

# DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST



DMACC's Dental Hygiene curriculum is designed to prepare graduates for positions in general and specialty dental offices, hospitals, schools, public health agencies and industrial agencies.

Students are trained in educational methods and preventive clinical services that qualify them as dental health educators and competent clinicians. Emphasis is placed on the correlation between prevention, education and the clinical phases of dental hygiene practice, and on basic and social sciences.

You must meet these minimum requirements (#1-7) to be eligible to be admitted to the Dental Hygiene program. Admission is based on seat availability.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### ☐ 1. Application for Admission

Complete an online DMACC application and select "Dental Hygiene – AAS" as your major. (Notify DMACC immediately if your name, address, or phone number changes after you apply.) <https://www.dmaccc.edu/admissions/index.html>

#### ☐ 2. Dental Hygiene Information Session

Complete a required Dental Hygiene Information Session.

<https://www.dmaccc.edu/pathways/hsf/dental-hygiene-details.html> (\*Submit the required quiz at the end)

#### ☐ 3. Provide proof of High School graduation or GED completion

- Submit proof of High School graduation, GED, or equivalent. Send to [admissions@dmacc.edu](mailto:admissions@dmacc.edu).

#### ☐ 4. ACCUPLACER Assessment or ACT

- ACCUPLACER Reading – a minimum score of 248 or ACT Reading score of 19
- ACCUPLACER Writing – a minimum score of 254 or ACT English score of 19

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Courses may be in progress when an application is submitted
- It is recommended that science courses be taken within the last five years
- Courses listed in #5-7 must be taken for college credit
- If you have completed college coursework elsewhere, you must have official transcripts sent for transfer evaluation.  
Send to: Des Moines Area Community College, Admissions Office-Building 1, 2006 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, IA, 50023

#### ☐ 5. BIO 164: Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology OR BIO 168: Anatomy & Physiology I and BIO 173: Anatomy & Physiology II

A minimum grade of "C" or higher (not C-) in BIO 164 OR

A minimum grade of "C" or higher in both BIO 168 and BIO 173

- \*Prerequisite for BIO 168: "C" or higher in BIO 157 or BIO 104 or high school Anatomy in the last 5 years

#### ☐ 6. CHM 122: Intro to General Chemistry

A minimum grade of "C" or higher (not C-) in Intro to General Chemistry or equivalent.

- \*Prerequisite for CHM 122: This course has a prerequisite that can be satisfied through ALEKS, SAT, or ACT testing.

#### ☐ 7. BIO 186: Microbiology

A minimum grade of "C" or higher (not C-) in Microbiology or equivalent.

### Support/Waitlist Courses

While on the Standby list, you should take the following courses (#8-12). Taking these courses in advance will reduce your course load once you are admitted to the program and will give you more time to devote to your Dental Hygiene courses.

- ☐ 8. CHM 132: Intro to Organic/Biochemistry
- ☐ 9. PSY 111: Intro to Psychology
- ☐ 10. SOC 110: Intro to Sociology
- ☐ 11. ENG 105: Composition I
- ☐ 12. SPC 101: Fund of Oral Communication OR SPC 122: Interpersonal Communication

## HOW DO I VIEW MY CHECKLIST?

It is important to view your checklist to monitor your progress. Reach out to [admissions@dmacc.edu](mailto:admissions@dmacc.edu) or your Academic Advisor if you have questions about your checklist.

1. Log on to **myDMACC**
2. Locate the **Tools** section in the blue menu on the left side of your screen and click on **Academic Records**
3. Click on **Admissions Applications**

## I'VE COMPLETED MY ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS, WHAT'S NEXT?

When all entry requirements (items #1-7) are met:

- DMACC Admissions will notify you that you have been placed on "standby." Standby simply means you have met the admission requirements and are waiting to be admitted. "Standby" is the official waitlist.
- When a seat becomes available for you, you will be notified by Admissions.
- You do not have to be enrolled at DMACC to maintain your place on the standby list.
- If your contact information changes, change your information in Banner Self-Service or notify DMACC Admissions immediately.

## WHAT CAN I DO UNTIL I START THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM?

1. Complete all Support/Waitlist courses (#8-12).
2. Enroll in the Dental Assistant program/secure an "on-the-job" training position as Dental Assistant.
3. Take courses that will satisfy liberal arts requirements/degree.
4. Work and save money now so you might be able to reduce your work hours once you begin the hygiene program. Working full-time while in hygiene school is very challenging.

## WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Below are contacts within the Dental Hygiene department:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
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