

## Dental Hygiene Program Admissions Information

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# Welcome!

On behalf of the School of Health Professions, welcome to the application process for the Dental Hygiene program. Please carefully review the information contained within this guide to ensure you have completed all steps required for admissions consideration.

I wish you success with the application process.

Sincerely,  
Brionna Watson, MPA, RDH  
Program Director

### Program Description

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Hygiene Program at The Community College of Baltimore County. At the completion of this program, you will be prepared for Regional and State licensing examinations and the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination. Dental hygienists are employed in a variety of settings such as private practice, community health agencies, and health maintenance organizations. The dental hygienist may also function in the roles of educator, consumer advocate, administrator/manager and researcher.

**Application Deadline: Opens on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on April 15<sup>th</sup> for a Fall start  
CCBC supplemental application closes on April 30<sup>th</sup>**

### Important Dates

Deadlines	Open	Closed
ATI TEAS Deadline		April 15 <sup>th</sup>
SHP Program Application Deadline	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Supplemental Application Deadline	January	April 30 <sup>th</sup>

**Dental Hygiene Program:**



**Admissions Packet:**



## Required Entry Exam

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To be considered for admission, you must complete the **ATI TEAS** exam by **April 15, 2025**, with the required minimum scores listed below. Failure to take the ATI TEAS exam will result in your application not being evaluated. You must register for either the **Allied Health** or **Nursing TEAS** exam.

Dental Hygiene Program: Requires a minimum Adjusted Individual Total Score of 70% or higher.  
Additional Information: Visit the School of Health Professions Admissions Office website for more details.

**In-Person Testing Requirement (Effective April 15, 2025):** Any TEAS exams must be completed **in-person** at an approved testing site. Only exams “**Proctored by an Institution**” or “**Proctored by PSI**” will be accepted. Online exams taken after this date will not be considered for admission.

**Score Validity:** TEAS scores are valid for **two years** from the test date. Online exams completed **before April 15, 2025**, remain valid within this two-year period. The **Dental Hygiene Program** will consider TEAS scores taken within **two years** of the exam deadline.

### Testing Locations & Registration

The TEAS exam is available at **approved locations** listed on the **ATI Testing** website:

Educational institutions (On-Campus)

CCBC Testing Centers (On-Campus)

PSI Testing Centers (On-Site)

When registering, select either the **On-Campus** or **On-Site** option. To register, schedule, and submit payment for the exam, visit [ATI Testing](#). **All TEAS scores must be submitted to “CCBC TEAS.”**

If you have taken the TEAS exam **within two years** of the application deadline and are satisfied with your score, you do **not** need to retake the exam.

## Required Coursework

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All listed courses must be completed prior the April 15th application deadline with a grade of “C” or better.

- BIOL 109, Human Anatomy & Physiology\*
- BIOL 230, General Microbiology\* (note that this course has a prerequisite of BIOL 110)
- CHEM 107, Fundamentals of Chemistry\*
- ENGL 101, College Composition I
- PSYC 105, Multicultural Psychology

\*The science courses listed above must have been completed within 5 years of the date when the student begins the program

### Additional Coursework

The courses below are not required by the application deadline. However, if completed by the deadline, they will contribute to admission consideration. These courses are required for the degree in Dental Hygiene. A grade of “C” or better is required.

- SOCL 101, Introduction to Sociology
- CMNS 101, Fundamentals of Communications
- MATH elective 3-4 credits (MATH 153 is recommended)

## Dental Assisting to Dental Hygiene

Dental Assistants (DA) that have successfully completed the CCBC Dental Assisting Program are eligible to apply for admission into the Dental Hygiene Program. Dental Assisting to Dental Hygiene applicants must submit the attached form verifying that they have completed the DA program successfully within the 5 years prior to the DH program start. DA applicants must complete all other admission requirements for admission consideration.

## Admission Criteria

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### Required

- Supplemental application before April 30<sup>th</sup> completed with \$20 non-refundable fee
- Prerequisites as stated above **completed by application deadline**
- GPA of 2.50 or higher calculated using Program Prerequisites
- Overall GPA on courses completed at CCBC must be at least 2.00
- Successful completion of the ATI TEAS exam by TEAS deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Signed Technical Standards Form due by application deadline
- 16 hours of dental hygiene observation of a Registered Dental Hygienist due by application deadline (observing anyone other than the RDH will rule your application ineligible for admission consideration).
- Prior to application review, official transcripts from all colleges (except CCBC) must be evaluated by the CCBC Registrar's Office for transfer of credit. Only courses that transfer into CCBC will be considered for admission.
- It is strongly recommended that SHP applicants speak specifically with a Health Professions Pathways Advisor early in the application process to review courses required for admission and graduation.
- The CCBC School of Health Professions' Dental Hygiene program has a minimum age requirement of 18 years old to enroll in the program. These restrictions are in line with state laws and accreditation standards, which are determined independently from CCBC's control. We place high importance on adhering to these regulations to guarantee the excellence and reliability of our programs.

### DENTPIN

Within the DH CAS application you will find a section entitled DENTPIN. A DENTPIN is a Dental Personal Identifier Number used by various educational testing programs. Use the link in the application to obtain a DENTPIN (if you do not already have one). Fill in the blank space in your application with your DENTPIN.

SAVE THE NUMBER in your records for use when you complete your National Board Dental Hygiene Exam or any other exam requiring a DENTPIN.

### Steps for Application

1. Apply for admission to CCBC at <https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Admission-and-Registration/Apply-for-Admission/index.html>
2. Meet with a Health Professions Pathway Academic Advisor.  
<https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Student-Life/Student-Support/Advising/index.html>
3. Participate in assessment testing, if necessary.
4. Complete prerequisite courses as necessary.
5. Complete ATI TEAS testing by deadline.

6. Once you have your CCBC Student ID number, log into <https://dhcas.cas.myliaison.com/applicant/login> and apply to the **CCBC SHP Dental Hygiene** program by the application deadline. The **non-refundable** \$50 application fee is due at time of submission.
7. If you need assistance with the program application, you can watch the videos or click on the blue question mark in the application.
8. You can watch our YouTube videos showing an application walkthrough at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGjilbh2aheqelcxERFZ99w>.
9. Submit all U.S. transcripts by application deadline to the ADEA DHCAS, see directions in the next section.
10. To CCBC Registrar. Follow this link for instructions and access to the Transcript Evaluation Request form. <https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Admission-and-Registration/Get-Started/Transfer-Credit/pages/Transfer-to-CCBC.html>
11. It is the sole responsibility of the student to ensure that all documents have been received or uploaded into the ADEA DHCAS by the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
12. Applicants will receive an **email** inviting them to complete the **CCBC DH Supplemental application** after their program application has been verified. Instructions will be in the email. The CCBC Supplemental application along with the **\$20 non-refundable fee is due by April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Applicants who do not complete the supplemental application by the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline will not be considered further for admission.
13. Your application status updates are found in your ADEA DHCAS application in the top tab entitled CHECK STATUS. Admission Decisions are emailed to the address used in your application.

### **Admission Response**

Admissions decisions are emailed to applicants approximately 6 to 8 weeks after the application deadline. Please refrain from contacting the Dental Hygiene Program as this process is not handled by that department.

### **Post Admission**

Applicants who are admitted into the Dental Hygiene program must be prepared to provide the following prior to the fall semester. Further information is provided at the Dental Hygiene Program orientation by the Program Director.

- Provide proof of current CPR certification at the Healthcare Provider Level. If you need information about CPR courses, go to <https://cpr.heart.org/en/courses/basic-life-support-course-options>
- Proof of a recent physical examination with current immunizations
- Proof of current health insurance
- Purchase professional liability insurance (Info provided at orientation)

## Dental Hygiene Program Expenses

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The following is an estimate of Dental Hygiene Program costs in addition to tuition and fees for prerequisite courses, dental hygiene courses and required general education courses. Tuition and fees can be determined by reviewing the content on the CCBC website.

FALL SEMESTER 1		SPRING SEMESTER 2	
Supplies/Instruments	\$4,975.98	Supplies/Instruments	\$200.00
Uniforms (incl. shoes)	\$250.00	Uniforms	\$0.00
Textbooks	\$750.00	Textbooks	\$350.00
Other Costs*	\$895.00	Other Costs*	\$1,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,870.98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,950.00</b>
SUMMER SEMESTER 3		FALL SEMESTER 4	
Supplies/Instruments	\$75.00	Supplies/Instruments	\$200.00
Uniforms	\$0.00	Uniforms	\$0.00
Textbooks	\$175.00	Textbooks	\$220.00
Other Costs*	\$0.00	Other Costs*	\$185.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$605.00</b>
SPRING SEMESTER 5		ESTIMATION OF ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COSTS	
Supplies/Instruments	\$200.00	<b>\$12,425.98</b>	
Uniforms	\$0.00		
Textbooks	\$100.00		
Other Costs*	\$2,450.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,750.00</b>		

**\*Disclaimer: All above costs are estimates and prices may vary. All cost estimates are subject to change without notice. There may also be other miscellaneous items not included in this expense report.**

### **\*OTHER COSTS INCLUDE:**

#### **FALL SEMESTER 1**

Background and Drug Testing- \$125.00  
 BLS/CPR Certification- \$90.00  
 Physical Examination- \$200.00  
 Dental Examination- \$200.00  
 Hepatitis B Vaccination- \$150.00  
 Yearly SADHA Dues- \$85.00  
 Yearly Student Malpractice Insurance- \$45.00

#### **SPRING SEMESTER 2**

Dental Loupes- \$1,400.00

#### **FALL SEMESTER 4**

Immunizations Renewal- \$100.00  
 SADHA Renewal- \$85.00

#### **SPRING SEMESTER 5**

National Board Examination- \$600.00  
 Full ADEX Dental Hygiene Exam (clinical and CSCE OSCE) \$1,150.00  
 Jurisprudence/Law Examination- \$50.00  
 Nitrous Oxide Examination- \$135.00

## DENTAL HYGIENE FAQS

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- 1. WHAT ARE DENTAL HYGIENISTS? WHAT DO THEY DO?** Dental hygienists are licensed health care professionals who promote oral health and overall wellness. Dental hygienists educate clients regarding oral hygiene and preventive oral care, remove soft and hard deposits from teeth, expose and develop dental x-rays, apply cavity-preventive agents, and provide other preventive dental care. Dental hygienists examine client's head, neck, lips, cheeks, tongue, teeth and gums recording the presence of diseases or abnormalities. After assessing a client's conditions, they develop a dental hygiene diagnosis and treatment plan. One of the distinctive features of the profession is flexible scheduling. Dental hygienists may be employed full-time, part-time, additionally, evening, and weekend schedules are widely available.
- 2. WHAT IS THE EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS?** Employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow much faster than average through 2030 and is expected to remain excellent, ranking among the fastest growing occupation, in response to increasing demand for dental care and the greater utilization of dental hygienists. U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook [Dental Hygienists : Occupational Outlook Handbook: : U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-hygienists.htm)  
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-hygienists.htm>.
- 3. HOW DO I APPLY TO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM?** You must first apply to CCBC and become a student. Then you should complete all of the prerequisite courses with "C" or better grade. You may wish to speak with one of our Pathways Health Professions Advisors during this process (find a link to their office on each campus below). Once you have completed your Prerequisite courses, you may complete and submit the CCBC School of Health Professions Dental Hygiene Program Application found in the SHP CAS, along with the \$50 fee prior to the admissions deadline. You must submit all required documentation as outlined in the application packet to the SHP Admissions Office prior to the application deadline of April 15th. Use the below link to the admission packet for further details Academic [Advising](https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Student-Life/Student-Support/Advising/index.html)  
<https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Student-Life/Student-Support/Advising/index.html>.
- 4. WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE FOR THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM?** The CCBC SHP Dental Hygiene Entry Level application must be completed and submitted through SHP CAS along with the \$50 application fee by April 15<sup>th</sup>. [SHP CAS | Applicant Login Page Section](https://shp.cas.myliaison.com/applicant-ux/#/login)  
<https://shp.cas.myliaison.com/applicant-ux/#/login>.
- 5. DO ALL PREREQUISITE COURSES HAVE TO BE COMPLETED AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED?** All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the fall semester prior to the application deadline date. Courses in progress at time of application deadline will not be considered for admission.
- 6. IS COLLEGE COURSEWORK FROM 20 YEARS AGO STILL ACCEPTABLE?** Yes and no. Coursework in the Arts and Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, English and Mathematics may be acceptable. Coursework in Biological and Physical Sciences must have been completed within 5 years of when the student begins the program.
- 7. HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR ADMISSION INTO THE PROGRAM?** A weighted point system is used to rank an applicant's standing. Points are assigned for the following areas: overall GPA, science GPA, grades in prerequisite courses, and completion of general education

requirements. Additionally, students are required to complete 16 hours of observation with a dental hygienist, and the ATI TEAS examination.

8. **HOW MANY TIMES A YEAR WILL THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADMIT A NEW DENTAL HYGIENE CLASS?** The SHP will admit one class per year during the fall semester into the dental hygiene program.
9. **WHERE WILL THE DENTAL HYGIENE COURSES BE OFFERED?** The prerequisite courses and general education requirements for completion of the Dental Hygiene Associate of Applied Science Degree can be taken at any one of the CCBC campuses. All of the Dental Hygiene program classes, labs and clinic sessions will only be offered at the Dundalk campus. During the last semester of the Dental Hygiene program there will be an extern-ship that is as assigned off campus.
10. **HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM? WHAT ARE THE HOURS?** The program is five semesters, which includes one 7-week summer semester with 53 credit hours required (not including prerequisite courses) for successful completion of the Dental Hygiene program requirements. Students enter in the fall and graduate in May, two years later. The daily schedule for the Dental Hygiene program varies by semester and year; however typically courses, labs and clinics will occur between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
11. **CAN THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM BE COMPLETED PART-TIME?** The Dental Hygiene program requires a full-time academic commitment; therefore the program cannot be completed part-time.
12. **ARE THERE OTHER EXPENSES THAT STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IN ADDITION TO TUITION?** Yes, there are other expenses that include books, dental instruments and supplies, dental loupes, uniforms, physical examination and immunizations, liability insurance, background check and drug testing, licensing examinations and license fees. See the cost breakdown here: [Dental Hygiene Program Expenses](#)
13. **What vaccinations are required for the Dental Hygiene Program?** PPD Test (purified protein derivative for Tuberculosis) – 1 step TB skin test performed within the past 12 months OR Negative QuantiFERON Gold Blood Test, Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) – documentation or booster required within 10 years of program entry, Tetanus – documentation or booster required within 10 years of program entry, MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), Varicella vaccine (Chicken pox) or history of varicella as a child, Hepatitis B Vaccine. Vaccinations must have been administered within the past 2 years OR Positive antibody titer (lab report required).
14. **HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM?** Be sure that you have read the [admissions packet](#) for Dental Hygiene. If you have any academic advising related questions, it is recommended that you contact a **Pathways Health Professions Academic Advisor** by scheduling an appointment. Contact them here: [Advising https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Student-Life/Student-Support/Advising/index.html](https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Student-Life/Student-Support/Advising/index.html).

## Who to Contact

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Health Professions Pathways Advisor. For the Dundalk campus call 443- 840-3816 or visit the Student Services Center room 102. Additional information for all sites can be found by calling 443-840-2222 or online at the CCBC Academic Advisement Office.

School of Health Professions Office of Admissions at 443-840-1989 or email at [shpseat@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:shpseat@ccbcmd.edu)

### Map of CCBC Dundalk Dental Carts Center (DENT) – Lot 1



The Dental Hygiene program is located in the Dental Arts Center at CCBC Dundalk  
7200 Sollers Point Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21222