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Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) Dental Hygiene Program Admission Information Packet

Class of 2029

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The program in dental hygiene is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation [and has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements"]. https://coda.ada.org/.

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Seattle Central College Dental Hygiene Program Application Packet

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Summary of Important Dates

(NOTE: Please refer to program website for most current updates)

SCC Dental Hygiene Admissions Process	**Date**
Online Application deadline	Sunday, January 17
On-site Essay Appointments (by invitation)	Friday, February 5 (time TBD)
In-Person Interview (by invitation)	Friday, March 5
Admissions Notification	Wednesday, March 10
Orientation for DH Class of 2029	Friday, April 9

I. Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Seattle Central College Dental Hygiene Program will:

1. Demonstrate the ethics, knowledge, values, and skills required in all aspects of the dental hygiene profession.
2. Provide evidence-based dental hygiene care, including expanded functions, as a member of the oral healthcare team.
3. Assess, plan, implement, and evaluate community-based programs that prevent disease and promote health.
4. Value the scientific method, self-assessment, and lifelong learning as essential components of professional growth and development.
5. Achieve personal and professional goals in diverse settings while demonstrating Seattle Central College learning outcomes.

II. Eligibility

To be eligible to apply to the Seattle Central College Dental Hygiene Program, **all requirements must be completed by the application deadline. No exceptions will be made.**

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Complete all prerequisite courses before submitting the application, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all prerequisite courses.
2. Complete all math and science prerequisite courses within five years of the Dental Hygiene Program start date.
3. Submit a transcript evaluation for all coursework completed outside Seattle Central College. Coursework completed at North Seattle College and South Seattle College also requires transcript evaluation.
4. Complete a minimum of 80 documented community service hours within the most recent three years.
5. Complete the Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) with a minimum score of 300.
6. Applicants who meet the minimum eligibility requirements and submit a complete online application will advance to Phase II of the admission process, which includes:
    a. An on-site essay assessment
    b. An on-site, in-person interview

Both components are required for admission eligibility.

Admission to the Seattle Central College Dental Hygiene Program is open to all qualified students regardless of economic or social status and without discrimination based on race, color, sex, marital status, beliefs, age, national origin, or disability.

The following examples describe the essential functions and physical demands commonly associated with participation in the Dental Hygiene Program and the practice of dental hygiene. Qualified students with disabilities may be eligible for reasonable accommodation. Requests for accommodations are reviewed on an individual basis through the Seattle Central College Accessibility Resource Center.

Essential Functions and Technical Standards for Dental Hygiene Students

- The dental hygiene profession is physically demanding and requires fine motor skills, precision, stamina, and the ability to work in a variety of clinical environments.
- If you experience difficulty in any of the areas listed below, we strongly encourage you to discuss how these challenges may affect a career in dental hygiene with your physician. If you continue to have concerns, you may schedule an appointment with the Director of Dental Programs to discuss additional options.
- Students are also encouraged to contact the Accessibility Support Services Office to determine whether reasonable accommodations are available to support their success in the program.

Visual Acuity

- Applicants should be able to:
- Read small printed labels on medications.
- Read small numbers and markings on dental instruments.
- Distinguish fine details within the oral cavity under clinical lighting.

Hearing Acuity

- Applicants should be able to:
- Hear and understand speech when it is muffled by a face mask.
- Hear blood pressure and heart sounds using a stethoscope.
- Respond to auditory alarms and patient communications in the clinical setting.

Speaking Ability

- Applicants should be able to:
- Clearly pronounce dental terminology while wearing a face mask.
- Communicate thoughts clearly and effectively with patients, faculty, staff, and peers.

- Provide verbal instructions and patient education in a clear and professional manner.

Digital Dexterity

- Applicants should be able to:
- Handle dental instruments with either hand as needed.
- Bend and move at the wrist and elbow to perform clinical procedures.
- Demonstrate the fine motor coordination necessary to safely perform clinical procedures.

Physical Stamina and Mobility

Applicants should be able to:

- Stand for extended periods during laboratory and clinical activities.
- Sit for prolonged periods while providing patient care or participating in classroom and laboratory instruction.
- Maintain appropriate clinical posture while performing patient care.
- Reach, bend, twist, and move safely around the clinical environment.
- Lift, carry, push, or pull equipment and supplies weighing up to **25 pounds**.
- Move quickly and safely in response to patient or clinical emergencies.

Professionalism

- Applicants should be able to:
- Perform required tasks and functions under stressful conditions.
- Work independently and demonstrate self-direction.
- Interact professionally with all members of the dental team.
- Maintain patient confidentiality and exercise sound professional judgment.

III. Commitment

The Dental Hygiene Program is academically challenging and requires a significant commitment of time and effort. Success in the program depends on effective time management, consistent study habits, and the ability to balance coursework, clinical responsibilities, and personal obligations.

Classes and coursework are generally scheduled Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Some courses may also meet on Saturdays. In addition, students may be required to arrive on campus earlier or remain later than scheduled class hours for certain courses and program activities.

Studying outside of class is both required and essential for success. Seattle Central College estimates that students should spend approximately 2–3 hours studying outside of class for every course credit. Because Dental Hygiene Program quarters typically range from 12–19 credits, students should expect to spend up to 30–40 hours per week on studying and coursework outside of scheduled class time.

Working more than 20 hours per week is strongly discouraged due to the program's time demands. Students should have strong time-management skills, reliable transportation, and a plan for balancing program requirements with personal, family, and employment commitments.

IV. Campus Location

The Seattle Central College Dental Hygiene Program is based at the Health Education Center (HEC) at Pacific Tower in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Seattle.

Most didactic, laboratory, and clinical instruction is conducted at the Health Education Center. In addition, students are required to participate in clinical education experiences at affiliated community- and healthcare-based clinical sites throughout the greater Seattle area. Clinical assignments may occur at locations outside of the Health Education Center and may vary by quarter, course, and program needs.

Students are responsible for arranging reliable transportation to all required educational and clinical sites.

The Seattle Central College Dental Hygiene Program is based at the Health Education Center at Pacific Tower in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Seattle.

In addition to educational and clinical experiences at the Health Education Center, students are required to participate in clinical activities at external sites located throughout the Seattle area.

V. Dental Hygiene Program Application Requirements

PHASE ONE

1. Informational Session

   View the SCC Dental Hygiene Program Information Video on the program website and/or attend a live information session. See the program website for dates and times.

2. Apply to Seattle Central College

   Apply to Seattle Central College at Enrollment
   This will generate a student ID number, which is required to access the Dental Hygiene Program Application.

3. Academic Advising

   Students should meet with an Academic Advisor for academic planning, including degree requirements, prerequisite planning and transfer credits.

   The Dental Programs office does not provide individual academic planning or transcript evaluations. Students are responsible for connecting with *Academic Advising* to ensure they are meeting all applicable college degree requirements.

4. Transcript Evaluation Report

   Applicants who completed any prerequisite coursework outside Seattle Central College—including coursework completed at North Seattle College or South Seattle College—must submit an Incoming Transcript Evaluation Request to the Seattle Central College Office of Registration and Records: Transcript Evaluation Request

   This process takes approximately 8–10 weeks to complete. The resulting Seattle Central College Transfer Credit Summary Report must be submitted as part of the Dental Hygiene Program application.

   Students should meet with an Academic Advisor for academic planning, including degree requirements, prerequisite planning and transfer credits.

   The Dental Programs office does not provide individual academic planning or transcript evaluations. Students are responsible for connecting with Academic Advising to ensure they are meeting all applicable college degree requirements.

5. SCC Self-Placement

   Complete the SCC Self-Placement process for English and Math readiness: Placement for Classes

6. Advance Placement (AP) Credit

   Applicants who received college credit through Advanced Placement (AP) examinations should review Seattle Central College's Credit for Prior Learning Policy.

   Prerequisite courses awarded college credit based on AP examination scores receive a Satisfactory (S) grade, equivalent to a 2.0. Because prerequisite courses must meet the minimum 2.5 grade requirement, these courses do not satisfy Dental Hygiene Program prerequisite requirements. Applicants must retake these courses and earn a minimum grade of 2.5 for them to be accepted as

7. Online Application Portal

   Complete and submit the online Dental Hygiene Program Application by the application deadline: Application

   A $35 Phase One application fee is required (receipt of payment must be uploaded).

   The following documents must be submitted with the online application:

   1. **Seattle Central College Transfer Credit Summary Report**
      This report is generated as part of the transcript evaluation process and is emailed by the SCC Registration Office.
      Note: Allow 8–10 weeks for transcript evaluations to be completed.
      Applicants who completed all prerequisite coursework at Seattle Central College are not required to submit this document
   2. **SCC Dental Hygiene Program Eligibility Checklist**
      Must be completed and signed by applicant.
   3. **Dental Hygiene Program Prerequisite Worksheet**
      Unofficial transcripts for all prerequisite coursework must be included.
   4. **Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) Scores**
   5. **Community Service Verification Worksheet(s)**
      Community service hours must have been completed within the three years of preceding application submission.

      Applicants reporting community service from multiple organizations must submit a separate verification form for each organization.

Please note: Volunteer activities performed on behalf of your current employer do not qualify as community service for purposes of this application. Community service should be voluntary activities conducted outside of your regular employment responsibilities and intended to benefit the broader community.

Examples of Community Service Include:

- Volunteering at a food bank, homeless shelter, or community meal program.
- Participating in neighborhood clean-up or environmental stewardship projects.
- Mentoring youth, students, or individuals pursuing educational or career goals.
- Serving as a volunteer coach for youth sports or community recreation programs.
- Volunteering with nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, or charitable foundations.
- Participating in fundraising events for charitable causes.
- Providing unpaid services to community members in need, such as tutoring, health education, or tax preparation assistance.
- Serving on a nonprofit board, community advisory committee, or civic organization.
- Supporting disaster relief, community outreach, or public health initiatives.
- Organizing donation drives for food, clothing, school supplies, or other community needs.

Examples That Do Not Qualify:

- Volunteer activities performed for your current employer.
- Duties that are part of your paid employment or job description.
- Activities completed solely to fulfill workplace requirements.
- Political campaign activities.

6. OPTIONAL: Pathway Worksheet

The Dental Programs' Pathways to Admission initiative supports equitable access to educational opportunities through inclusive, evidence-based practices. Supporting documentation must be submitted for all items claimed.

Note: All required worksheets are available in the appendices of this packet and within the online application portal.

PHASE TWO

Applications meeting Phase One requirements will be reviewed. Applicants who qualify will be invited to participate in the following Phase Two requirements. **Both components are required for consideration for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program.**

1. **Proctored Application Essay**
   Complete an on-site application essay. An appointment with Dental Programs is required. A **$25 Phase Two Dental Hygiene application fee** is required (receipt of payment must be submitted to dentalprograms@seattlecolleges.edu)
2. **In-Person Interview**
   Participate in an on-site, in-person interview conducted by Dental Programs.

VI. Pathways to Admission.

Guided Pathways at Seattle Central College is a coordinated effort designed to connect students with educational programs that align with their strengths, goals, and aspirations.

The Dental Programs' Pathways to Admission initiative is intended to promote equitable access to educational opportunities through inclusive, evidence-based practices that support student success.

Up to **five (5)** positions in each Dental Hygiene Program cohort may be reserved for applicants who qualify for one of the Pathways listed below.

Applicants may indicate eligibility for Pathway consideration by submitting the **Pathway Worksheet** as part of the application process.

Please note: Eligibility for Pathway consideration does not guarantee admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. Applicants must meet all minimum program requirements and complete the full application process.

Available Pathways

Dental Assisting (DAST) Pathway

Up to 2 positions

Applicants must:

- Be a graduate of the Seattle Central College or Seattle Vocational Institute Dental Assisting Program.
- Hold a current Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) credential.

Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Pathway

Up to 2 positions

Applicants must:

- Hold a current Washington State Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) license.

Worker Retraining Pathway

Up to 1 position

Applicants must:

- Be eligible for Worker Retraining through Workforce Services.

Additional Requirement for Pathway Students

Students admitted through a Pathway are required to sign a participation agreement upon admission to the Dental Hygiene Program. The agreement includes completing at least one self-reflective assessment each quarter with the Director of Dental Programs to support academic progress and successful completion of the program.

VII. Application and Selection Criteria

Applicants who complete all admission requirements by the application deadline are evaluated using a point-based selection process. Meeting minimum eligibility requirements does not guarantee advancement to Phase Two, admission to the program, placement on an alternate list, or future admission.

<table>
<tr><th>Applicant Evaluation Criteria</th><th>Points Possible</th></tr>
<tr><td>Required Application Criteria
Incomplete applications cannot be evaluated for admission.
• Application complete and submitted by deadline
• Submissions must satisfy or exceed minimum requirements.
• Community Service:
At least 80 hours of verifiable community service hours documented within previous 3 years</td><td>All elements required for application to be evaluated</td></tr>
<tr><td>Prerequisite Course Grades
A minimum grade of 2.5 is required in each prerequisite course. Science prerequisite courses must have been completed within the previous five years. Per state requirements, prerequisite courses may not be repeated more than three times.

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<tr><th>Combined Science GPA</th><th>Points Awarded</th></tr>
<tr><td>3.6 - 4.0</td><td>15 points</td></tr>
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<tr><td>2.5 - 2.9</td><td>5 points</td></tr>
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<tr><td>2.5 - 2.9</td><td>3 points</td></tr>
</table></td><td>25</td></tr>
<tr><td>Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) Exam Score
Minimum score: 300
• 450-500: 20 points
• 400-449: 15 points
• 350-399: 10 points
• 300-350: 5 points</td><td>20</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Applicants who meet the minimum eligibility requirements and submit a complete Phase One application may be invited to participate in Phase Two.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Essay Evaluation
• Essays are evaluated for organization, content, and writing quality (i.e. grammar, spelling, etc.)
• Each of the 2 essay questions has a maximum score of 10 points.
• Each essay will be evaluated by multiple reviewers, and the scores will be averaged to determine the final essay score.</td><td>20</td></tr>
<tr><td>Interview
• Attendance and participation in the in-person interview are required for admission consideration.</td><td>35</td></tr>
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VIII. Admission Procedure

Only applicants who submit a complete online application by the application deadline will be considered for admission to the Seattle Central College (SCC) Dental Hygiene Program.
Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all admission requirements are met and that all required documents are uploaded to the online application portal.
Using the Phase One selection criteria, up to 40 qualified applicants may be invited to participate in Phase Two of the admission process, which includes:

- A mandatory on-site essay assessment
- A mandatory on-site, in-person interview

Phase Two activities are typically conducted in February and March.
Following completion of Phase Two, applicants will be evaluated using the full selection criteria. Up to 20 applicants may be offered admission to the Dental Hygiene Program.
The program begins in Summer Quarter. Admitted students are required to attend a mandatory orientation session during the preceding Spring Quarter to prepare for the start of the program.

IX. Post-Admittance Requirements

After accepting an offer of admission and before beginning coursework, students will receive detailed instructions for completing the following requirements:

1. Complete a national background check.
2. Complete health compliance immunization requirements by orientation session. These include:

Required Immunizations and Screenings

Required	Documentation Required
Hepatitis B	Evidence of immunity (positive titer)
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	Evidence of immunity (positive titer)
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Evidence of immunity (positive titer)
Tdap	Current vaccination record
Tuberculosis (TB) Screening	Current TB screening documentation (QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube test (GFT-GIT))
Influenza	Current seasonal flu vaccination documentation

Recommended	Documentation Required
COVID-19 (if required by clinical agencies)	Documentation as required

Applicants should retain copies of all immunization, titer, and screening documentation for their records.

3. Attend the mandatory program orientation session.
4. Complete remaining health compliance requirements. These include the following:
    - Documentation of physical, vision, and hearing examinations completed by a healthcare provider.

    Please note: Immunization, screening, and health compliance requirements are subject to change based on clinical agency requirements, public health recommendations, regulatory requirements, accreditation standards, and program needs. Applicants and students are responsible for meeting all current requirements by deadlines established by the Dental Hygiene Program. Failure to meet clinical agency requirements may limit or prevent participation in required clinical experiences and may affect a student's ability to progress in or complete the program.

5. Provide proof of current personal health insurance coverage.
6. Provide proof of professional liability insurance coverage. (SCC DP will provide detailed information for this requirement)
7. Obtain professional membership in:
    - The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA)
    - The Washington Dental Hygienists' Association (WDHA)

IX. Reapplication Policy

Applicants who are not admitted and wish to apply during a future admission cycle must:

1. Attend a new Dental Hygiene Program information session.
2. Submit a new application by the published deadline.
3. Meet all program admission requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

Previous applicants are evaluated using the same selection criteria as all other applicants. No additional application points are awarded for prior application attempts.

X. Reasonable Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Seattle Central College is committed to providing qualified students with disabilities equal access to the benefits, rights, privileges, services, programs, and activities offered by the College in an accessible setting appropriate to each student's needs. No student shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any Seattle Central College program or activity.

Seattle Central College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the disability laws of the State of Washington.

To receive reasonable accommodations, students are responsible for requesting accommodations and providing appropriate supporting documentation in accordance with College procedures.

The Accessibility Resource Center at Seattle Central College is responsible for implementing this policy and related procedures.

Legal Authority: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and RCW 49.60.

https://seattlecentral.edu/about/policies-and-procedures/equal-opportunity-institution

XI. Criminal Background Check Information

Students admitted to the Dental Hygiene Program must complete a criminal background check before attending the mandatory program orientation.

Upon admission, students will receive instructions and a link to complete the background check through the College's designated vendor. This is an out-of-pocket fee. Results are provided directly to the program by the background check company.

Please note that clinical education sites may require additional background checks and may establish their own eligibility requirements for student participation in clinical experiences.

The Dental Hygiene Program does not guarantee placement at clinical facilities. Clinical education partners may deny student participation based on criminal history, health

requirements, or other criteria established by the facility. Inability to participate in required clinical experiences may affect progression in, or completion of, the program.

XII. Scope and Sequence

SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE
Dental Hygiene Program Scope & Sequence

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
Bachelor of Applied Science- Degree – B.A.S. DEGREE

PROGRAM SCOPE and SEQUENCE
Effective Summer 2025 Entrance

TOTAL PREREQUISITE COURSES:	**65 CREDITS**
TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS REQUIRED AAS-T:	**95 CREDITS**
TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS REQUIRED BAS	**195 CREDITS**

PREREQUISITE COURSES		**CREDITS**
BIOL& 160 or BIOL& 211	General Biology or Cell Biology	5
BIOL& 241	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	5
BIOL& 242	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	5
BIOL& 260	Microbiology	5
CHEM& 121	Intro to Chemistry	5
CHEM& 122 or CHEM& 131	Intro to Organic Chemistry or BioChemistry	5
MATH& 146	Statistics	5
NUTR& 101	Human Nutrition	5
ENGL& 101	Composition I	5
ENGL& 102	Composition II	5
HUM 105 or CMST 205	Intercultural Communication or Multicultural Communication	5
Humanities Elective	(Refer to the VLPA Requirements see College Catalog)	5
PSYC& 100	General Psychology	5
TOTAL PRE-REQUISITE CREDITS:		**65**

ASSOCIATE DEGREE COURSES: DENTAL HYGIENE TRACK

Quarter 1	**Summer**	**CREDITS**
AHE 128	Introduction to Healthcare Practice (4 hours didactic)	4
AHE 129	Introduction to Healthcare Practice (2 hours lab)	1
DHY 251	Human Pathophysiology (3 hours didactic)	3
DHY 254	Health Promotion (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 257	Head and Neck Anatomy (2 hours didactic)	2
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Quarter 2	**Fall**	
DHY 250	Oral Biology (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 252	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene I (3 hours didactic)	3
DHY 253	Clinical Dental Hygiene I (6 hours lab)	3
DHY 255	Dental Radiology I (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 256	Dental Radiology I Practice (4 hours lab)	2
DHY 258	Dental Anatomy and Morphology (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 259	Dental Anatomy and Morphology Practice (2 hours lab)	1
DHY 260	Emergency Management (1 hour didactic)	1
DHY 261	Preventive Dentistry (2 hours didactic)	2
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TOTAL PREREQUISITE and PROGRAM CREDITS for AAS-T: **95**

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BAS IN ALLIED HEALTH: DENTAL HYGIENE TRACK COURSES

Quarter 3	**Winter**	
DHY 300	Clinical Dental Hygiene II (8 hours lab)	4
DHY 303	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene II (3 hours didactic)	3
DHY 306	Restorative Practice and Materials I (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 307	Restorative Practice and Materials I Practice (2 hours lab)	1
DHY 311	Pain Control Anesthesia (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 313	Periodontology I (3 hours didactic)	3
DHY 314	Dental Radiology II (2 hours lecture)	2
DHY 315	Dental Radiology II Practice (2 hours lab/clinic)	1
		18
Quarter 4	**Spring**	
AHE 401	Research Methods in Allied Health (5 hours didactic)	5
DHY 301	Clinical Dental Hygiene III (8 hours lab/clinic)	4
DHY 304	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene III (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 308	Restorative Practice and Materials II (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 309	Restorative Practice and Materials II Practice (2 hours lab)	1
DHY 312	Pain Control Anesthesia Practice (4 hours lab)	2
DHY 323	Pharmacology (3 hours didactic)	3
		19
Quarter 5	**Summer**	
DHY 302	Clinical Dental Hygiene IV (16 hours lab/clinic)	8
DHY 305	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene IV (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 310	Advanced Restorative Practice I (4 hours in lab/clinic)	2
DHY 413	Periodontology II (2 hours didactic)	2
		14
Quarter 6	**Fall**	
DHY 318	Oral Pathology (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 391	Community Dental Health I (1 hour didactic)	2
DHY 400	Advanced Practicum in Dental Hygiene I (16 hours lab/clinic)	8
DHY 404	Principles of Dental Hygiene Practice I (3 hours didactic)	3
DHY 407	Strategies of Capstone Project (1 hour didactic)	1
DHY 410	Advanced Restorative Practice II (4 hours lab/clinic)	2
		18
Quarter 7	**Winter**	
DHY 401	Advanced Practicum in Dental Hygiene II (16 hours lab/clinic)	8
DHY 405	Principles of Dental Hygiene Practice II (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 409	Ethics and Jurisprudence (2 hours didactic)	2
DHY 411	Advanced Restorative Practice III (4 hours lab/clinic)	2
DHY 414	Selective Populations (1 hour didactic)	1
DHY 415	Selective Populations Practice (2 hours lab/clinic)	1
DHY 419	Community Dental Health II (2 hours didactic)	2
		18
Quarter 8	**Spring**	
DHY 402	Advanced Practicum in Dental Hygiene III (16 hours lab/clinic)	8
DHY 406	Principles of Dental Hygiene Practice III (1 hour didactic)	1
DHY 408	Capstone (1 hour didactic)	1
DHY 412	Advanced Restorative Practice IV (4 hours lab/clinic)	2
DHY 416	Professional Issues I (1 hour didactic)	1
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(specified hours are classroom time per week)

PROGRAM CREDITS AT DHY 300-400 LEVEL:	**100**
TOTAL BAS PROGRAM CREDITS, INCLUDING PREREQUISITES AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE:	**195**

BAS in Allied Health Sciences Awarded

04/2024

XIII. Estimated Program Expenses

Estimated Cost of the Program (updated July 2026)

The approximate costs for the eight-quarter Dental Hygiene Program, based on Washington State resident tuition rates, are listed below. Please note that the following estimates **do not include**:

- Prerequisite course expenses
- Housing and living expenses
- Personal health insurance
- Other personal expenses

Seattle Central College does not offer on-campus housing.

These costs are estimates only and are subject to change without notice.

Quarter 1 (summer)	
Tuition (12 units) [a]	$1496
SCC Fees	$239
Lab Fees [b]	$1600
Q1 Professional Fees [c]	$350
Instruments and Supplies	$150
Books	$600
Q1 Total	**$4,435**
Quarter 2 (fall)	
Tuition (18 units) [a]	$1899
SCC Fees	$228
Lab Fees [b]	$1600
Q2 Professional Fees [c]	$2000
Instruments and Supplies	$150
Books	$300
Q2 Total	**$6,177**
Quarter 3 (winter)	
Tuition (18 units) [a]	$2751
SCC Fees	$354
Lab Fees [b]	$1600
Q3 Professional Fees [c]	$150
Instruments and Supplies	~
Upper Division Resource Fee	$126
Books	$300
Q3 Total	**$5,281**
Quarter 4 (spring)	
Tuition (19 units) [a]	$3002
SCC Fees	$354
Lab Fees [b]	$1600
Q4 Professional Fees [c]	~
Instruments and Supplies	~
Upper Division Resource Fee	$133
Books	$100
Q4 Total	**$5,189**

Quarter 5 (summer)	
Tuition (14 units) [a]	$2697
SCC Fees	$354
Lab Fees [b]	$1600
Q5 Professional Fees [c]	~
Instruments and Supplies	~
Upper Division Resource Fee	$98
Books	$100
Q5 Total	**$4,849**
Quarter 6 (fall)	
Tuition (18 units) [a]	$2751
SCC Fees	$354
Lab Fees [b]	$1600
Q6 Professional Fees [c]	$900
Instruments and Supplies	~
Upper Division Resource Fee	$126
Books	$100
Q6 Total	**$5,831**
Quarter 7 (winter)	
Tuition (18 units) [a]	$2751
SCC Fees	$354
Lab Fees [b]	$1600
Q7 Professional Fees [c]	$1400
Instruments and Supplies	~
Upper Division Resource Fee	$126
Books	$100
Q7 Total	**$6,331**
Quarter 8 (spring)	
Tuition (13 units) [a]	$2683
SCC Fees	$277
Lab Fees [b]	$1600
Q8 Professional Fees [c]	$150
Instruments and Supplies	~
Upper Division Resource Fee	$91
Books	$100
Q8 Total	**$4,907**
TOTAL ESTIMATE (in-state tuition)	**$43,000**

[a] Resident tuition rates shown are for the 2024-2025 academic year and are subject to change by the state legislature. Non-resident, international, and veteran tuition rates can be found at: https://seattlecentral.edu/enrollment-and-funding/enrollment-and-admissions/tuition-and-payment. All SCC fees are collected when quarterly tuition is due.

[b] Lab fee includes lab coats, some clinic supplies, educational software, and more.

[c] Professional Fees may include and are not limited to professional association fees, professional liability insurance, conference registration, and exam fees. These listings may be incomplete and may change.

- Quarter 1: Background check (~$60), WDHA 2-year membership ($55), ADHA 2-year membership ($150), liability insurance policy (~$70-200)
- Quarter 2: loupes purchase is required, but price varies by individual student choices $1500-$2500
- Quarter 3: WDHA Conference registration fee (~$140)
- Quarter 4: // Quarter 5:
- Quarter 6: CRDTS restorative fees (~$455), CRDTS LA fees (~$435)
- Quarter 7: CRDTS hygiene fees (~$1095), WDHA Conference registration fees (~$140 + ~$60 BLS), WA Ethics Exam fees (~$30)
- Quarter 8: WA DOH license application fee (~$100), Sealant & Fluoride Licensure Endorsement (~$50)

All costs are estimates only and are subject to change without notice.

Appendix A: Dental Hygiene Program Eligibility Checklist

Seattle Central College Dental Hygiene Program Application

Applicant Dental Hygiene Program Eligibility Checklist

Please use this checklist to keep track of your progress. Meeting with an academic advisor is required.

Seattle Central College,
Academic Advising
AdvisorCentral@seattlecolleges.edu

Applicant's Name:_____ SCC Student #:_____

SCC E-mail address:_____@seattlecolleges.edu
(note: this email address might not yet be active, but we need to know what it will be if you become a student)

☐

Part 1: READ DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET

☐ **I attest that I have read and reviewed the SCC Dental Hygiene Program Information Packet.**

Part 2: ATTEND A DENTAL PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSION

As an applicant to the SCC Dental Hygiene Program, I attest that I have participated in a Dental Programs information session.

☐ **Option 1:** I viewed the recorded SCC Dental Programs Information Session available on the program website.

Date viewed: _____

OR

☐ **Option 2:** I attended a live SCC Dental Programs information session.

Date attended: _____

Part 3: APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM COMMITMENT

☐ **I acknowledge and understand the following program expectations and requirements:**

- The SCC Dental Hygiene Program is a full-time, eight-quarter program. Students may have classes, clinics, and program-related activities Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. during fall, winter, spring, and summer quarters.
- Regular and punctual attendance is required and is essential for academic, clinical, and professional success. This includes attending scheduled classes and clinical experiences, submitting assignments by established deadlines, and responding to communications from faculty and staff in a timely manner.
- Students are required to regularly access Canvas course sites and their official @seattlecolleges.edu email account.
- Students offered admission to the Seattle Central College Dental Hygiene Program must complete all post-admission requirements before enrollment, including:
- Completing a criminal background check.
- Completing all required health compliance requirements (see application packet).
- Attending the mandatory program orientation session.
- I understand that successful completion of prerequisite coursework, application requirements, or admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the Dental Hygiene Program.

☐ **Pre-requisite Coursework Worksheet Complete (select one of the following options)**

OPTION 1:
All pre-requisite coursework is complete

Option 2:
These pre-requisite courses are planned or in-progress:

☐ **Transcript Evaluation (select one of the following options)**

Transcript evaluation by SCC is REQUIRED for ALL coursework taken outside of Seattle Central College. This process can take several months. Students are responsible for initiating this process with SCC Registration and Records

OPTION 1:
No transcript evaluation is needed

OPTION 2:
Transcript evaluation has been submitted.

☐ **Pre-requisite Course Substitutions (select one of the following options)**

NOTE: students are responsible for initiating this process with SCC Academic Advising after the transcript evaluation is complete

	OPTION 1: No course substitutions are requested	**OPTION 2:** Pre-requisite course substitutions have been submitted for the following:
☐	**ATDH Exam (select one of the following options)**	
	OPTION 1: Exam complete with score of 300 or more	**OPTION 2:** ATDH exam scheduled for: _____(date)
☐	**Community Service Hours Worksheet(s)** *80 hours must be within 3 years of the dental hygiene program application deadline, and completed with non-profit or community service organizations*	
Applicant's Signature _____		**Date: _____**
Notes:		

Appendix B: SCC Dental Hygiene Prerequisite Worksheet

SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE
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SCC Dental Hygiene Prerequisite Worksheet

Applicant name: _____

- This worksheet serves to demonstrate that the applicant has considered all required pre-requisites.
- All prerequisites must be complete or in-progress at the time of application submission.
- All courses taken outside of Seattle Central College must be evaluated by SCC Registration Office via the formal transcript evaluation process.
- All grades will be verified by Seattle Central College.

PREREQUISITE COURSE REQUIREMENT	QTR / YEAR COMPLETED	INSTITUTION	GRADE EARNED
The following courses grades must be earned within 5 years of program start (June 2027)			
BIOL& 160: General Biology or **BIOL& 211 Cell Biology**			
BIOL&241: Human Anatomy & Physiology I			
BIOL& 242 **Human Anatomy & Physiology II**			
BIOL& 260 Microbiology			
CHEM& 121 **Intro to Chemistry**			
CHEM& 122 Intro to Organic Chemistry or **CHEM& 131 Biochemistry**			
MATH& 146 Q-Statistics			
No time limit for the following course grades:			
NUTR& 101: Human Nutrition			
ENGL& 101: Composition I			
ENGL& 102: Composition II			
PSYC& 100: General Psychology			
HUM 105: Intercultural Communication or **CMST 205: Multicultural Communication**			

Appendix C: Community Service Verification Worksheet



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Community Service Verification Worksheet

Provide a separate worksheet for each reported organization for which the applicant is reporting service hours.
Hours must be within 3 years of the dental hygiene program application deadline and completed with a non-profit or community service organization.
Please refer to pages 10-11 for additional details about this section, including what qualifies as community service.

Applicant name: _____

Total hours of community service provided: _____

Name of Agency/Organization:	
Address:	
Phone:	

Coordinator or Supervisor Name:	
Role:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Community Service Hours Log			
Date	*Hours*	*Tasks*	*Supervisor*
		TOTAL REPORTED HOURS	

Comments from Agency/Organization:

Appendix D: Pathway Worksheet (Optional)

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Pathway Worksheet (optional)

Guided Pathways at Seattle Central College is a coordinated effort to connect students with educational programs that align with their strengths, goals, and aspirations. The Dental Program's Pathways to Admission initiative promotes equitable access to educational opportunities through inclusive, evidence-based practices that support student success. Up to **five (5)** positions will be reserved for the following Pathways. Please note that eligibility for Pathway consideration does not guarantee admission into the DHY. Students admitted via a Pathway must meet minimum program requirements, and complete the full application process.

Instructions

Select the Pathway(s) for which you are eligible, AND provide supporting documentation.

☐ **Dental Assisting (DAST) Pathway**

- Must be a graduate of the Seattle Central College or Seattle Vocational Institute Dental Assisting Programs
  AND
- Must have current Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification.

☐ **Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Pathway**

- Must have current Washington EFDA license.

☐ **Worker Retraining**

- Must be eligible through Workforce Services