



As of the 2018-2019 School Year

Dear Dental Hygiene Applicant,

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

Enclosed:

1. Prerequisites
Applicants may apply to the program with two non-science 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 2019 semester.
Only completed science coursework dated 2013 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 in the Fall will be available mid January and **must be received in the Taft College Admissions Office by 3:00 p.m. the last day of February.**

Should you have further questions, please feel free to call the Dental Hygiene Department at (661)763-7885 or the Counseling Center at (661)763-7748.

Sincerely,

Vickie Kimbrough, RDH, MBA, PhD
Director of Dental Hygiene

**PREREQUISITES AND SELECTION CRITERIA
FOR PROGRAM APPLICANTS**

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 2019 class is mid-January through February. Designated dates are included in the application once posted.

Applicants may apply to the program with two non-science prerequisites in progress; however, if accepted, you must have successfully completed ALL prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" or better by June 15.

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	- 4 units
*General Microbiology	- 5 units
*Human Physiology and Lab	- 5 units
English Composition and Reading	- 3 units
Mathematics- Intermediate Algebra or <i>higher</i>	- 4 units
General Psychology	- 3 units
Cultural Diversity	- 3 units
Introduction to Sociology	- 3 units
Speech – Group Discussion	- 3 units
<i>or</i>	
Public Speaking (or any CSU GE Area A.1)	

***All completed prerequisite science courses must be completed within the previous 5 years 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.

All sciences must have wet-labs, when applicable. No online labs accepted.

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 200 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 (20 points)
- Attainment of a degree (20 points)
- Related work experience (25 points)

Contact the Counseling Center at (661)763-7748 for additional 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.

**DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST
FOR FALL PROGRAM APPLICANTS**

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 (<i>any approved course that satisfies multicultural/diversity GE requirements</i>)			
Introduction to Sociology			
Speech - Interpersonal, Public, Group (<i>or any CSU GE Area A.1</i>)			

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>	16.5	14.5
Enrollment fees	\$759	\$667
Books	\$1,300	\$650
Clinic Fee	\$300	\$300
Parking	-0-	
ASB card (optional)	\$30	
Instruments	\$1,300	
Clinic Kit	\$1,500	
Uniforms	\$200	
Name tag	\$20	
CDHA dues	\$50	
Malpractice insurance	\$22	
Loupes (optional)	--	\$1,500
Miscellaneous expenses	\$200	\$125
First Year Totals	\$5,681	\$3,242

Second Year	Fall	Spring
<i>Units @ \$46</i>	14	12.5
Enrollment fees	\$644	\$575
Books	\$400	\$400
Clinic Fee	\$300	\$300
Instruments and supplies	\$200	\$200
Parking	-0-	
ASB card (optional)	\$30	
Malpractice insurance	\$22	
Miscellaneous expenses	\$150	\$125
<i>Ultrasonic Scaler board exam expenses**</i>	\$ 1,200	
Second Year Totals	\$2,946	\$1,600

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST \$13,469

****Graduates Only****

- **National Board Review (four days)** **\$425**
 - Plus hotel and food expense
- **National Board Exam (paid in January)** **\$415**
- **WREB Exam (State Clinical)** **\$1,300**
 - www.wreb.org
 - Plus hotel, food, and patient expenses
- **CRDTS Exam (State Clinical)** **\$1,250**
 - www.crdts.org
 - Plus hotel, food, and patient expenses
- **Ethics exam/ RDH Application** **\$310**

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**