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THE FOLLOWING COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER BEFORE SUBMITTING A PROGRAM APPLICATION (ACADEMIC SUMMARY FORM):

Note: Most application requirements have a prerequisite course that must be completed prior to registration.

Please check the current campus catalog

PROGRAM COURSE PREREQUISITES	C-ID	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
BIOL 20 - Human Anatomy AND BIOL 22 - Human Physiology OR BIOL 21A - Human Anatomy & Physiology I AND BIOL 21B - Human Anatomy & Physiology II	BIOL 110B BIOL 120B BIOL 115S	4 5			
CHEM 3A - Introductory General Chemistry	CHEM 101	4			
CHEM 3B - Introductory Organic & Biological Chemistry	CHEM 102	4			
MATH 103 – Foundations of Algebra OR higher math course		5			
BIOL 31 - Microbiology		5			
ENGL 1A - Reading and Composition	ENGL 100	4			
PSY 2/2H - General Psychology	PSY 110	3			
SOC 1A - Introduction to Sociology	SOCI 110	3			
FN 40 - Nutrition OR equivalent		3			
COMM 1 OR 2	COMM 110 / 130	3			

After completing all of the prerequisites above, complete and submit an Application Summary Form (ASF) for the Dental Hygiene Program lottery, together with all necessary official transcripts, by the deadline.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Registered Dental Hygienist provides dental health education, promotes and encourages the preventive aspects of dental care utilizing standard precautions of infection control, performs oral cancer inspections, exposes and processes dental radiographs, removes deposits and stains from the teeth, employs techniques for pain control and assumes responsibilities that pertain to dental hygiene care. The FCC Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE SUBMITTING A PROGRAM APPLICATION (ASF):

1. There are no restrictions as to age, gender, marital status, or race.
2. Graduated from high school with a minimum GPA of C (2.0), or completed the General Educational Development (GED) test with an average standard score of 45.
3. Have completed all application course prerequisites above, with a "C" or better grade.
4. Have a minimum cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of **2.70** or higher.

For application dates and program updates please check with the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Office and the [FCC Website – Dental Hygiene Application Process](#).

General Education Requirements:

In addition to all courses required for the DH major and licensure, students must also complete the following general education courses to obtain an "AS" in Dental Hygiene:

- Two (2) Physical Education and/or dance activity courses
- POLSCI-2 or equivalent (California State Local Government)
- Humanities Elective-3 units (Refer to the Fresno City College General Education pattern)

All Dental Hygiene courses in the program are taken in a cohort, i.e., all students take the same courses each semester. See the catalog for a listing of Dental Hygiene courses. The program requires four full-time semesters for completion.

FCC currently uses a computerized lottery selection process for admission into the Dental Hygiene Program. The lottery process is used in response to more eligible applicants than enrollment space. All Program Applications, (ASF) requirements, program requirements, and selection criteria are subject to change. Program changes are available on the Health Sciences web page. It is the student's responsibility to stay current with these criteria and requirements. Applicants will enter the lottery pool based on the current application requirements within the application period in which the student is applying for, not on the catalog of initial or subsequent FCC registration.

NOTES:

It is the applicant's responsibility to turn in all necessary documents, all college transcripts, and the Program Application (ASF) as a packet to the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Office by the deadline.

Applicants and Dental Hygiene students must keep the Dental Hygiene Office informed of any changes in name, address, and telephone number. Failure to maintain accurate information may result in loss of application or admission status.

Applicants should have no physical or emotional impairment that would preclude the performance of all duties in the program. Successful completion of the program requires applicants to be in good physical and mental health.

All students who are accepted into an Allied Health program will be required to complete a background check and drug screening. A negative result may result in disqualification.

National and/or Regional licensing boards protect the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. Applications for licensure may be denied to persons convicted of certain crimes that may relate to professional practice. In addition, persons impaired by alcoholism, substance abuse and/or mental health disorders are expected to voluntarily seek diagnosis and treatment. Students with concerns in these areas should discuss them with the appropriate licensing body before entering FCC health programs. The appropriate licensing offices are listed online at [FCC – Dental Hygiene](#) or you may contact the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Division Office for assistance.

Classes, clinical training, and related activities are conducted on the FCC campus. Mandatory external clinical rotations and observations take place at off campus sites affiliated with the program. Students must provide their own transportation.

State Licensure: The successful completion of the Dental Hygiene Program requires the completion of the Associate in Science Degree. Graduates who pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) and a regional clinical licensing examination may apply for state licensure.

Estimated expenses during the two-year Dental Hygiene Program:

Description	Fee
FCC Admission & Registration Fees (see current FCC catalog for any changes)	\$2,392 (52 units x \$46/unit)
California State Mandated Health Fee (4 x \$20 per semester)	\$80
Parking Permit fee (4 x \$30 per semester)	\$120
Admission physical exam, immunizations, and diagnostic tests	\$500
Uniform, shoes, personal protective equipment (PPE)	\$1,000
Instruments, equipment, supplies	\$8,000
Books and school supplies	\$2,000
Miscellaneous expenses	\$1,000
National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, Regional Clinical Licensing Examination, Department of Justice fingerprinting.	\$2,000
Total Estimated Expenses	\$17,092

Employment information: Generally, all graduates find employment, with salaries ranging from \$30 – \$40 per hour. Salaries and benefits are negotiated with the employer. Long term employment prospects are good at this time. With further education, graduates also qualify for employment in sales and education and as Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAP).

For more information, students should attend a Nursing & Allied Health Information Session and talk to an Allied Health Counselor. Call the Allied Health, Physical Education, & Athletics Division office, at (559) 244-2604, for more information.