

January 3, 2017

Dear Dental Hygiene Program Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Taft College Dental Hygiene Program. Taft College accepts 20 qualified students into its Dental Hygiene Program each fall semester. The program is accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA), and there are minimum admission requirements that all students must meet in order to be considered for acceptance into the program. A copy of the selection criteria, which explains our selection process, and projected, estimated program costs is included.

A complete application and all supporting documents **must be received in the Taft College Admissions Office by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017**. Postmarked dates are not acceptable. It is your responsibility to make sure your application and supporting documents (including transcripts) are received in the same envelope by the deadline. Applicants who have applied in previous years **must** resubmit a complete application along with all documentation including transcripts and new letters of recommendation. **Failure to meet all application requirements/procedures will result in an incomplete application and will not be considered for selection.**

By submission of this application, you are indicating that you have:

- ✓ ***Completed all prerequisite courses with a minimum grade point average of 2.0;**
 - ✓ **Attained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 in all college level coursework; and,**
 - ✓ ***Completed all science prerequisites (anatomy, physiology, microbiology, organic and biochemistry, and nutrition) within five (5) years. Fall 2017 program applicants must have completed all science prerequisites dated 2011 or later.**
- *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 the fall 2017 semester.**

Applicants who do not meet the minimum program admission requirements specified above will not be entered into the selection pool.

After the selection process is completed, you will be notified as to your status in the program.

Sincerely,



Primavera Arvizu
Interim Vice President, Student Services

PREREQUISITES AND SELECTION CRITERIA

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 3, 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 the fall 2017 semester.

1. Applicants must earn a minimum grade of “C” in each of the following 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
or	
Speech – Public Speaking	

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the prerequisite courses.

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.

3. The following 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)
- Paid and/or volunteer dental or health care related work experience (25 points)
- Quality of the applicant's personal statement (20 points)
- Letters of recommendation (10 points)

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

All points will be determined by consensus of the Selection Committee.

*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.*

APPLICATION CHECK-OFF SHEET

Please submit application and ALL required documents in ONE envelope.

- Requested official transcripts from ***all*** colleges and universities previously attended (including any other Dental Hygiene program(s) attended and Taft College)
 - *As a Taft College Dental Hygiene applicant, Taft College transcripts are provided at no charge. To request Taft College transcripts, please click on the following link:*
<http://www.taftcollege.edu/admissions/academic-records-and-transcripts/ordering-official-transcripts/>
- Requested official transcript from ***last high school*** attended or a copy of a GED certificate
- Included ***two*** (2) letters of recommendation (sealed and signed)
- Completed Taft College Dental Hygiene Program application

Please forward the above documents, **IN ONE ENVELOPE**, to:

Taft College
Admissions Office
29 Cougar Court
Taft, CA 93268

All documents must be received in the Taft College Admissions Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017 (postmarked dates are not acceptable). It is your responsibility to make sure your application and supporting documents (including transcripts) are received by the deadline.

Previous applicants to the program must submit a new application and supporting documents each application period.

DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Program Prerequisites: All prerequisites to the program must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” with an overall GPA of 2.0 for prerequisites. In addition, all science courses (Anatomy, Basic Nutrition, Organic and Biochemistry, Microbiology, and Physiology) must be completed 2011 or later in order to meet the five year recency requirement.

Prerequisite Course	Requirement Met	Completion Date
Human Anatomy		
Basic Nutrition		
Organic and Chemistry and Lab		
General Microbiology		
Human Physiology and Lab		
English Composition and Reading		
Mathematics – Intermediate Algebra or higher level; or placement in transfer level mathematics on the basis of placement testing		
General Psychology		
Cultural Diversity		
Introduction to Sociology		
Speech – Group Discussion or Speech – Public Speaking		

Additional Associate Degree/General Education Requirements

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

Note: The above Associate Degree requirements are met based upon completion of 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/Advisor or the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee will determine equivalency.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS 2016-2017

First Year	Fall	Spring
<i>Units @ \$46</i>	18	14.5
Enrollment fees	\$828	\$667
Books	\$1,200	\$650
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	\$7,930	\$3,242

Second Year	Fall	Spring
<i>Units @ \$46</i>	14	12.5
Enrollment fees	\$644	\$575
Books	\$400	\$400
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	\$1,856	\$1,600

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST **\$14,628**

****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** **\$1,200**
 - www.wreb.org
 - Plus hotel, food, and patient expenses
- **CRDTS Exam** **\$1,200**
 - www.crdts.org
 - 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

FALL 2017 APPLICATION

1. Full Name: _____

Last
First
Middle
2. Social Security Number: _____ (mandatory for Licensing Exams)
3. Current Mailing Address: _____

Number & Street

City
State
Zip
4. Email Address: _____
5. Telephone Number: Cell _____ Home _____
6. List **ALL** previous colleges and universities attended, dates of attendance, and any degrees or certificates earned. List any additional colleges attended on the back of this sheet. **Please include Dental Hygiene Programs you have attended.**

College or University	Dates of Attendance	Degree or Certificate earned	Date Awarded

7. Have you previously attended a Dental Hygiene program? _____
 If yes, please list: _____
8. How many units of college level work have you completed? _____
9. What is your cumulative grade point average for all college work? _____
10. How many units have you completed at Taft College? _____

11. The following courses, or their equivalents, are prerequisites to the Dental Hygiene Program. A minimum grade of "C" is required for each course. 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 the fall 2017 semester. All science prerequisites (anatomy, microbiology, nutrition, organic chemistry, and physiology) must be completed in 2011 or later in order to meet the five-year program recency requirement.

Prerequisite	Equivalent Course	College Where Taken	Semester/ Quarter of Completion	Semester/ Quarter Units	Course Grade
Human Anatomy					
Basic Nutrition					
Organic Chemistry/Lab					
General Microbiology					
Human Physiology/Lab					
English Composition & Reading					
Mathematics – Intermediate Algebra or higher level; or placement in transfer level mathematics on the basis of placement testing					
General Psychology					
Cultural Diversity					
Introduction to Sociology					
Speech – Group Discussion or Speech – Public Speaking					

12. Please indicate the semester units and grade received for each completed general education requirement. If the course was completed at another institution, please write the course name in the space provided.

Students who complete the Dental Hygiene Program at Taft College are also required to complete the general education requirements for an Associate Degree. This applies even if you have previously earned an associate or higher level degree. Check with your counselor/advisor to determine if coursework taken at another college or university is equivalent to Taft College coursework.

Additional Associate Degree/General Education Requirements

Units	Grade	Course Name	Equivalent Course
		Health Education <i>(3 units required)</i>	HLED 1510
		Inco Competency <i>(1 unit required)</i>	INCO 1548
		Humanities <i>(3 units required)</i>	Any course listed in the Taft College catalog under Humanities in the General Education Requirements
		American History & Institutions <i>(3 units required)</i>	HIST 2231, 2232, or POSC 1501

13. Please complete the following statement in blue or black ink and in your own handwriting (not typed).

Confine your response to the box outlined below.

I would like to be considered for the Taft College Dental Hygiene Program because:

