

Dental Hygiene Program

Associate in Science



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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FIELD OF DENTAL HYGIENE

- ◆ A registered dental hygienist (RDH) is a licensed dental professional who is an integral part of a successful dental team.
- ◆ The RDH provides preventive, educational, and therapeutic services to patients which can include oral examinations, oral prophylaxis (scaling, root planning, soft tissue curettage and selective polishing), dental radiography, pain control (administering local anesthesia and nitrous-oxide/oxygen sedation), dental sealants, preventive and adjunct therapies, nutritional counseling and oral health education.
- ◆ The Dental Hygiene Program will prepare graduates to work in a variety of settings, such as private dental offices, schools, health centers, government agencies, and private industry.



DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

GENERAL INFORMATION



- The Associate in Science Degree in Dental Hygiene Program is a **two-year program**.
- The program includes the two fall and spring semesters, two winter intersessions, and one summer session.
- Upon completion of the 61.5-unit program, program prerequisites, and any additional requirements needed to fulfill the Associate in Science Degree (see the Moreno Valley College Catalog), the graduate will earn an Associate in Science Degree.
- Students in good standing in the program are eligible to take the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination in April of their second year.
- Upon graduation and successful completion of the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination, graduates are eligible to take state and/or regional licensing examinations.
- Each fall semester, 20 candidates meeting all qualification requirements will be selected for admission into the Dental Hygiene Program. See Selection Process for Admission into the Dental Hygiene Program for more information on this process.
- All interested students are encouraged to attend a Dental Hygiene Program Information Session. For a current schedule, **please call 951/571-6431.**



APPLICATION FILING PERIOD

- The application-filing period for the 2022-2023 year will begin on **December 1, 2022 and close on March 15, 2023.**
- Applications and application deadlines can be obtained by calling the Dental Hygiene Program at 951/571-6431 or from the Moreno Valley College website at <http://www.mvc.edu/academicprograms/dh/index.cfm>.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- MVC application on file and eligibility to attend MVC.
- High School Verification: Proof of high school or equivalent (G.E.D., high school proficiency examination) per the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- Cumulative GPA of not less than 2.0 in all College's prerequisite and general education courses.
- Cumulative GPA of not less than 3.0 in **all science prerequisite courses***.
- Moreno Valley College applies grades earned, +/- grading system. Your GPA points will be reflected as earned. For example: an A- grade will earn 3.7 points instead of 4.0.

Grade	Points
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	Course not accepted

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- The following are the prerequisites courses to the program:

*Anatomy & Physiology 1-(BIO-50A) *Anatomy & Physiology II-(BIO-50B)

*Chemistry 2A - (CHE- 2A)

*Chemistry 2B- (CHE-2B)

Communications I- (COM-1)

English IA-(ENG 1A)

Kinesiology 4-(KIN-4)

*Microbiology I-(BIO 55)

Psychology I-(PSY-1)

Sociology I-(SOC-1)

Math 52 (or higher; required for licensing purposes)

Applicants can have up to **three prerequisite** courses in progress at the time of application. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester at the institution where the course(s) is being taken.

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The following chart has examples of courses from local colleges that are equivalent to the prerequisites courses required for the Dental Hygiene Program. This list is intended only to serve as a guide to assist students when they meet with counselors to make their educational plans. It is not intended to substitute for guidance from a college counselor or institution evaluation.

The science courses must be at least 4 semester units and include a lab component or a separate lab course must be taken in addition to the lecture course. It is required that Anatomy and Physiology courses be taken at the same college to assure that all the necessary course information is covered unless each Anatomy course and Physiology course is a stand alone course.

RCCD's Course Names for Moreno Valley College, Norco College & Riverside City College	Chaffey College	College of the Desert	Crafton Hills College	Irvine Valley College	Mt. San Jacinto College	Saddleback College	San Bernardino Valley College	Mt. Sac San Antonio College	Victor Valley College
BIO-50A	BIOL-20	BI-013	ANAT-150	BIO-11	ANAT-101	BIO-11	BIOL-250	ANAT-10A	BIOL-211
BIO-50B	BIOL-22	BI-014	ANAT-151	BIO-12	ANAT-102	BIO-12	BIOL-251	ANAT-10B	BIOL-231
CHE-2A	CHEM-10	CH-004	CHEM-101	CHEM-1A	CHEM-100	CHE-3	CHEM-101	CHEM-10	CHEM-100
CHE-2B	CHEM-12	CH-005	CHEM-102	NONE	CHE-112 & CHE-113 (need to take both)	None	CHEM-104	CHEM-20	CHEM-206
ENG-1A	ENGL-1A	ENG-001A	ENGL-101	WR-1	ENGL-101	ENG-1A	ENGL-101	ENGL-1A	ENGL-101
KIN-4 Nutrition	NF-5	HEC-013	HEALTH-263	NUT-1	NUTR-101	FN-50	FCS-152	NF-25	BIOL 110 INTRO TO HUMAN NUTRITION
MAT-52	MATH-520	MATH-040	MATH-090 & MATH-095	MATH-253	MATH-96	MATH-253	MATH-102	MATH-51	MATH-90
BIO-55	BIOL-23 AND 23L	BI-015	MICRO-150	BIO-15	BIOL-125	BIO-15	BIOL-270	MICR-22	BIOL-221
PSY-1	PSYCH-1	PSY-1	PSYCH-100	PSYC-1	PSYC-101	PSYCH-1	PSYCH-100	PSYCH-1A	PSY-101
SOC-1	SOC-10	SOC-001	SOC-100	SOC-1	SOC1-101	SOC-1	SOC-100	SOC-1	SOC-101
COM-1	COMSTD-2	SP-004	SPEECH-100	SP-1	SPCH-101	SP-1	SPEECH-100	SPEECH-1A	CMST-109



ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- Each student is responsible for taking the needed general education courses, to fulfill the requirements for an Associate in Science Degree from MVC. Please see the MVC Catalog for more details. Most students complete these requirements prior to entering the Dental Hygiene Program due to the program's course load.
- **Grade Point Average Requirements For Progress In The Dental Hygiene Program:** A minimum of "C" in all dental hygiene courses is required for the student to advance from one semester to the next.



APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM

- Students can have up to **3 prerequisite courses** in progress at the time of application. All prerequisite courses must be completed at the end of the spring semester of the year of application. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all official high school and college transcripts and other necessary information are included in the Dental Hygiene Program application.
- Must submit official transcripts, no more than 90 days old, from all colleges and universities attended and all courses in progress.
- Eligibility is open to students meeting the qualification requirements.
- Foreign transcripts must have a “**Detailed Evaluation**”. Information can be obtained from the Counseling Office.
- Students must apply to MVC prior to applying to the Dental Hygiene Program.
- Dental Hygiene applications will only be accepted at the Dental Hygiene Program. Applications can be mailed to the Moreno Valley College or hand delivered to the Dental Hygiene Program office on the Moreno Valley College campus.
- Meeting minimum requirements for the program does not guarantee admission into the program.
- Failure to meet the deadline for showing proof of a valid CPR Certification card (BLS Healthcare Provider Course), verification of receiving the Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, TB testing and completed health examination form with clearance permitting unrestricted functional activities. And purchasing of the required hygiene instruments issue will result in forfeiting admission into the dental hygiene program.



SELECTION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION INTO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

1. Preference will be given to those students who have completed all prerequisite courses and meet the RCCD and MVC residency requirements (i.e. applicants residing within the District, and having previously attended a RCCD college taking a minimum of one 3-unit course within the two years preceding the semester in which they are applying to the Dental Hygiene Program).
2. If a student is not offered a space in the program, a new application will be necessary for the following year.
 - Twenty candidates will be randomly selected to begin the program each fall semester.
3. The following are the priority given to those candidates meeting the minimum requirements:
 - **First Priority Selection:** Students meeting all GPA requirements, have all prerequisites completed, RCCD residency, and taking a minimum of one 3-unit course at a RCCD college within two years of application.
 - If there are more than 20 applicants that meet these requirements, then a random drawing of 20 applicants will occur to select the 20 students for admission. An additional 20 applicants will be randomly selected to be on the waiting list for admission for that year only. They will be assigned a waiting list number according to the order they are selected.
 - **Second Priority Selection:** Students meeting all GPA requirements, have all prerequisites completed, but not meeting either the RCCD residency and/or RCCD course requirement.
 - This category will be used only if there are not enough applicants to fulfill the needs of the program in the First Priority Selection category. The number of students selected from the second priority selection pool of applicants will depend on the number of applicants in the first priority selection group.
 - **Third Priority Selection:** Students meeting all GPA requirements and have up to 3 prerequisites in progress. This category will be used only if there are not enough applicants to fulfill the needs of the program in the Second Priority Selection category.



HEALTH AND CPR REQUIREMENTS

- Students selected for the program will be admitted pending submission of a valid CPR Certification card (BLS Healthcare Provider Course), verification of receiving the Hepatitis B vaccination, tetanus, MMR, TB testing and completed health examination form with clearance permitting unrestricted functional activities essential to providing dental hygiene care in accordance with the American Disabilities Act (1990), and purchasing of the required instruments and equipment.
- The CPR card must be kept current throughout the program.
- Students need to show proof of meeting these requirements by the date provided at the first orientation session to be admitted into the program.
- Failure to meet this deadline will result in forfeiting admission into the program.

DENTAL HYGIENE REQUIRED COURSES

Required Courses (61.5 units) Units

First Fall Semester Courses:

DEH 10A Pre-Clinic Dental Hygiene #1	2.5
DEH 11 Principles of Dental Hygiene	2
DEH 12A Principles of Oral Radiology	1
DEH 12B Oral Radiology Laboratory	1
DEH 13 Infection Control in Dentistry	1
DEH 14 Systems Analysis of Dental Anatomy, Morphology, Histology, & Embryology	3
DEH 15 Head and Neck Anatomy	2
DEH 16 Preventive Dentistry	1.5
DEH 17 General Pathology	2

First Winter Intersession Courses:

DEH 10B Pre-Clinic Dental Hygiene #2	1
DEH 19 Pain Control	2.5

First Spring Semester Courses:

DEH 20A Clinical Dental Hygiene #1	3
DEH 21 Clinical Seminar #1	1
DEH 22 Oral Radiology Interpretation	1
DEH 23 Introduction to Periodontology	2
DEH 24 Ethics	1
DEH 25 Medical/Dental Emergencies	1
DEH 26 Dental Treatment of Geriatric and Medically Compromised	2
DEH 27 Oral Pathology	3
DEH 28 Basic and Applied Pharmacology	2

First Summer Session Courses:

DEH 20B Clinical Dental Hygiene #2	1
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ADDITIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE REQUIRED COURSES

Required Courses (61.5 units)	Units
Second Fall Semester Courses:	
DEH 30A Clinical Dental Hygiene #3	3.5
DEH 31 Clinical Seminar #2	1
DEH 32 Dental Materials	2.5
DEH 33 Periodontology	1
DEH 34 Cultural Diversity in Healthcare	1
DEH 35 Community Dental Health Education Practicum #1	1
DEH 36 Research Methodology	2
DEH 37 Nutrition in Dentistry	1
Second Winter Intersession Course:	
DEH 30B Clinical Dental Hygiene #4	1
Fourth Semester Courses:	
DEH 40 Clinical Dental Hygiene #5	4
DEH 41 Clinical Seminar #3	1
DEH 42 Practice Management and Jurisprudence	2
DEH 43 Advanced Periodontology	1
DEH 44 Community Dental Health Education #2	1
DEH 45 Community Dental Health Education Practicum #2	1
DEH 46 Advanced Topics in Dental Hygiene	1

APPROXIMATE PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition	\$46.00 per unit for residents of California (61.5 unit program)	\$2,829.00
Health Fees	\$18.00 for Fall/Spring & \$15.00 For Winter/Summer	\$45.00
Student Services Fee	\$15.00 for Fall/Spring & \$2.00 for Winter	\$64.00
Parking	\$50.00 for Fall/Spring & \$25.00 for Summer	\$225.00
Books & Video Licenses	This will include approximately 20 books and one 2-year instructional video license.	\$1,500.00
Instruments, Supplies, Computer & Clinic	Students will use these items throughout the program and will take with them when they graduate from the program.	\$6,579.00
Magnification Glasses	Magnification glasses with a light are required. The program will assist with identifying a vendor, arrange for fitting, and for a student discount.	\$1,300.00
Liability Insurance	Two year policy	\$120.00
Medical Clearance & Vaccinations	Cost for a physician's visit, blood work and such. This cost will vary greatly depending on whether blood work is ordered and vaccinations/boosters are needed.	\$300.00
	Total Estimated Costs of the Program	\$12,962.00

ESTIMATED COSTS TO OBTAIN LICENSURE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

National Board Review Course	Optional course to help prepare students to take the National Board Exam	\$450.00
National Board Dental Hygiene Examination	Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations sponsors this and it is given at Pearson VUE centers.	\$550.00
WREB Western Regional	Dental Hygiene Committee of California sponsors the State of California licensure examination. Live Patient Exam	\$1,275.00
California Law and Ethics Examination	Dental Hygiene Committee of California sponsors the State of California licensure examination. This is given at PSI exam sites.	\$30.00
DH Application Fee	For Dental Hygiene Licensure (Fee waived for Veterans)	\$200.00
	The above fees are controlled by outside agencies and can change at any time.	
	Total Estimated Costs of Licensure	\$2,505.00*



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applicants for licensure in the state of California must be fingerprinted, and report information related to the illegal use of controlled substances, and any convictions or pleas of nolo contendere even if the charges were dismissed. In addition, the application requires specific information related to convictions, misdemeanor or felony, associated with state or federal action. If there are any concerns that may prevent licensure after graduation, direct inquiries to the Dental Board of California, Committee on Dental Auxiliaries, 1428 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825.

BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS STATEMENT



Dental health professionals may be exposed to contagious diseases therefore strict compliance with Center of Disease Control (CDC) and OSHA standards are maintained. Policies on blood borne and infectious disease are available upon request from the Dental Hygiene Program.