students aged 21 and under.**

TETANUS/Diphtheria (Tdap)	Booster within ten years	
HEPATITIS B	2 or 3 shot series <u>and</u> positive HBsAb antibody titer test – titer within ten years	<b>In progress at time of application submission.</b>
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	Positive MMR antibody test <u>or</u> 2 doses of vaccine	Proof of serologic immunity is acceptable
VARICELLA (chicken pox)	Positive Varicella antibody test <u>or</u> two doses of varicella vaccine	Vaccination requirements vary based upon age received. Proof of serologic immunity is acceptable.
TUBERCULOSIS (TB)	Annual testing required	PPD Mantoux results only. Tine or Mono-Vacc are not acceptable.

**ESTIMATED COST OF DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**  
**Textbooks and Fees Only**  
**2024-2025**

The following is only an **estimate** of expenses of during the two years of enrollment in the Dental Hygiene Program and is **subject to change** without notice.

**Do not purchase anything in advance without prior instructions in writing from an instructor.**

<b><u>SEMESTER</u></b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> semester</b>	<b>TEXTBOOKS</b>	<b>BOOK COST</b>	<b>COURSE FEE</b>
DHYG 1201 Orofacial Anatomy, Histology & Embryology	Anatomy of Orofacial Structures, 8th Edition	\$ 93.95	\$ 7.28
DHYG 1331 Preclinical Dental Hygiene	Fundamentals of Periodontal Instrumentation with Navigate, 8 <sup>th</sup> edition Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist, 13 <sup>th</sup> edition Patient Assessment Tutorials w/Navigate, 4 <sup>th</sup> edition Drug Information Handbook for Dentistry, 27 <sup>th</sup> edition	\$ 116.95 \$ 79.20 \$ 72.85 \$ 83.32	\$1,930.31
DHYG 1227 Preventive Dental Hygiene Care	No additional textbook	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.60
DHYG 1304 Dental Radiology	Essentials of Dental Radiography for Assistants and Hygienists, 10 <sup>th</sup> edition	\$ 73.66	\$ 479.73
Uniforms, Shoes, Dues, CPR		\$ 525.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,044.93</b>	<b>\$ 2,432.92</b>

**CHARGES BY SEMESTER (1st Semester = 9 hours)**

In-District Tuition \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 74 per semester hour  
 Out-of-District Tuition \_\_\_\_\_ \$136 per semester hour  
 Out-of-Texas Tuition \_\_\_\_\_ \$151 per semester hour  
 Differential Tuition \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25 per semester hour

<b><u>SEMESTER</u></b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> semester</b>	<b>TEXTBOOKS</b>	<b>BOOK COST</b>	<b>COURSE FEE</b>
DHYG 1207 General and Dental Nutrition	General & Dental Nutrition, Nutrition for Dental Health, 3rd edition, eBook or hardcopy	\$ 45.54	\$ 0.00
DHYG 1260 Clinical Dental Hygiene I	Preventing Medical Emergencies, Use of the Medical History in the Dental Practice ADA CDT 2025 Current Dental Terminology ADA CDT 2025 Coding Companion	\$ 89.51 \$ 136.92 \$ 109.95	\$ 161.20
DHYG 1311 Periodontology	Foundation of Periodontics for the Dental Hygienist Enhanced, 5th edition	\$ 85.87	\$ 0.00
DHYG 1235 Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist	Applied Pharmacology for the Dental Hygienist, 8 <sup>th</sup> edition	\$ 73.49	\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 541.28</b>	<b>\$ 161.20</b>



**CHARGES BY SEMESTER (2nd Semester = 9 hours)**

In-District Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 74 per semester hour  
 Out-of-District Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$136 per semester hour  
 Out-of-Texas Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$151 per semester hour  
 Differential Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25 per semester hour

<b>SEMESTER</b> <b>3rd semester</b>	<b>TEXTBOOKS</b>	<b>BOOK COST</b>	<b>COURSE FEE</b>
DHYG 2362 Clinical Dental Hygiene II	None	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,275.52
DHYG 1219 Dental Materials	Clinical Aspects of Dental Materials, Theory, 5 <sup>th</sup> edition	\$ 63.89	\$ 34.79
DHYG 1339 General and Oral Pathology	Oral Pathology for the Dental Hygienist, 7 <sup>th</sup> edition Color Atlas of Oral Disease (optional), 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition	\$ 112.99 \$ 63.07	0.00
DHYG 2201 Dental Hygiene Care I	None	\$ 0.00	\$ 88.19
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 239.95</b>	<b>\$ 2,398.50</b>

**CHARGES BY SEMESTER (3rd Semester = 11 hours)**

In-District Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 74 per semester hour  
 Out-of-District Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$136 per semester hour  
 Out-of-Texas Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$151 per semester hour  
 Differential Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25 per semester hour

<b>SEMESTER</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> semester</b>	<b>TEXTBOOKS</b>	<b>BOOK COST</b>	<b>COURSE FEE</b>
DHYG 2363 Clinical Dental Hygiene III	None	\$ 0.00	\$ 883.28
DHYG 2153 Dental Hygiene Practice	Ethics and Law in Dental Hygiene 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition, eBook or hardcopy	\$ 42.46	\$ 31.95
DHYG 2231 Dental Hygiene Care II	Handbook of Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen Sedation, eBook or hardcopy	\$ 42.71	\$ 228.82
DHYG 1215 Community Dentistry	Community Oral Health Practice for the Dental Hygienist	\$ 82.20	\$ 14.58
Jurisprudence, HIPAA, Nitrous courses/exams		\$ 200.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 367.37</b>	<b>\$ 1,158.63</b>

**CHARGES BY SEMESTER (4<sup>th</sup> Semester = 8 hours)**

In-District Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 74 per semester hour  
 Out-of-District Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$136 per semester hour  
 Out-of-Texas Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$151 per semester hour  
 Differential Tuition\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25 per semester hour

National Board Review - \$ 450.00  
 National Board Exam - \$ 565.00  
 CDCA-WREB Exam - \$ 1150.00 + Site fee if applicable

\*Textbook prices retrieved from Amazon.com\*

\*\*\*ALL COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*



# Coastal Bend COLLEGE

## **Dental Hygiene Department Philosophy Statement**

The Coastal Bend College Dental Hygiene Program philosophy is to improve the oral health of all people and to empower them to maintain optimal oral health. The American Dental Association Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education are the foundation by which the program teaches students to effectively and ethically serve the public as oral health care professionals.

The goals of the Coastal Bend College Dental Hygiene Program are to:

1. Prepare students, through appropriate academic and clinical education, to be qualified dental professionals
2. Provide comprehensive dental hygiene treatment to those communities serviced by the program through a complete, sequential and fully monitored system of care
3. Create a positive and rewarding academic environment that facilitates continued growth and enrichment of all students and faculty
4. Foster opportunities for faculty and student involvement in service activities that are consistent with personal development goals and that promote dentistry as an integral component in the overall health and welfare of the community

ADEA link to apply to program:

[ADEA Application](#)

*Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education.*

*Title IX - No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation, in be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.*