

CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
HASTINGS CAMPUS****SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION**

1. Applicant must have on file a completed Central Community College application and supplemental application.
2. The State of Nebraska Regulations Governing the Practice of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene requires that the candidate for dental hygiene should possess good moral character, sound mental health, dependable work history, general accountability, and trustworthiness. Applicants who have criminal records, substance abuse problems or mental health problems that interfere with the safe practice of dental hygiene may be ineligible for licensure. Applicants for licensure in Nebraska are required to be U.S. Citizens. Criminal background checks will be completed on each student. Criminal convictions or documented history of abuse may prevent students from participating in clinical experiences.
3. A student accepted into the Dental Hygiene program must be a high school graduate or have passed a standard equivalency test. A high school transcript or copy of the equivalent certificate must be supplied. Contact the Student Services office if you need information about the standard equivalency test.
4. A minimum of the following college-level prerequisite courses are required:
Structure and Function (4 credit hours) or Anatomy and Physiology (8 hours)
Microbiology (4 credit hours)
Expository Composition (3 credit hours)
Introduction to Psychology (3 credit hours)
Introduction to Sociology (3 credit hours)
These courses must be completed or in the process of completion by February 1 of each year of application.
*Students planning to pursue a Bachelor Degree Completion Program in Dental Hygiene or related area should complete Anatomy and Physiology.
5. A cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 in the prerequisite courses is required, with no prerequisite courses having a grade below "C" (2.0). There is a seven (7) year minimum on science courses.
6. Completion of high school or college algebra, chemistry, and biology, or the equivalent is required.
7. Applicants may submit either ACT or COMPASS scores. A minimum composite score of 20 on the ACT with sub-scores of Math-20, Reading-19, Science-19 and English-19 is required to meet program criteria. A minimum COMPASS sub-scores of W-62, R-76, M-43 (Algebra) is required to meet program criteria. The ACT may be waived if a minimum of 12 college credits in science with grade of 3.0 or better in each course is completed.

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8. Applicants must arrange for an admissions advising session with the dental hygiene director or member of the faculty. This can be accomplished by calling 402-461-2470 or Toll Free 1-877-CCC-0780 Ext 2470 (in Nebraska). The purpose is to review admission criteria.
9. Each applicant to the Dental Hygiene Program must provide written proof of forty (40 hours) observation time in a dental office. Those applicants having dental office work experience need only to obtain written verification of employment.
10. Hepatitis B vaccine and a current CPR card are required for admittance into the program. An applicant is also encouraged to be immunized against infectious diseases.
11. Bloodborne Pathogens Policy

Central Community College is committed to addressing issues related to bloodborne pathogens, such as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), in a spirit of cooperation, compassion, flexibility, and sensitivity to individual needs as well as to community welfare. The purpose of this policy is to minimize the risk of transmission of a bloodborne pathogen from an infected student to a patient. In accordance with CCC policy, health education programs are responsible for ensuring that its students do not have any physical impairments resulting from infection by bloodborne pathogens that would interfere with the performance of their clinical responsibilities or create a health risk for patients.

Applicants are **REQUIRED** to send the following items in one complete packet: (An application will not be considered complete until all items listed in the packet are received by the dental hygiene program.)

- _____ Completed College Application
- _____ Completed Supplemental Application
- _____ High Transcript
- _____ ACT Score/Compass Score
- _____ College Transcript
- _____ Registration Forms (course work in progress)
- _____ 40 Hours of Observation or Work Experience Hours
- _____ Hepatitis B Vaccine
- _____ Current CPR Card

Send completed packet to:

Dental Hygiene Program Director
Central Community College
P.O. Box 1024
Hastings, NE 68902-1024

A \$200 non-refundable tuition deposit once eligibility is met hold your place in the upcoming class roster and is applied directly to your tuition expenses. Once applicants have met eligibility and paid the \$200 deposit, they will be placed on a waiting list.