

PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

Dental Hygiene Admission Packet

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Dental Hygiene (A.A.S. Degree)

Dental Hygienists are licensed professionals who provide preventive dental care and educate patients to perform proper oral health care practices. Depending on state legal requirements, they provide a wide range of services in a variety of settings. Hygienists perform patient health screening, clean teeth, apply fluoride and sealants, expose and develop dental radiographs, provide nutritional counseling, and evaluate patient's oral health. Dental hygienists use a variety of methods in the course of their work such as hand, rotary and ultrasonic instruments.

MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Dental Hygiene Program is to produce a highly competent dental hygienist who will be equipped to provide quality care in a variety of health care delivery settings.

TECHNICAL ACCEPTANCE STANDARDS

Dental Hygiene students must be able to perform essential functions. Technical Acceptance Standards refer to non-academic admissions criteria essential to participate in the dental hygiene program.

If your ability to perform these essential functions depends on accommodations being provided, be advised that requests for accommodations must be presented to the Disability Support Services Department, and must be accompanied by appropriate medical, psychological and /or psychiatric documentation to support this request. You may contact "Student Resources for ADA services" at 484-1637 located in Building 6, Pensacola Campus. All applicants with or without accommodations must possess the following abilities:

Physical Requirements

The student must have use of both hands and dexterity in the fingers to manipulate dental instruments, materials, dental handpieces, and operate dental equipment. The feet are used to manipulate the foot pedals for handpieces and other adjunct dental equipment. Body build must fit into dental operator's stool in order to perform dental hygiene procedures. The ability to stand or sit for long durations of time is also necessary.

Data Conception

The student must possess the ability to gather, classify, and interpret information about data, people, or things and must be able to carry out appropriate actions in relation to the data received.

Color Differentiation

The student must be able to differentiate various shades of colors in a limited environment and space in the oral cavity and must be able to distinguish shades of grey for dental radiographic interpretation.

Manual Dexterity/Motor Coordination

The student must be able to manipulate dental instruments to discern changes in surface textures, without causing trauma to dental tissues, and to control pressure exerted by dental handpieces on dental tissue to prevent injury to those tissues.

Physical Communication

The student must be able to perceive sound through telephone, hear commands through an operator's face mask, and discern blood pressure sounds through a stethoscope.

Reasoning Development

The student must be able to apply principles of logical or scientific thinking to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions.

Language Development

The student must be able to read and comprehend the English Language. In addition, the student must be able to comprehend complex information from scientific and/or technical journals, papers, textbooks, etc. This requires the ability to communicate the same type of complex information through speech and in writing using proper format, punctuation, spelling, grammar, and using all parts of speech. A student must be able to communicate technical information at a level appropriate for patient understanding. A student must be able to speak clearly and with the correct pronunciation of dental and medical terms.

Visual Acuity

The student must be able to identify the working ends of various dental instruments and other dental implements at a 2 foot distance.

Numerical Ability

The student must be able to determine percentages, convert fractions, ratios and proportions as well as basic subtraction, addition, multiplication and division. The student must have the ability to understand and interpret the implications and meanings of the numerical values.

Form/Spatial Ability

The student must be able to conceptualize 1-dimensional renderings in a 3-dimensional form, distinguish subtle changes from one form or shape to another, and discriminate intricate measurements.

Personal Temperament

The student must be able to maintain a professional attitude and appearance. The student must be able to deal with the academic rigors of course load, clinical requirements, constructive criticism, and patient attitudes. The student must have the ability to adapt to change and be able to function and focus in an environment with multiple extraneous stimuli.

Selection Process

Applicants who meet the minimum requirements are selected for admission to the Dental Hygiene Program based on the last completed program requirement. Applicants will be accepted until the class is full; those applicants not selected will remain on the candidate list for a future class.

Health Examination

After a student is accepted into the dental hygiene program he/she must have a physical examination. A chest x-ray or TB test must be done before program entry. In addition students must provide documentation of titers for required immunizations. A Health Program Medical Form must be filled out, signed by the physician and turned into the program director prior to beginning the program. Health information will be kept confidential and placed in your student file. A background check and drug screening will also be required.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?**Q. What are Typical Tasks in this Career?**

- Examining teeth and records for diagnosis and treatment by the dentist.
- Performing dental protective and preventative treatments relating to oral hygiene.
- Exposing, developing, and mounting X-rays of teeth and gums.
- Making impressions of teeth.
- Cleaning patients' teeth using scaling and polishing equipment.
- Educating individuals and groups on oral hygiene
- Graduates from the Dental Hygiene program work mainly in private dental offices.
- Others work in public health agencies, school systems, hospitals and clinics.

Q. What Other Occupations are available in this Career?

Research	Management and consulting
Teaching	Dental product sales
Clinical practice	Federal services
Insurance	Public Health

Q. What is the Degree Progression?

The Dental Hygiene Program is a two-year course of study. Students who successfully complete the program will receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. With additional coursework, graduates of the program are eligible to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree at a senior level institution. Master's degree programs are also available at a few universities.

Q. What is required to practice?

Dental hygienists must be licensed by the state in which they practice. Pensacola State College graduates are eligible to sit for the state board examination in any state in which they desire to practice.

Q. When should I apply to the dental hygiene program?

Students interested in dental hygiene should apply to Pensacola State then submit a health admissions application before beginning the admission process.

Q. What is the deadline for admission?

The admission system is computerized and tracks students throughout the admissions process. As applicants complete the admission requirements they are given a number and selected in order by number.

Q. How can I complete my observation hours?

Dental hygiene applicants may submit an observation form to the Health Admissions office, Warrington Campus, Building 3600, Room 3622. The clinical observation hours may be performed in our Dental Hygiene Clinic or any other dental facility. If observing in the Pensacola State dental hygiene clinic you must wear professional attire and rubber soled shoes. In addition, hair must be secured off shoulders and away from face.

Q. What is the Estimated Cost of Program?

Tuition is \$98.05 per credit in-state, \$99.05 per credit for Alabama residents and \$369.58 out-of-state as of August, 2011. Laboratory fees are approximately \$200 per semester.

	Books	Instruments and Supplies	Uniforms/ Shoes/loupes	Professional Organization Due	Board Expenses
First Year					
Term I	400.00	2000.00		65.00	
Term II	400.00		1500.00		
Term III	400.00	1000.00			
Term IV	200.00	600.00		50.00	
Term V	200.00	350.00			
Term VI	100.00	350.00			1500.00

NOTE: Living expenses, such as room and board are additional expenses and are **NOT** calculated in these figures. **Note: Fees may vary and are subject to change.**

ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

An applicant wishing to enter the Dental Hygiene Program must fulfill the college's general admission requirements. High school courses in biology, chemistry, and algebra are highly recommended to prepare the student for the science-based field of dental hygiene. A student must submit an application to Pensacola State College and pay a one-time nonrefundable \$30 application fee. In addition, applicants must complete a Health Programs application and take the required admissions exams. The Dental Hygiene Program is limited in the number of students that can be admitted each year. Once the student's admission requirements are met they will be accepted in the order they were completed. The selection for the May class is made in January of each year. **Federal law (Family Education Rights & Privacy Act or FERPA) prevents a discussion with anyone other than the student (or applicant) unless the student consents, in writing, to the discussion. If a student wishes to authorize the release of information to a third party, including a parent, the forms for this purpose are available in any registration office. In accordance with federal law, information will not be released by email or telephone. Complete information regarding the federal law as it pertains to our students may be found on the web site at**

<http://www.pensacolastate.edu/docs/studentRightsAndPrivacy/ferpa.pdf>.

Requirements for admission

Admission to the Dental Hygiene Program is based on the following criteria and space available.

The applicant **MUST**:

- Establish email communication with the program director.
- Complete and submit the Pensacola State College application
- Have all college transcripts on file
- Complete and submit the Health–Science application
- Successfully complete the PERT (college Placement Test). Student who have successful completed college English and algebra are exempt from this exam.
- Complete the HOBET (Health Occupation Basic Index Test) with a minimum score of 55 for Math and Reading; students with a bachelor's degree are exempt from this exam.
- Complete all pre-requisite courses (see checklist page 9)
- Achieve a "C" or better in any courses taken which are required for the Dental Hygiene curriculum and while in the application and candidate status
- Have an **overall** grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
- Complete 3 observation hours of a dental hygienist at work

**The
HOBET**

Individual Results

Version 9.6.2 Form A

02/04/2008

Name: JOHN DOE	Test Date: 02/04/2008	End Time:
Applicant ID: xxx-xx-xxxx	Beg Time:	

NOTE: Average and High Risk Scores Determined From LPN Degree Program Scores Nationwide

HOBET PERFORMANCE SUMMARY	YOUR SCORE	AVERAGE SCORE	HIGH RISK SCORE
HOBET Composite Score:	68%	56%	41%
HOBET Percentile Rank:	81	50	18
Essential Math Skills:	62%	57%	42%
Whole Numbers:	92%	92%	80%
Decimal Operations:	63%	57%	30%
Fraction Operations:	50%	63%	40%
Percentage Operations:	50%	45%	23%
Number System Conversions:	56%	48%	27%
Algebra Equations:	63%	41%	13%
Reading Comprehension:	73%	53%	38%
Reading Percentile Rank:	81	50	20
Reading Level:	73: Independent		
GRADE EQUIVALENCE			
Overall Composite Math:	High School		
Science Reading:	Post High School		
CRITICAL THINKING APPRAISAL			
Inferential Reading:	73%	56%	35%
Main Idea of Passage:	86%	69%	48%
Predicting of Outcomes:	64%	50%	31%
SCIENCE READING RATE			
Science Reading Rate:	121	220	
Percentile Rank:	22	40	
		60%	47%
Stress Level Profile . . .			
Family:	20%	26%	
Social:	20%	26%	
Money/Time:	40%	47%	
Academic:	40%	17%	
Work Place:	20%	18%	
Learning Style Profile. . .			
Auditory:	88%	47%	
Visual Learner:	25%	65%	
Social Learner:	86%	72%	
Solitary Learner:	0%	60%	
Oral Dependent Learner:	100%	65%	
Writing Dependent Learner:	43%	58%	
Test taking Skills Level:	33: Frustration		

Schedule the HOBET test through the testing at Warrington Campus, 484-1076. There is a \$30 fee to take this test. The required scores for admission are 55 or higher on reading comprehension and on essential math skills. You can prepare for this exam by visiting www.studyguidezone.com or www.testprepreview.com for practice exams. Be sure to use a timer when you take the practice tests: you will be given a specific time period when you take the HOBET exam. If you do not achieve a score of 55 or higher in both categories you must take the whole test again. You must wait 90 days to retest and you must pay the \$30 test fee again.

Q. What is the Required Sequence for the Program?

General education courses may be taken prior to enrolling in the dental hygiene program.

TWO YEAR CURRICULUM 2013 – 2015 for the Class entering May 2013

<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Contact Hours</u>	<u>Lab Hours</u>	<u>College Credit</u>
TERM I				
BSC 1094	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	0	3
BSC 1094L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	0	2	1
DES 1000	Dental Anatomy	2	0	2
DEP 2004	Human Growth and Development	3	0	3
SPC 1006C	Basic speaking and Listening	1	3	1
W 00753	CPR for the Healthcare Professional*	8	0	0
MAC 1105	College Algebra or higher	3		3
	*Students must possess a Healthcare Provider CPR card which is valid through graduation of the dental hygiene program, American Heart or Red Cross only.			13
TERM II				
DES 1010	Dental Head and Neck Anatomy	2	0	2
DEH 1130	Oral Histology and Embryology	1	0	1
DEH 1002	Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene	3	0	3
DEH 1002L	Dental Hygiene Pre – Clinic	0	9	3
DES 1200C	Dental Hygiene Radiology I	2	2	3
DEH 1720	Preventive Dentistry	2	0	2
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TERM III				
DEH 1811	Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence	1	0	1
DEH 1800	Dental Hygiene I	2	0	2
DEH 1800L	Dental Hygiene Clinic I	0	12	4
DEH 1400	Oral Pathology	2	0	2
DEH 2602	Periodontics	2	0	2
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology	3	0	3
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TERM IV

DEH	1802	Dental Hygiene II	15 total	0	1
DEH	1802L	Dental Hygiene Clinic II	0	135 total	3
DEH	2202	Nutrition and Dental Health	2	0	2
DES	1100C	Dental Materials	2	2	<u>3</u>
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TERM V

DEH	2300W	Pharmacology/Dental Office Emergencies	2	0	2
DEH	2804	Dental Hygiene III	2	0	2
DEH	2804L	Dental Hygiene Clinic III	0	15	5
DES	1053	Nitrous Oxide Monitoring (two days)	8	8	1
DEH	2702	Dental Public Health	2	0	<u>2</u>
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TERM VI

DEH	2806	Dental Hygiene IV	2	0	2
DEH	2806L	Dental Hygiene Clinic IV	0	15	5
DEH	2702L	Dental Public Health Lab	0	3	1
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Computer Skills requirements for the A.A.S. degree are met by core courses.

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FINANCIAL AID

Students who require financial assistance are directed to the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs (OFA & VA) (850)484-2349 for information on numerous grants, and scholarships available. Short-term loans are available at registration. Inquiries should be directed to the Student Affairs Office on the Warrington Campus. Students who need assistance for an education are encouraged to seek every avenue of financial aid available for that purpose. Financial counseling, as well as help with the application process, is available. Students who need financial assistance must contact the Financial Aid office as soon as the need is determined.

STUDENT CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION FOR DENTAL HYGIENE

Date when completed

	Establish communication with the dental hygiene program director
	Complete and submit the college application (\$30) for general admission
	Complete and submit the health-related programs application
	High school transcripts on file (not required if transferring credits from another institution)
	College transcripts on file
	PERT (College Placement Test)
	HOBET Health Occupation Basic Index Test (55 or higher)
	BSC 1093 Anatomy and Physiology I
	BSC 1093 Anatomy and Physiology I Lab
	MCB 1000 Applied Microbiology
	MCB 1000L Applied Microbiology Lab
	ENC 1101 English Composition
	CHM 1032 Survey of General Chemistry
	CHM 1032L Survey of General Chemistry
	Maintain an overall GPA of 2.75 or greater
	Achieve a "C" in any courses required for the Dental Hygiene Program and while in applicant and candidate status
	Complete 3 hours of clinical observation

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REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

TO: REGISTRAR

Name of High School, College or University

Address of School

City

State

Zip Code

Please forward an official transcript of my academic work:

College Transcript

High School Record (showing graduation date or date of withdrawal)

General Education Development Test Scores (GED)

Transient Student Form/Letter of Good Standing (for non-degree transient students)

Mail transcript to:

**Admissions Office
Pensacola State College
1000 College Boulevard
Pensacola, Florida 32504 – 8998**

The following information is furnished to assist you in locating my records:

Name _____

Name used when attending the institution listed above _____

Birthdate _____ Social Security Number _____

Date of Graduation _____ Day of Last Attendance _____

Current Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

If there is a fee for this service, please bill me at the address shown above.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Dental Hygiene Program
Dental / Emergency Services Department
Pensacola State College

Dental Hygiene Clinical Observation Form

Office Supervisor:

_____ is a candidate for the Dental Hygiene Program at Pensacola State College. Candidates are required to spend 3 hours in a clinical setting observing the functions a dental hygienist performs as a member of the dental care team. Your cooperation in allowing this candidate to observe will assist us in providing qualified and enthusiastic entry-level personnel in the dental hygiene field.

The candidate should satisfy the following objectives:

_____ Candidate observed the hygienist during patient treatment

_____ Candidate received a tour of the dental office and introduction to the roles and responsibilities of all members of the dental team.

I have supervised the candidate listed above and they have completed the established objectives

Comments: _____

(Supervisor's Signature)

(Date of Observation)

(Supervisor's Printed Name)

(Name of Clinic/Office)

(Printed Student Name)

(Candidate's Signature)

(Date Submitted)

Fax form to 850-484-2375