



# DENTAL HYGIENE

## Transfer Requirements

The following requirements are subject to change without notice. To assure accuracy of this information, you should consult with a Health Science counselor, or review articulation agreements at [WWW.ASSIST.ORG](http://WWW.ASSIST.ORG). You may also consult the Articulation Officer for specific articulation agreements.

Dental Hygienists work under the supervision of a dentist to provide patients with maintenance of oral health and prevention of oral disease. Hygienists remove deposits and stains from teeth, apply agents to help prevent tooth decay, provide oral health instruction, administer local anesthesia and nitrous oxide sedation, and perform soft tissue curettage.

Admission is competitive and is not assured by the completion of the recommended requirements.

Dental Hygienists in California must pass the National Board of Dental Hygiene Examination and the California Dental Hygiene Clinical Examination.

### Bachelor Degree Programs

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Criteria for Admission:

1. 30-40 students admitted each year. Students should have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 to be considered for admission.
2. High school graduate or GED.
3. Students must submit two applications, one to the university (due February 1) and one to the department (due March 1). Classes start in September.

**Required courses:** To be considered for admission, candidates must include the following prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better and USC's GE pattern (Category I, II, III, and V and the writing must be completed or in progress at the time of application): Biology 101; Anatomy 32; Chemistry 1A, 1B; Psychology 5; Sociology 101; English 1A and 1B or 1C; Speech 1; Nutrition 11; Physiology 31; Microbiology 33.

**\*Note:** No foreign course work is accepted. For additional information contact the Department of Dental Hygiene (213) 740-8103 or 2851 or visit the website: [www.usc.edu/hsc/dental/academic\\_programs/index.htm](http://www.usc.edu/hsc/dental/academic_programs/index.htm); <http://www.usc.edu/dept/ARR/articulation>

#### LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

Criteria for Admission:

1. Completion of 64 semester units. The average GPA of admitted students have a cumulative GPA of 3.35 in all college transferable courses.
2. Applications should be filed by February 1.

**Required Courses: Science courses must be completed within the past 5 years:** Anatomy 32; Physiology 31; Chemistry 21A, 21B; Microbiology 33; and college level math.

*Social Sciences* (choose 8 units from 2 areas): Sociology 101, 104; Political Science 1, 2, 10; Psychology 5, 8; Economics 1, 2; Geography 2, 5; Anthropology 2

*Spiritual and Cultural Heritage* (choose 14 units from 3 areas): Philosophy 2, 3, 5, 8; Music 11; Art 4, 6; History 1A, 1B, 3, 4; Foreign Languages; English 15A, 15B, 23

*Communication Skills:* English 1A, 1B or 1C and Speech 1 or Speech 12

*Health and Wellness:* Contemporary Health 1; 2 units of PE

**\*Note:** For additional information view the following website or call the Dental Hygiene Department at [www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry/dentalhygiene/index.html](http://www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry/dentalhygiene/index.html) or (909) 558-4631.

## Associate of Science Degree Programs

### CERRITOS COLLEGE

Criteria for Admission:

1. High School Graduate or equivalent.
2. Valid CPR certification, including two-person CPR and adult, child, and infant CPR through the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
3. Applications due by April 1.
4. Estimated fees of \$9000 for books and instruments, uniforms, and immunizations are in addition to tuition and enrollment fees.

**Required courses to be completed with C grades or better within the past 5 years:** Chemistry 20; Physiology 31, Anatomy 32, Microbiology 33, Nutrition 11

**Additional courses that students may take at ECC:** English 1A, Speech 1, Psychology 5, Sociology 101, History 1A or 1B or Political Science 1, Math 40 (students entering fall 2009 or later will need intermediate algebra, to meet GE requirements, Math 70), Fine Arts, and Humanities. For additional information contact the dental hygiene department at (562) 860-2451 ext:2231 or view the website at <http://cms.cerritos.edu/browse/browse.asp?WID=200339>

### CYPRESS COLLEGE

Criteria for Admission:

1. 3.00 GPA in science prerequisites and a 2.50 cumulative GPA.
2. High school graduation, or GED, or high school proficiency exam.

**Science prerequisites are to be completed within the past 5 years:** Chemistry 4 or 20, Chemistry 21A-21B, Microbiology 33, Nutrition 11, Anatomy 32, and Physiology 31.

Additional courses that are highly recommended to complete prior to transfer: Psychology 5, Sociology 101, Speech 1, English 1A and 1B, Math 40 (students entering fall 2009 or later will need intermediate algebra to meet GE requirements, Math 70); Any Arts, Dance or Theatre course on ECC's AA/AS Degree GE pattern under Humanities.

At this time, the college cannot accept F-1 students. Applications are accepted during the month of February. For additional information contact 714-484-7270 or view the website at

<http://healthscience.cypresscollege.edu/~dh/dhmin.shtml>

### PASADENA CITY COLLEGE

Criteria for Admission:

1. Graduation from high school or equivalent.
2. CPR certification.
3. Completion of science prerequisites within 5 years with C grades or higher.
4. A competitive GPA (students admitted to the program had a 2.80)

**Required courses to be completed with a "C" grade or higher and the science courses are recommended to be completed within the past 5 years:** Chemistry 21A-21B (preferred) or Chemistry 1A-1B; Microbiology 33; Anatomy 32; Nutrition 11; Physiology 31; English 1A; Psychology 5; Sociology 101; Speech 1; students entering fall 2009 or later will need intermediate algebra to meet GE requirements, Math 70.

For additional information contact (626) 585-7323 or view the website at:

[www.pasadena.edu/divisions/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/index.cfm](http://www.pasadena.edu/divisions/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/index.cfm)

### WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE

Criteria for Admission:

1. An active CPR certificate and health insurance.
2. High school graduate or equivalent.
3. Only 24 students are admitted each year in Fall semester.
4. Completion of DH 87 course (two day orientation course), Orientation to Dental Hygiene course at West LA College, offered fall, winter, and spring.
5. Approximate cost for the first year is \$5,000 and \$ 2,000 for the second year, in addition to tuition and enrollment fees.

**Required Courses to be completed with C grades:** Anatomy 32; Physiology 31; Chemistry 4 or 20; Microbiology 33; English 1A; Psychology 5; Sociology 101; Speech 1, Math 70

For additional information on the program, contact (310) 287-4464 or view the website at

<http://www.wlac.cc.ca.us/dentalhygiene/>