

# COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

## Dental Hygiene Program Associate of Applied Science Degree

### Fall 2027

One application cycle per year

Program starts only in the Fall semester

Program is in-person only and admits approximately 30 students per cycle

To be eligible for Illinois Dental Hygiene licensure you must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

## Application Deadline: February 1, 2027 at 5 p.m.

#### Program Chair:

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Please click on the following for the [Illinois Dental Hygienist Salary](#).

All Nursing and Health Science Division policies and procedures are found on our [Division website](#). It is the students' responsibility to ensure they have reviewed and understand the policies and procedures. The Nursing and Health Science Division reserves the right to change, at any time, without notice, these policies and procedures.

Students are not accepted into this program until they receive an official acceptance letter from the College of DuPage Nursing & Health Sciences Division.

# Application Checklist

Admission into College of DuPage Dental Hygiene program is based on a **total Merit Score** (see page 5 Merit Evaluation). **Program prerequisites and all application steps MUST BE completed by 5 pm on February 1, 2027.**

Decision letters are sent via e-mail approximately 4-6 weeks from the deadline date

**It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials listed below have been completed and received by the designated office, by the application deadline.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Attend the mandatory Zoom Dental Hygiene [Information Session](#) within the application cycle. If you are more than 10 minutes late for the session, you will not be permitted to attend.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Health Insurance proof – **Does not need to be submitted**  
Students are expected to provide proof of a **Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan** prior to the start of the program. The comprehensive health insurance plan must cover you **throughout the length of your clinical experience**, which in most cases, consists of the entire length of the program. If you are in need of health insurance, please see important dates below and visit <https://cod.studentbenefitplans.com/bpg-insurance-individual/>.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> through mid-January - Open Enrollment** (only option to apply)

*If you miss open enrollment but have a qualifying life event, you can apply during a [Special Enrollment Period](#).*

*While we **cannot** guarantee your official acceptance into the program, you need to be aware that there is short timeframe of when you can purchase a health insurance plan. The purpose of this step is to make you aware that the time to research is **NOW**. Purchasing health insurance outside of this timeframe may take months and prohibit your admittance into the program.*

**NOTE:** Obtaining health insurance is NOT an application requirement so nothing needs to be submitted, but it is a requirement to be in the program.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. If you are not a College of DuPage student, complete the **non-refundable \$20 [College of DuPage General Admissions Application](#)** online. **This application is for general admissions to College of DuPage only; it is not an application to the Health Career Selective Enrollment Dental Hygiene program.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. To ensure that all of your eligible credits are evaluated towards the admission requirements, turn in **ALL** official transcripts from institutions that you have attended.
  - a. Submit your official transcript(s) to **College of DuPage, [Office of Student Records](#)**. ***If College of DuPage is the only institution you have attended, you do not need to request official transcripts.***
  - b. Verify receipt of your transcript(s). Log into myACCESS account, click on 'myACCESS for Students', select '**My Profile**'. The receipt status of your transcript will be listed under '**Transcript Institutions**'.

**NOTE:** If you have an international transcript from high school or college, it must first be evaluated. Please visit the following website <https://cod.edu/records/international-transcript-evaluation.aspx> for details.

5. Complete the **non-refundable** \$50 [Health Career Selective Enrollment Program Application](https://inside.cod.edu) online by logging into the student portal at <https://inside.cod.edu>
- Click on myACCESS for Students
  - Click on the Health Careers Applications link
  - Select Health Careers Application
  - Select **Dental Hygiene Degree** when asked “What selective enrollment program are you applying to?”

**Once the application is submitted, you may not change the term or program. If you do not have a credit card, you can purchase a prepaid credit card from your local retailer**

6. Complete the [College of DuPage Residency Verification form](#) and provide proof of residency to the **Office of Student Registration Services** by e-mailing to [registration@cod.edu](mailto:registration@cod.edu) by the program application deadline date. You **MUST** send from your **@dupage.edu** e-mail address.

**Note:**

- **If this residency requirement has not been submitted to Registration by the program application deadline date, you will not be considered for admission.**
- **Separate Residency Verification Forms must be submitted for each program application.**

7. The below general education and prerequisite courses will be required for admission to and for graduation from COD Dental Hygiene Program. Microbiology, Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology I & II **MUST have been taken within the period of February 2022 through February 2027**. The minimum number of merit points for all 4 science prerequisite courses must be 12 or more. (See page 5 for Scale). Grades of ‘D’ or lower will **not** be accepted. **Note: no course substitutions will be allowed.**

**Prerequisite Courses Needed Prior to Admission Deadline**

English 1101+	English Composition	3 credit hours
Micro 1420+*	Microbiology	4 credit hours
Chem 1211 or 1551+*	General Chemistry	5 credit hours
A&P 1551 or 1571+ *	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4 credit hours
A&P 1552 or 1572+ *	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4 credit hours

\* The minimum number of merit points for all 4 science pre-requisite courses must be 12 or more and must be taken within the period of February 2022 through February 2027

+ Grade of ‘D’ or lower are not accepted

**General Education Courses Required to Graduate**

It is highly recommended that potential candidates complete as many or all of these courses prior to entrance into the program.

Math 1102	Math for Health Sciences (or higher)	3 credit hours
Psych 1100	General Psychology	3 credit hours
Sociology 1100	Introduction to Sociology	3 credit hours
Speech 1100	Fundamentals of Speech	3 credit hours
Humanities**	Select course that meets requirement for AAS Degree	3 credit hours
Global Multicultural Studies**	Select course that meets requirement for AAS Degree	2 credit hours

**\*\*Select a course which fulfills requirement for AAS Degree.** Please refer to the [Student Planning Worksheet](#).

**8. Take the HESI Admission Assessment exam** at the Glen Ellyn Testing Center **prior to the application deadline**. Visit the [Testing Center webpage](#) to register for upcoming test dates. The test will take approximately 4 hours to complete. Test can only be taken at COD's testing center, scores outside of COD will not be accepted. Your first step towards taking the HP-HESI exam is to email the Testing Center at [academictesting@cod.edu](mailto:academictesting@cod.edu) for payment information. The Testing Office will then send you information on how to pay for the test. For more information about the exam and how to prepare visit [Admission Assessment Exam Review book](#)

You will be tested in the following areas: *Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary & General Knowledge, Math, and Anatomy & Physiology*. You will also complete the Learning Style section, but this section will not be awarded any merit points. **The minimum number of total merit points for all five HESI sections must be 5 or more.** (See page 5 for Scale).

When applying to the Dental Hygiene program at College of DuPage, the HESI A2 exam can be taken up to a total of 2 times with at least a 30-day interval between the two exams in the application period. HP-HESI testing must be completed within 5 years of applying to the program in order for it to be valid for application purposes. **The most current exam scores will be used on the merit evaluation.** Applicants are able to sign into their HESI account to review their results at any time.

***“All application documents delivered to the College of DuPage pertaining to a health sciences admissions file become the property of the College of DuPage and will not be returned to applicants. This includes but is not limited to transcripts, letters of recommendation, clinical evaluation forms or outside test reports.”***

Requests for admission do **not** automatically carry over to the following cycle. Applicants who were not accepted for the cycle in which they originally applied are asked to pay the \$50 non-refundable Health Career application fee and submit any/all supporting documents as listed on the Admissions Checklist of the Application Packet requirements (if applicable).

# Dental Hygiene Program Merit Evaluation

For your reference only; admissions committee completes this form. Do not fill out and submit (subject to change)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Information Session	Yes or No (circle)
HESI Exam	Yes or No (circle)
Residency Verification Form	Yes or No (circle)

**Prerequisite Courses Needed Prior to Application Deadline**

**Points**

ANAT 1551 or ANAT 1571 (Scale A)*	_____
ANAT 1552 or ANAT 1572 (Scale A) *	_____
CHEMI 1211 OR CHEMI 1551 (Scale A) *	_____
MICRO 1420 (Scale A) *	_____

**Total Points earned for all 4 courses#:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Grade of 'D' or lower will NOT be accepted and must be taken within the period of February 2022 through February 2027  
 # The minimum number of merit points for all 4 science prerequisite courses must be 12 or more.

**Prerequisite Course Needed Prior to Application Deadline**

ENGLI 1101 English Composition I (Scale A) *	_____
*Grade of 'D' or lower will NOT be accepted AP credit or credit by degree will be awarded 2 merit points	

**General Education Courses Required to Graduate\***

SPEEC 1100 Fundamentals of Speech Comm. (Scale B)	_____
SOCIO 1100 Introduction to Sociology (Scale B)	_____
PSYCH 1100 General Psychology (Scale B)	_____
MATH 1102 Mathematics for Health Sciences ( <i>or higher</i> ) (Scale B)	_____
Humanities (3 credit hrs.) ( <i>per student planning worksheet</i> ) (Scale B)	_____
Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemp. Life Skills (2 credit hrs.) (Scale B)	_____
<i>(Per student planning worksheet)</i>	
*Must have a passing grade	

**HESI Scores #** (5 Sections) - Completed between 2/1/22-2/1/27 – Most recent exam will be used

Reading Comprehension (Scale C)	_____
Vocabulary & Knowledge (Scale C)	_____
Anatomy & Physiology (Scale C)	_____
Math (Scale C)	_____
Cumulative (Scale C)	_____

**Total Points earned for all 5 sections#:** \_\_\_\_\_

# The minimum number of total merit points for all five HESI sections must be 5 or more.

**TOTAL POINTS:** (Max Points: 41) \_\_\_\_\_

SCALE A	SCALE B	SCALE C
Letter Grade A: = 4	Yes: = 1	Score 90-100% = 3
Letter Grade B: = 3	No: = 0	Score 80-89% = 2
Letter Grade C: = 2		Score 70-79% = 1
		Score 0-69% = 0

## Important Phone Numbers

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**Financial Aid**

Student Services Center (SSC), Room 2220  
(630) 942-2251; Fax: (630) 942-2151

<https://www.cod.edu/costs/financial-aid/index.aspx>  
[financialaid@cod.edu](mailto:financialaid@cod.edu)

**Health Career Program Advisors: Kyle Cosentino, Tara Hawkins, Nancy Moore or Lynn Weyrich**

Counseling & Advising  
(630) 942-2259

<https://www.cod.edu/student-experience/resources/counseling/healthcareadvising@cod.edu>

**Nursing & Health Sciences Division**

Health & Science Center (HSC), Room 1220  
(630) 942-8331

[hsadmissions@cod.edu](mailto:hsadmissions@cod.edu)

**Office of Admissions & Outreach (For non-COD students)**

Student Services Center (SSC), Room 2207  
(630) 942-2380

Fax: (630) 790-2686

<https://www.cod.edu/admission/admissions-contact/index.aspx>

**Records**

Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 2150

<https://cod.edu/records/index.aspx>

(630) 942-3838

**Registration**

Student Services Center (SSC), Room 2221

(630) 942-2377

[www.cod.edu/registration](http://www.cod.edu/registration)