

# IWCC Dental Hygiene Program Application Checklist

**Eligibility deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>**

Eligibility for the Dental Hygiene program will be determined by the following criteria:

<b>Eligibility Requirements</b>
1. Completed an Application to Iowa Western Community College.
2. <b>All</b> official high school and college transcripts on file.
3. *Application Testing:
ACT
<b>OR</b>
SAT
<b>OR</b>
COMPASS testing that includes:
COMPASS Writing
COMPASS Reading
COMPASS Math
<b>OR</b>
ASSET testing that includes:
ASSET Writing
ASSET Reading
ASSET Math
<b>Testing Center Number – (712) 325- 3278</b>
<b>* All scores expire after two years. In order to be valid, scores cannot be more than two years old at the start of the term.</b> If you do not have valid test scores, you may call the testing center at the above number to schedule the COMPASS test at no charge.
4. Completed prerequisite courses with a “C” or better:
<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology I, Anatomy &amp; Physiology II, and Microbiology</b>
5. Proof of 16 hours of Dental Hygiene Observation, which must be signed by a registered Dental Hygienist.

**All five criteria listed above must be met by the eligibility deadline of January 31.  
It is the responsibility of the student to make sure that all items above are  
documented in his/ her file.**

*If you have any questions about the Dental Hygiene program please stop in to Clark Hall and talk with one of the Admissions Advisors or give us a call at 712.325.3277.*

# Dental Hygiene Program

## Point System & Selection Process

<b>1. DETERMINING POINTS:</b> Points will be awarded based on the following and will be calculated only if the eligibility requirements are met by the specified deadline. <b>All grades and materials must be received by the deadline of January 31 in order to be counted in the point total.</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>
<b>GPA in Science Courses:</b>	<b>35 pts</b>
Anatomy and Physiology I	
Anatomy and Physiology II	
Microbiology	
<b>Completion of Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry or General Chemistry I and II with a grade of “C” or better**</b>	<b>5 pts</b>
<i>**Please note that if you are accepted, Intro to Organic and Biochemistry or General Chemistry I and II must be completed before beginning Dental Hygiene classes in the fall.</i>	
<b>GPA in Non-Science Courses:</b>	<b>20 pts</b>
Composition I	
Public Speaking	
Intro to Psychology	
Intro to Sociology	
<b>Prior Attainment of a Bachelor’s Degree</b>	<b>10 pts</b>
<b>Graduation from an Accredited Dental Assisting Program</b>	<b>5 pts</b>
<b>Previous health care experience with patient contact, which must be documented by employer.</b> Must be a minimum of two years full-time or four years part-time. Verification forms are available in the Admissions Office.	<b>2 pts</b>
<b>2. INTERVIEW &amp; SELECTION:</b> Only those students who have earned the highest amount of total points will be granted interviews. <b>The interview is one of the most important factors used to determine admission into the program.</b> Selection is determined by the Dental Hygiene Committee.	

Points for Non-Science GPA

3.90-4.0.....20 pts	3.39-3.30...8 pts
3.89-3.80...18 pts	3.29-3.20...6 pts
3.79-3.70...16 pts	3.19-3.10...5 pts
3.69-3.60...14 pts	3.09-3.00...4 pts
3.59-3.50...12 pts	2.99-2.90...3 pts
3.49-3.40...10 pts	2.89-2.80...2 pts

\*2.79 and below earns zero points

Points for Science GPA

3.90-4.0.....35 pts	3.39-3.30...22 pts
3.89-3.80...32 pts	3.29-3.20...20 pts
3.79-3.70...30 pts	3.19-3.10...18 pts
3.69-3.60...28 pts	3.09-3.00...16 pts
3.59-3.50...26 pts	2.99-2.90...14 pts
3.49-3.40...24 pts	2.89-2.80...12 pts

\*2.79 and below earns zero points

Number of Gen Ed Courses Completed	Percentage of Points
4	100%
3	75%
2	50%
1	25%

## **PROGRAM MISSIONS STATEMENT**

The mission of Iowa Western Community College Department of Dental Hygiene affiliated with Creighton University School of Dentistry is to educate Associate of Applied Science Degree dental hygienists in the broadest scope of clinical practice. Graduates are competent to provide comprehensive educational and clinical services, reflecting dental hygienists' areas of expertise. Graduates are prepared to serve the community in both private and public health settings that support optimal oral health. All aspects of the program are continually assessed to provide on-going excellence and to guide improvement. In keeping with the mission of caring, commitment and challenge, the dental hygiene program provides a positive learner-focused environment.

## **PROGRAM GOALS**

1. Students will be competent as defined by the department document "Competencies for the Dental Hygiene Graduate." (on file in the dental hygiene office)
2. Students will provide client-centered care.
3. Faculty will develop a learner-focused curriculum that maximizes student involvement, input and participation.
4. Faculty will support and promote the institution to be committed to a dental hygiene program of excellence.
5. Faculty will implement a curriculum focused on evidence-based decision-making.
6. Clients will be satisfied with dental hygiene services.

## **AFFILIATED PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The Iowa Western Community College Dental Hygiene Program was organized and established in conjunction with Creighton University School of Dentistry in 1998. Each institution offers a diverse educational and clinical experience for the students. Although IWCC is small in comparison to Creighton, our students receive the best of both worlds - exposure to an urban, private university campus with the intimacy of a small, rural community college campus.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- \$ Clinic requirements are met at Creighton University School of Dentistry and selected off-site clinics.
- \$ Applicants must be at least 18 years old on the first day of class.
- \$ Eighteen (18) students are admitted each fall semester.
- \$ Classes are held during the day, Monday through Friday.
- \$ Courses must be taken in sequence as stated in the curriculum; a minimum grade of "C" is required in each course to progress in the program.
- \$ Co-requisites may be taken either before entering the program or along with the dental hygiene courses. Career Strategies should be taken during your final semester at IWCC.
- \$ The cost of the program varies from student to student. Some general costs are:
  - Tuition, fees, labs, etc.....\$13,000
  - Books & Instruments:.....\$3,500
  - Exams/Licenses.....\$1,200
- There is no waiting list – new applications are taken yearly.
- Upon completion of the curriculum, students must successfully complete the Dental Hygiene National Board, and either the CRDTS exam, or another state or regional board of choice.

Iowa Western Community College does not discriminate on the basis of disability, gender, age, race, religion, or national origin in educational programs, activities, employment practices or admissions procedures. We adhere to CDC and OSHA guidelines. A copy of the Infection Control Policy is located in the Division of Health Office.