



2016-2017 School Year

Dear Prospective Dental Hygiene Applicant,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Taft College Dental Hygiene Program. Enclosed you will find information about the program that will assist you in making your decisions regarding Dental Hygiene as a career.

Enclosed you will find:

1. Prerequisites
Applicants may apply to the program with two prerequisites in progress; however, if accepted, you must have successfully completed ALL prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" or better before starting the Fall 2017 semester.
Only completed science coursework dated 2011 or later will meet the five (5) year recency requirement.
2. Selection Criteria
3. Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Requirements
4. Estimated Program Costs

Applications for the class beginning Fall 2017 will be available after January 1, 2017 and **must be received in the Taft College Admissions Office by 3:00 p.m. March 31, 2017.**

Should you have further questions, please feel free to call the Dental Hygiene Department at (661)763-7706 or the Counseling Center at (661)763-7748.

Sincerely,

Stacy Eastman, RDH, DDS
Director of Dental Hygiene

PREREQUISITES

Taft College accepts 20 qualified students into its Dental Hygiene Program each fall semester. There are minimum admission requirements that all applicants must meet in order to be considered for acceptance into the program.

The application period for the Fall 2017 class is January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017.

Applicants may apply to the program with two prerequisites in progress; however, if accepted, you must have successfully completed ALL prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" or better before starting the Fall 2017 semester.

1. Applicants must earn a minimum grade of "C" in each of the following prerequisite courses:

Please Note: Applicants must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the prerequisite courses.

Human Anatomy	- 5 units
Basic Nutrition	- 3 units
Organic Chemistry and Lab	- 5 units
General Microbiology	- 5 units
Human Physiology and Lab	- 5 units
English Composition and Reading	- 3 units
Mathematics	- 3 units
General Psychology	- 3 units
Cultural Diversity	- 3 units
Introduction to Sociology	- 3 units
Speech - Group Discussion	- 3 units
<i>or</i>	
Speech - Public Speaking	

All completed prerequisite science courses must be completed by 2011 or later in order to meet the five (5) year recency requirement.

A two-semester combination Anatomy and Physiology course **may** be substituted for the Anatomy and Physiology requirement. A one-semester survey course is **not** acceptable.

2. Applicants must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 in **all** college coursework.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria will be applied to those applicants who have met minimum program requirements.

There is a cumulative total of 240 points possible in the following categories:

- GPA in prerequisite coursework (50 points)
- Cumulative GPA in all college coursework (45 points)
- Number of units completed at Taft College (40 points)
- Progress towards the completion of general education requirements for the Associate Degree (30 points)
- Attainment of a degree (20 points)
- Related work experience (25 points)
- Quality of the applicant's personal statement (20 points)
- Letters of recommendation (10 points)

Please contact the Dental Hygiene Counselor at (661)763-7889 or the Dental Hygiene Office Technician at (661)763-7885 for further information.

Program requirements and selection criteria are subject to change. Students applying to the Dental Hygiene program must meet catalog and program requirements in effect at the time of application to the program. Contact the Taft College Dental Hygiene Department for current information.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Program Prerequisites: All prerequisites to the program must be completed with a minimum grade of "C". In addition, all science courses (Anatomy, Organic Chemistry, Microbiology, Nutrition, and Physiology) must be completed within the past five (5) years in order to meet the recency requirement.

Prerequisite Course	In Progress	Requirement Met	Completion Date
Human Anatomy			
Basic Nutrition			
Organic Chemistry/Lab			
General Microbiology			
Human Physiology/Lab			
English Composition and Reading			
Mathematics (Interm. Algebra <i>or higher</i>)			
General Psychology			
Cultural Diversity			
Introduction to Sociology			
Speech - Group Discussion or Speech - Public Speaking			

ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION/ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

Requirement	Requirement Met
Health Education	
American History and Institutions	
Information Competency	
Humanities	

Note: The following Associate Degree requirements are met based upon completion of the Dental Hygiene Program Requirements: Major, Natural Science, Social and Behavioral Science, English Composition, and Communication and Analytical Thinking. **Coursework completed at another institution must be equivalent to courses offered at Taft College.** A Taft College counselor or the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee will determine equivalency.

TAFT COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST

First Year	Fall	Spring
<i>Units @ \$46</i>	18	14.5
Enrollment fees	\$828	\$667
Books	\$800	\$725
Program expenses	\$300	\$300
Parking	-0-	
ASB card (optional)	\$30	
Instruments and supplies	\$5,000	
Uniforms	\$220	
Name tag	\$20	
SADHA dues	\$110	
Malpractice insurance	\$22	
Loupes (optional)	--	\$1,500
Miscellaneous expenses	\$200	\$125
First Year Totals	\$7,530	\$3,317

Second Year	Fall	Spring
<i>Units @ \$46</i>	14	12.5
Enrollment fees	\$644	\$575
Books	\$375	\$375
Program expenses	\$300	\$300
Instruments and supplies	\$200	\$200
Parking	-0-	
ASB card (optional)	\$30	
SADHA dues	\$110	
Malpractice insurance	\$22	
Miscellaneous expenses	\$150	\$125
<i>See below for additional board exam expenses</i>		
Second Year Totals	\$1,831	\$1,575

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST \$14,253

Second Year Students Only

- National Board Review (four days) \$425
 Plus hotel and food expense
- National Board Exam (paid in January) \$410
 Plus hotel and food expense
- WREB Exam* www.wreb.org \$1,200
 Plus hotel, food, and patient expenses
- CRDTS Exam* www.crdts.org \$1,200
 Plus hotel, food, and patient expenses

PROGRAM EXPENSES AND ENROLLMENT FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

*For rules and regulations regarding licensure in the state of California, please refer to the Dental Hygiene Committee of California website: <http://www.dhcc.ca.gov/>

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

In order to be eligible for federal aid, students are required to enroll in a course of study leading to a degree or a certificate and maintain satisfactory academic progress. Financial aid applications and the Taft College Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy is available in the Financial Aid Office located in the Counseling Center. Contact the Financial Aid Office at (661)763-7762 if you have questions regarding your eligibility.

**TAFT COLLEGE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE
FEDERAL GUARANTEED STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM**