



Dental Hygiene

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ORGANIC CHEMISTRY – choose one Lecture and lab required	Term/Year	Grade	Points (A = 15, B = 10, C = 5)
CH 102 Organic Chemistry	/		/15
OR			
CH 106 General Chemistry *	/		/15
*104, 105, 106 Sequence. Math 95 co-requisite/pre-requisite required.			

Dental Hygiene Program Prerequisite Planning and Point Sheet

All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of WINTER TERM prior to application deadline

BIOLOGY Lab and lecture required	Term/Year	Grade	Points (A = 15, B = 10, C = 5)
BI 231 Anatomy and Physiology I**			/15
BI 232 Anatomy and Physiology II**			/15
BI 234 Microbiology <u>WITHIN 7 YEARS</u>			/15
Students must complete the 200 level or higher Anatomy and Physiology I and II. 100 level courses are NOT accepted. Students interested in a future bachelor's degree should complete BI 233.			Total points: /60
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS*	Term/Year	Grade	No points will be awarded. Courses must still be completed by the end of winter term prior to application deadline.
WR 121 English Composition			
MTH 65 Introductory Algebra			
*No points will be awarded for completion of the Writing and Math requirements. However, completion is required by the end of WINTER TERM prior to application deadline			
SUPPORT COURSES*	Term/Year	Grade	C grade or above = 2 points
Psychology elective – recommended PSY 101			/2
Speech elective – recommended SP 111			/2
Sociology elective – recommended SOC 204			/2
FN 225 – Nutrition*			/2
Students may apply with support courses in progress, but are encouraged to complete as many as possible prior to application to increase competitiveness. *Requires completion of BI 231, MTH 60 and WR 121 prior to registration.			Total points: /8
OVERALL COLLEGE GPA – 20 Points possible.			
Overall GPA will be averaged from all colleges where a prerequisite and/or support course was completed.			
4.00 – 3.80 = 20 points	2.99 – 2.80 = 10 points		Points: /20
3.79 – 3.60 = 18 points	2.79 – 2.60 = 8 points		
3.59 – 3.40 = 16 points	2.59 - 2.40 = 6 points		
3.39 – 3.20 = 14 points	2.39 – 2.20 = 4 points		
3.19 – 3.00 = 12 points	2.19 – 2.00 = 2 points		
PRIOR DEGREE – 5 points possible			Points: /5
Students with a bachelor's degree or higher at time of application. Official transcripts must be provided.			
EXPERIENCE POINTS – 5 to 10 points possible (documentation required)			Points: /10
A minimum of 20 hours job shadowing a practicing dental hygienist – 5 points			
OR			
Dental Assistant (CDA) or at least one year work experience in a dental office – 10 points possible			
PROCTORED ESSAY – Selection to PCC's Dental Hygiene Program is a two-part process. The first evaluation will be based on the 103 points detailed above. Based on the 103 points, approximately 40 students will be invited to participate in the proctored essay. The proctored essay will be worth 20 points. The two scores will be combined and the top 20 students will be offered placement.			TOTAL Points: /103

Student Name: _____ PCC I.D.: G _____

Program Overview:

The Dental Hygiene program offers a two-year curriculum that prepares students for certification as a licensed Dental Hygienist. Students completing the program earn PCC's Associate of Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. Upon graduation, students take the national board written exam and regional licensure examinations. The program also prepares students for Oregon endorsements in the following expanded functions: Soft denture relines, high speed amalgam polishing, pit and fissure sealants and temporary crown recementation, and restorative dentistry.

For more information, please visit <http://www.pcc.edu/about/catalog/dh.pdf>

Educational Planning for Prerequisites

Term _____		Term _____		Term _____		Term _____	
Course	Cr.	Course	Cr.	Course	Cr.	Course	Cr.
Term _____		Term _____		Term _____		Term _____	
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Notes:

Appointment (Advisor & date): _____

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Before you apply

- Admission to PCC's Dental Hygiene program is highly competitive, with 20 students chosen each year from a pool of 150-200 applicants. Competitive applicants have mostly A's in their science prerequisites, a strong overall college GPA, and some job shadowing or work experience. Completion of the prerequisites and program requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.
- Applicants can gain extra points and increase their competitiveness by gaining work experience in a dental setting for at least one year, attending a CODA accredited dental assisting program, obtaining their certification in dental assisting, or job shadowing a registered dental hygienist for at least 20 hours.
- Selection to PCC's Dental Hygiene program is a two-step process. Applicants will be evaluated on an initial scale of 103 points (detailed on page 2). The top 40 applicants will be invited to participate in a proctored essay, which will evaluate applicants' written communication skills, transferrable skills, motivational fitness and other criteria. The proctored essay will be graded on a scale of 20 and will be added to the initial application score. The top 20 students will be offered placement in the program.

Application process

- Apply to Portland Community College online at www.pcc.edu/admissions or in person at any PCC campus. Students who are currently PCC students do not need to re-apply to PCC, but should update contact information and mailing address with PCC's admissions program.
- Complete the Dental Hygiene program application.
- Include required responses to the supplemental essay question (see application).
- Include official college transcripts (other than PCC) documenting completion of required prerequisite courses. Transcripts submitted separately from the Dental Hygiene application will not be accepted.
- Include documentation of experience. Job shadow hours must be documented on company letterhead or include a business card and be signed by the dental hygienist or dentist. CDAs and applicants with work experience must submit an evaluation form completed by an employer or dental program instructor, and sealed in a signed envelope. CDAs must also submit a copy of their certification.
- Submit \$25 application fee with the application. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Portland Community College.

Application timeline

- Applications are available in early December online at www.pcc.edu/dh or in the Health Admissions Office, HT 205, Sylvania campus.
- Applications are accepted beginning January 1st.
- All application materials, including college transcripts and application forms, must be received in the Health Admissions Office no later than April 15th at 5 pm. Post-dated materials will not be accepted.
- All prerequisites and requirements must be completed by the end of winter term in the year in which you apply.
- Applicants will be notified of invitation to the proctored essay by early May. The proctored essay will take place in mid-May.
- Applicants will be informed of their admission status in writing by mid-June.
- The program begins fall term.

Additional Resources

- American Dental Association: www.ada.org
- American Dental Hygienists Association: www.adha.org
- Oregon Board of Dentistry: www.oregon.gov/dentistry

For additional information about the program, please visit www.pcc.edu/dh.

For frequently asked questions about Dental Hygiene and PCC general questions visit www.pcc.edu/askthepanther

Health Admissions Office
Portland Community College
Sylvania Campus, HT 205
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