



As of the 2021-2022 School Year

*As of the 2022 application period, **ALL** program pre-requisites must be completed by December of the prior year. No in-progress pre-requisites are accepted. Applications submitted to enter Fall 2022, must have all prerequisites completed by December 2021.*

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Dental Hygiene Program at Taft College. Included in this packet you will find information about the program that will assist in making your decision.

Included:

1. **You must have successfully completed ALL prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" or better before submitting an application for Fall 2022.**
2. All prerequisite sciences must be completed by 2016 or later to meet the five (5) year recency requirement.
3. Selection Criteria
4. Dental Hygiene Associate Degree Requirements
5. Estimated Program Costs

Applications for the class beginning in the Fall semester 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; Monday, February 28th.**

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,

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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 2022 class is mid-January to the end of February. Designated dates are included in the application once posted.

Candidates must have successfully completed ALL prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" or better before starting the Fall 2022 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.

Prerequisite Course	Semester Units
*Human Anatomy w/Lab	4-5
*Organic Chemistry w/Lab	4-5
*General Microbiology w/Lab	4-5
*Human Physiology w/Lab	4-5
English Composition and Reading	3
Mathematics (Interm Algebra <i>or higher</i>)	4-5
Psychology	3
Multicultural/Cultural Diversity/Ethnic Studies (<i>any approved course that satisfies multicultural/diversity GE requirements, or any CSU GE Area F</i>)	3
Sociology	3
Speech/Communication (<i>Any CSU GE Area A.1</i>)	3

*Five (5) year recency requirement: *All completed prerequisite science courses must be completed within the previous 5 years of application

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 (in person and on campus)**. No online labs accepted (unless a waiver is in place with the Dental Hygiene Board of California).

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

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria is 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, or CSU Breadth or IGETC certification (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, and Physiology) must be completed within the past five (5) years in order to meet the recency requirement.

Prerequisite Course	Requirement Met
*Human Anatomy w/Lab	
*Organic Chemistry w/Lab	
*General Microbiology w/Lab	
*Human Physiology w/Lab	
English Composition and Reading	
Mathematics (Interm Algebra <i>or higher</i>)	
Psychology	
Multicultural/Cultural Diversity/Ethnic Studies (<i>any approved course that satisfies multicultural/diversity GE requirements, or any CSU GE Area F</i>)	
Sociology	
Speech/Communication (<i>Any CSU GE Area A.1</i>)	

Additional General Education/Associate Degree Requirements:

Requirement	Requirement Met
Health Education/Lifelong Learning	
American History and Institutions	
Information Competency	
Arts and Humanities	

Note: General education requirements are not required to apply to the Dental Hygiene program, but are required to earn the Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene. It is highly recommended that general education requirements be completed prior to applying to the Dental Hygiene program. **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.

Estimated Program Costs

First Year	Fall	Spring
<i>Units @ \$46</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>14.5</i>
Enrollment fees	\$782	\$667
Books	\$1,300	\$650
Clinic Fee	\$300	\$300
Parking	-0-	
ASB card (optional)	\$30	
Instruments	\$1,400	
Clinic Kit	\$1,500	
Uniforms	\$200	
Name tag (2)	\$40	
CDHA Membership (2yrs)	\$50	
Malpractice insurance	\$22	
Loupes	--	\$1,500
Miscellaneous expenses	\$200	\$125
First Year Totals	\$5,864	\$3,242

Second Year	Fall	Spring
<i>Units @ \$46</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>12.5</i>
Enrollment fees	\$736	\$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</i>	<i>\$ 1,200</i>	
Second Year Totals	\$2,988	\$1,600

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST
\$13,694

****Non-Program Expenses 4th Semester Only****

- **Optional National Board Review (four days)** **\$425**
 - Plus hotel and food expense
- **National Board Exam (paid in December/January)** **\$415**
- **WREB Exam (Clinical)** **\$1,300**
 - www.wreb.org
 - Plus hotel, food, and patient expenses
- **CRDTS Exam (Clinical)** **\$1,250**
 - www.crdts.org
 - Plus hotel, food, and patient expenses
- **DHBC Law & 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 Board of California website: <http://www.dhbc.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.