

# DENTAL HYGIENE

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES  
**2018**



 **Prairie State College**

# Dental Hygiene Program

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# Prairie State College Program Goals for the Dental Hygiene Program

As a reflection of our mission statement, conceptual framework and competencies, the dental hygiene program goals are:

- Maintain our role in providing access to dental hygiene education to the Prairie State College community.
- Maintain and monitor a curriculum that is current, relevant, competency and scientifically-based, which encourages ethical behavior, critical thinking and the concept of life long learning.
- Educate students to provide quality oral health care to diverse groups that is patient-centered.
- Graduate dental hygienists who demonstrate the skills, knowledge, behaviors, ethical practices and experiences to enter the profession of dental hygiene.
- Provide quality patient-centered care to the Prairie State College dental hygiene patients whose treatment needs are compatible with the education of the dental hygiene students.
- Prepare students to meet the current and emerging standards of care as a dental hygiene professional.
- Prepare graduates to successfully achieve a license in the state in which they will practice dental hygiene.

## Learner Competencies

The learner will:

1. Complete the required course of study with passing grades to qualify for licensure.
2. Embrace program concepts and learning activities to enhance his/her ability to learn.
3. Utilize and apply the conceptual framework of the dental hygiene curriculum to achieve competency in the skills and professional **roles** of the practicing dental hygienist.
4. Develop an ethical philosophy which allows for the treatment of clients in a **cultural diverse population** at all levels of care in the **community** and dental settings.
5. Utilize the **dental hygiene process of care** throughout the client's **life span** to promote health and disease prevention in the fulfillment of the client's basic **dental hygiene needs**.
6. **Think critically**, both clinically and didactically using **evidenced-based theory** in the dental hygiene process of care.
7. To develop interpersonal and **communication** skills that will foster **cultural** sensitivity with patients and open **communication** with faculty, fellow students and other healthcare professionals through **teamwork and collaboration**.
8. Utilize data to change and improve **quality** care focusing on patient **safety** and a **patient centered comprehensive care plan**.

## Application

1. Application for the Prairie State College Dental Hygiene Program, Associate in Applied Science degree, shall consist of the regular Prairie State College admissions application, completion of the **Dental Hygiene Intent Form** [at the end of this booklet], any college transcripts and completion of the Admissions Requirements. Please be aware of legal holidays and act accordingly to ensure your information is received by the February 15 deadline.
2. Within 30 days of receipt of the application form and the **Dental Hygiene Intent Form**, a **dental hygiene application evaluation** will be mailed to the applicant indicating the completed prerequisites on file to date in the Office of Enrollment Services. Should the applicant's record not agree with the Office of Enrollment Services' information, it is the obligation and responsibility of the applicant to notify the Office of Enrollment Services immediately. **The applicant must also follow up with the Office of Enrollment Services regarding receipt of all required documents.**
3. As an applicant of the Dental Hygiene program, I understand that an evaluation of my records will be mailed approximately two to three weeks after submitting the Intent Form. It is **my responsibility** to contact the Enrollment Services Advisor if I have not received any correspondence prior to the application deadline. Please retain the evaluation for future reference as it will service as proof of submission.
4. Within three weeks following the **February 15** deadline date, applicants will receive formal notification of their status for admission into the Dental Hygiene Program.

## Admission Requirements

To be considered as a Dental Hygiene Applicant, the following admission requirements must be met and submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services, Prairie State College, prior to **February 15**.

1. Official high school transcripts or official GED transcript/diploma.
2. Verification of 18 years of age prior to enrolling in D.H. 104 during January (spring semester) of the first year.
3. **Program Prerequisites** (all course work must be completed with a grade of "C" or better)
  - a. Math requirement: Successful completion of PSC's MATH 090 or equivalent; **or** PSC's Assessment Exam placement score at MATH 095 level or higher.
  - b. English requirement: Successful completion of PSC's ENG 099; **or** PSC's Assessment Exam placement score at ENG 101 level.
  - c. Reading requirement: Successful completion of PSC's ENG 101; **or** PSC's Assessment Exam placement score at ENG 101 level.
  - d. Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 221) complete with a "C" or better.

General education courses are required for the Dental Hygiene AAS degree and points are awarded based on final grades, see "Student Ranking" for further information (pg. 4).

#### 4. HESI-A2 Testing Requirement

The HESI-A2 Exam should be completed on or before the **February 15** deadline date. Contact the Coordinator of Testing at (708) 709-3558 to schedule this exam. There is a charge for this exam. Scheduling and payment of this exam should be completed on the same day. Dates and times will differ from year to year. Contact Lynn Rapata (708) 709-3515 for testing dates and permission slip. Testing cannot be scheduled unless a permission slip has been issued by the dental hygiene admissions advisor.

- a. The HESI-A2 is designed to assess skill levels in reading comprehension, vocabulary, math, and anatomy and physiology I.
  - b. Anyone whose math and English grades or placement scores indicate a need for developmental skills assistance (to include reading, English and mathematics through the 099 English and 090 math level) must complete the appropriate course **before** the deadline date.
  - c. The HESI-A2 exam score is used as a part of the applicant's ranking score to be admitted into the program. Therefore, **all** applicants are required to test (see "Formula for Scoring" for more information).
  - d. Scheduling and payment for the HESI-A2 Exam is **mandatory**.
  - e. HESI-A2 scores from other colleges are not accepted for admission into this program. For ranking purposes, all applicants must be tested on the Prairie State College campus.
  - f. All transcripts (high school and college) must be evaluated prior to testing.
  - g. The HESI-A2 Exam consists of four sections. Dental Hygiene applicants will be completing all four sections. All four sections will contribute to your average. You must pass with a 70% or above to be considered. If you earn a 69.99% or below, you will no longer be considered for the dental hygiene program. You are allowed to take this exam one time during the application season. Your exam score is valid for two consecutive years. Seats to take the HESI-A2 Exam are limited. If all seats have been reserved, no additional seats and/or dates will be added to accommodate.
5. Official transcripts from all previous colleges must be submitted prior to the deadline date with a **Transcript Evaluation Request** form (see pg. 18 or website prairiestate.edu).
  6. Students must be able to begin the two year, full-time program at the start of the first summer session which runs thru mid-July. Absences during any semester are frowned upon but particularly so in the summer. **Upon making application do not make vacation plans after Memorial Day. Do not schedule vacation until our summer break.** Absences could drastically affect your performance and status in the program.
  7. Must be able to perform the Essential Functions of the Profession (pg. 11)
  8. All applicants must have permanent resident status and have a valid social security number.
  9. Residents of the Prairie State College district will be awarded three (3) additional points upon bringing in satisfactory proof of residency documents when calculating their ranking score (see Student Ranking). The applicant must live in the Prairie State College district at least 30 days prior to the February 15 deadline date. It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate residency status by submitting **two proofs of residency**. The following documents may be presented to verify residency and must be in the student's name: voter's registration card, property tax statement, income tax return (W2), mortgage or mortgage statement, current utility bill, car insurance statement, medical billing statement, and current bank statement. The proofs of residency must list the same address, and they must match the address shown on the student records in the Office of Enrollment Services. Documents must be submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services between **January 15 and February 15** of the application year. **No photocopied documents will be accepted.**

## Student Ranking

Since the number of applicants is likely to be greater than the number of seats in the next class, all applicants will be ranked.

The following sets of criteria are utilized to rank Dental Hygiene program applicants:

1. HESI-A2 scores - This test is a readiness test for the dental hygiene curriculum
  - a. Students will be allowed to take the HESI-A2 Exam one time during the application year.
  - b. All qualified applicants will be ranked using their HESI-A2 score and the grades they received in the eight point-bearing courses.
2. Points awarded for completion of the following courses required for the Dental Hygiene AAS degree: Biology 221, 222, 211; Chemistry 105 or 110; English 101; Communication 101; Psychology 101; and Sociology 101. All course work must be completed with a grade of C or higher.
  - a. **At the time of acceptance, science courses can be no older than seven years to be accepted for the program.**
  - b. If any course has been satisfied in more than one way, the most recent course/grade will be used for calculating applicant ranking.
3. Residents of the Prairie State College district will be awarded three (3) additional points upon bringing in satisfactory proof of residency (pg. 4, No. 9). This is optional.

**Please contact Enrollment Services office at (708) 709-3515 for further details.**

## Formula for Scoring

- a. The cumulative average of the HESI-A2 score plus the points awarded for completion of the point-bearing courses listed above. Test scores from other schools will not be accepted. **Please note: All** applicants must have an evaluation completed or meet with Lynn Rapata with all college transcripts prior to testing. All applicants must obtain a HESI-A2 testing permission slip from Lynn Rapata prior to scheduling and paying for the exam.
- b. Course points will be calculated by multiplying course credit hours by the appropriate numerical equivalent of the grade earned ( $A = 4/B = 3/C = 2$ ). The general education courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. **(See attached sample evaluation sheet)**. Example: an English course assigned 3 credit hours earns you an A. An A is equal to 4 points so points earned are 3 credit hours x 4 points for the A = 12 points. Rank points will only be earned in courses that are prerequisites or general education requirements for this program.
- c. Residents of the Prairie State College district will be awarded three (3) additional points upon bringing in satisfactory proof of residency (pg. 4, No. 9).

## Re-applying Applicants

1. Since Prairie State College does not maintain a waiting list, applicants who wish to reapply for next years class must do so by obtaining a new **Dental Hygiene Application Procedures** book after each deadline and submit a new **Dental Hygiene Intent Form** to the Office of Enrollment Services prior to the **February 15** deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to be certain that all their materials are current with the most recent application requirements.
2. Residents of Prairie State College district will be awarded three (3) additional points upon bringing in satisfactory proof of residency (pg. 4, no. 9)
3. A student may not reapply to the program while still currently holding a seat in the program. Withdrawal must take place before a letter of intent will be accepted. The faculty reserve the right to assess the applicant's ability to perform the essential functions of the profession and may deny re-application to the program. (See Essential Functions, pg. 11).
4. Any student that has **failed or withdrawn** from more than one course in D.H., **may not** reapply to the program for five years.

## Special Provision

In the event that there are insufficient qualified candidates who have applied by February 15, there will be a special provisions program.

Under this program, students can make application and complete all of the prerequisites until May 30.

Should space remain in the next class after exhausting the special provisions program, the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee will meet and review any late qualified applicants with the intention of filling the space for the class.

## Special Note....State Requirement

If an applicant has been convicted of a felony, he/she should consult the laws concerning licensure in the state or states in which he/she wishes to practice.

## Class Selection

1. **The Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee will select the Dental Hygiene class based on the ranking scores.**
  - a. **Permanent residents of the Prairie State College district and permanent residents of one of the eight community college with which PSC has a cooperative agreement for the Dental Hygiene Program (Heartland Community College, Illinois Valley Community College, Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Morton College, Moraine Valley Community College, Richland Community College and South Suburban College) who complete the application process by the deadline date will receive preferential consideration in the selection process.**
  - b. **Out-of-cooperative residents will be considered only if space is available after all in-region qualified applicants have been considered.**
2. If two or more applicants have the same rank score and a lesser number of seats are available for the next class, remaining seats will be filled from the group with equal rank scores on the basis of the date of completed application. Preference will first be given to District 515 residents.
3. Those students accepted for the next class will be notified by certified mail, with return receipt requested. This notice will contain the directions for the student to follow regarding payment of fees and preparations for the next class, the mandatory orientation session and deadline date.
4. In the event that one or more of the students who are notified of being accepted for enrollment in the next class indicates that they **do not** intend to enroll or **do not** complete the preliminaries for registration **prior to the deadline date**, the resulting vacancies will be filled from the group that remains on the basis of rank.

## Preliminaries for Registration for Accepted Dental Hygiene Students

1.
  - a. After receiving the Acceptance Letter, a non-refundable deposit of \$160 must be paid (to PSC's Business Office) by all applicants selected for the next class, by the deadline date.
  - b. Applicants will be dropped from the accepted list if the deposit is **not** paid by the deadline date. Anyone who sends payment through the mail is encouraged to complete this requirement by **certified mail**.
  - c. This **non-refundable** deposit is applicable toward the first summer's tuition. Please be aware of legal holidays and act accordingly to ensure your deposit is received by the deadline date.
2.
  - a. Information regarding registration will be included in a **mandatory** Dental Hygiene Program Orientation conducted during finals week of the spring semester (prior to beginning in the new program.) Usually this occurs during the third week of May.
  - b. All accepted applicants are **required** to attend the mandatory orientation session in order to be considered for summer program enrollment.
  - c. Plan your vacations and special events after the summer session completes the third week of July.



## Accepted Students

1. Must order a uniform through the Dental Hygiene Department.
2. Must purchase required supplies/equipment through the Dental Hygiene Department.
3. Must submit a complete physical and dental examination with the required laboratory test results (forms are available from the Dental Department and on the department's website). Forms should be completed by June 1 of the acceptance year.
4. Must present proof of medical insurance prior to the first session and at the beginning of each semester thereafter.
5. Must accept the policies and procedures set by the Dental Hygiene Department.
6. Must be able to perform the Essential Functions of the Profession (pg. 11).
7. Students will be required to submit to a drug screening test supplied by their respective physician as a part of their physical evaluation. If a student has a positive drug screen and no documented medical reason for such, it may affect your status in the program.
8. If a student has a chronic condition, injury to the spine or neck, carpal tunnel or is pregnant, a medical release must be obtained for the student to participate fully in the program. A special pregnancy policy must be signed and the procedures must be followed to assure the health of the student and the fetus.
9. No student will be permitted to write the licensing exam or be a candidate for the clinical examination until he/she has completed all of the requirements to graduate from the program.
10. Students must be able to consistently attend classes and be on time. This is an academically rigorous program and requires the students dedicate the appropriate classroom and out-of-classroom time to achieve competency in the skills and didactic elements of the program. Students are advised not to enroll if their time commitment cannot be assured.
11. All students must have a current FASFA on file.

## Legal Profile of the Registered Dental Hygienist in Illinois

1. Must be of sound moral character.
2. Is of temperate habits.
3. Is a graduate of an accredited school.
4. Has passed the written National Board Examination and a State Licensing Clinical examination.
5. Has not been convicted of a felony.

## Special Accommodations

An applicant must self-disclose any disability and the need for special accommodations. If a student does not self-disclose, they may not later use the aforementioned as a reason to appeal.

## Reminder....

1. HESI-A2 testing dates will be determined by the dental hygiene clinic. To schedule testing, please contact testing services, schedule the test and pay the fee.
2. Return the following items to the Enrollment Services Office prior to the February 15 deadline. Early completion is **strongly** recommended:
  - a. PSC application\*
  - b. Dental Hygiene Intent Form\*
  - c. High School Transcripts or GED Certificate
  - d. College Transcripts (if any)
  - e. Program Evaluation Request Form\* (if submitting college transcript).

\*These forms are included in this booklet. They are also available on the Prairie State College website <http://prairiestate.edu/dental>.

## Bloodborne Pathogens and Infectious Diseases

The Prairie State Dental Hygiene Department follows guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) - <http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/infectioncontrol>. Additional information about Oral Health can be found on the Prairie State College website: <http://prairiestate.edu/dental/patientinfo.html>.

If there are any concerns about the Dental Hygiene Program at Prairie State College, or College policy concerning bloodborne disease/occupational exposures for health-related programs, do not hesitate to call the Enrollment Services Office at (708) 709-3515.

## Accrediting Bodies

The Prairie State College Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the American Dental Associations Commission in Dental Accreditation and has been awarded full accreditation.

Prairie State College has been awarded full accreditation by the North Central Accreditation Agency.

## Program Location

Prairie State College  
202 South Halsted Street  
Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411  
Health-Tech Center

This building is located across Vollmer Road north of the main campus. Parking and entrance for students is located west of the building. This building houses classrooms, clinical labs, computer lab, faculty offices and a student lounge. Dental Hygiene students also have a locker room for their use.

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## Hints to Help the Transition Back Into School

The decision to begin a new program or to return to school is not an easy one for anyone. To maximize the experience and minimize the stress, these are some helpful hints you might want to consider. This is especially true for adults changing vocations, however, it does apply to all students thinking about pursuing a full-time program of education.

1. Check into financial aid before applying. The type of aid you might be eligible for may influence your decision, timing of entry and budget while in an educational program. If you are already employed full-time, check into the availability of tuition reimbursement from your employer. Please keep in mind, enrolling in full-time programs may make it hard for you to work. Stop at the Financial Aid Office early and get help with filing the necessary forms to obtain financial assistance.

When filling out any financial aid forms, be sure to include the correct code for the college you are planning to attend. This will enable the College financial aid personnel to access your information.

2. Keep your family informed about the commitment you are planning to make. This is especially true when small children and spouses are involved.
3. Talk with your employer, let them know your intentions and keep them informed. This may be beneficial in planning hours, if you are delayed getting to your job, need time off for exams and class-related responsibilities.
4. When you are in school, remember to take time for yourself. Don't over burden yourself with too much studying and certainly do not cram. Don't forget to occasionally have fun.
5. Check the Internet: [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and type in grants, and many will come up. Start shopping early.

## Essential Functions for the Career of Dental Hygiene at Prairie State College

In order to be admitted to or continue in the Dental Hygiene Program, a student must have skills and abilities essential to perform as a dental hygienist. Reasonable accommodations will be made on an individual basis; however, the candidate must be able to perform in an independent manner.

### Dental Hygiene Performance Standards

| Standard  | Description   | Examples of Activities  |
|---|---|---|
| Motor Capabilities<br>Mobility/Motor                  | Manual finger dexterity and hand-eye coordination<br><br>Physical abilities (including standing, walking, bending, range of motion of extremities) to move from room-to-room and maneuver in small spaces.<br>Gross and fine motor function sufficient to provide safe and effective dental hygiene care.   | Move around in an operatory, workspace and laboratory area.<br><br>Assist and position patients or lift and operate equipment with necessary strength and dexterity.<br><br>Able to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation; move around in patient treatment area   |
| Communication Ability                                 | Communication abilities sufficient for effective interaction with others in spoken and written English.   | Explain treatment procedures, initiate teaching, document and interpret patient data and listen attentively   |
| Sensory Capabilities<br>Hearing, Visual,<br>Olfactory | Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.<br><br>Normal or corrected visual ability sufficient for observation of oral conditions, patient observation and assessment, ability to discriminate between subtle changes in oral conditions and density in radiographs, see in darkroom conditions.<br><br>Olfactory senses (smell) sufficient for maintaining environment and patient safety, diagnostic tool for oral disease. | Hear patient concerns and emergency signals.<br><br>Observe oral conditions, observe patient responses, oral secretions and colors. Read chart, computer screens, disks, labels and gauges, interpret radiographs.<br><br>Distinguish smells which contribute to assessing and/or maintaining the patient's health status or environment safety (fire), distinguish the smell of oral disease and health. |
| Interpersonal Skill                                   | Interpersonal ability to communicate with groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds. Be able to interact with families and individuals.  | Establish rapport with patients, colleagues, faculty, health care providers. Use therapeutic communication (attending, clarifying, coaching)  |
| Problem Solving Ability                               | Function effectively under stress, respond appropriately to emergencies, adhere to infection control procedures, Address problems or questions to the appropriate persons, organize and prioritize job tasks.   | Evaluate patient or disease responses, synthesize data, draw sound conclusions.   |
| Critical Thinking                                     | Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgement.  | Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop treatment plans.  |

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| Behavioral Skills, Attitude, Demeanor and Professionalism | Ability to present professional appearance and implement measures to maintain own physical and mental health and emotional stability. Ability to demonstrate emotional health required for the utilization of intellectual abilities and exercise good judgement. | Work under time restraints and stressful situations. Be exposed to communicable diseases and contaminated body fluids. React calmly in emergency situations. Demonstrate flexibility and teamwork. Respect confidentiality and show concern for others. Must be able to deal with stress produced by course load, clinical requirements and patient attitude. |
| Computer Literacy   | Requires basic computer skills.   | Research information to evaluate products and make evidence-based decisions.  |

## Dental Hygiene Curriculum

### First Year Summer Semester

Dental Hygiene 101 - Histology - A basic course in the minute structural and functional units of living tissue. 2 hours credit.

Dental Hygiene 107 - Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene - This course is an introduction into clinical procedures involving oral physiotherapy, plaque control and prevention of disease transmission. 2 hours credit.

### Fall Semester

Dental Hygiene 103 - Head & Neck Anatomy & Tooth Morphology - This course deals with structure, function, and morphology of the teeth. 5 hours credit.

Dental Hygiene 105 - Nutrition - Provides review of the components of a diet and the principles of nutritional requirements as they relate to health and disease. 2 hours credit.

Dental Hygiene 108 - Clinical Dental Hygiene I - This course is preceded by DH 107 and is a continuance of the clinical introductions involving sterilization procedures, maintenance and care of dental equipment, patient reception, vital signs and occlusion. 4 hours credit.

Dental Hygiene 116 - Periodontology - This course emphasizes the etiology, classification, symptomatology, treatment and prognosis of periodontal disease. 2 hours credit.

### Spring Semester

Dental Hygiene 109 - Clinical Dental Hygiene II - Lectures and procedures on methods of instrumentation for oral prophylaxis as performed within the limit of the law. Demonstrations are given and techniques are practiced. 4 hours credit.

Dental Hygiene 104 - Dental Radiology - History and development of man-produced x-radiation, its nature, properties and relationship to dentistry. 3 hours credit.

Dental Hygiene 106 - General & Oral Pathology - Consideration of the more common disease affecting the teeth and supporting structures. 3 hours credit.

Dental Hygiene 120 - Care of Special Populations - Special patient needs are covered by presenting factors which contribute to the applied techniques of the oral prophylaxis. 2 hours credit.

### Second Year Summer Semester

Dental Hygiene 201 - Clinical Dental Hygiene III - A continuation of DH 109. 3 hours credit.

### Fall Semester

Dental Hygiene 202 - Clinical Dental Hygiene IV - The etiology, classification, symptomatology, treatment and prognosis of periodontal disease. 5 hours credit.

Dental Hygiene 205 - Pharmacology - A study of drugs generally and in dentistry. 2 hours credit.

Dental Hygiene 207 - The Science & Application of Dental Materials - Covers characteristics, physical properties, manipulation, use and care of dental materials. 4 hours credit.

### Spring Semester

Dental Hygiene 203 - Clinical Dental Hygiene V - Special patient needs are covered by presenting all factors that contribute to applied techniques of oral prophylaxis. 5 hours credit.

Dental Hygiene 204 - Ethics, Law & Administration - Relationship of dental hygienist to practice of dental hygiene and dentistry; ethics; economics and law. 2 hours credit.

Dental Hygiene 220 - Community Dental Health - Introduces students to historic development of public health practices, and the hygienists role in community services, public health and research. 2 hours credit.

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## General Education Courses

**\*Due to the competitiveness of the program, students are strongly encouraged to complete the general education courses prior to the deadline of the acceptance year. (See page 4, Student Ranking) science courses must be no older than seven years at the time of acceptance.**

\*Sociology 101 - Introduction to Sociology - An analysis of major social problems facing the world today. 3 hours credit.

\*English 101 - Composition I - Develops clear writing; reviews grammar and spelling. 3 hours credit.

\*Chemistry 105 - Survey of General Chemistry - CHEM 105 is a one-semester course for occupational programs which provides a background in the basic concepts of inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry and biochemistry. This course cannot be used as a prerequisite for CHEM 120, 130 or 235. 4 credit hours.  
**(Chemistry 110 can be taken in lieu of Chemistry 105)**

\*Biology 221 - (prerequisite) Human Anatomy & Physiology I - This course deals with units on introduction to human anatomy and physiology, cell anatomy and physiology, histology and more. 4 hours credit.

\*Biology 222 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II - This course is a continuance of BIOL 221. 4 hours credit.

\*Biology 211 - Microbiology - Introduces bacteria, viruses, protists and fungi; their metabolism, growth and reproduction. 4 hours credit.

\*Communication 101 - Theory and practice of oral communication. 3 hours credit.

\*Psychology 101 - Intro to Psychology - Introduces the understanding of human behavior through various research theories and methods. 3 hours credit.

\*Humanities/Fine Arts Elective - 3 hours credit.

**(Total Program Credit Hours: 83)**



## General Education Courses

### Required for a Dental Hygiene Degree

The following general education courses are needed for the Dental Hygiene Associates in Applied Science degree. Therefore, early completion of these courses is **strongly** recommended.

Points are awarded in the applicant ranking process for the general education course listed.

|                             | Credit                                   | Grade | Points |
|-----------------------------|--|-------|--------|
| English 101                 | 3  |       |        |
| Communication 101           | 3  |       |        |
| Psychology 101              | 3  |       |        |
| Sociology 101               | 3  |       |        |
| Chemistry 105*/110          | 4  |       |        |
| Biology 221* (prerequisite) | 4  |       |        |
| Biology 222*                | 4  |       |        |
| Biology 211* (microbiology) | 4  |       |        |
|                             | Course Points                            |       |        |
|                             | Total HESI-A2 Percent                    |       |        |
|                             | 3 Bonus Points for In-district residency |       |        |
|                             | <b>Total Ranking Score</b>               |       |        |

**\*NOTE:** At the time of acceptance, science courses can be no older than seven years and must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

An elective is required for graduation purposes, however, it does **not** count in points for the program.

|                               | CREDIT | GRADE |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Humanities/Fine Arts elective | 3      |       |

If the above evaluation does not agree with your records, please notify Lynn Rapata at (708) 709-3515.

\*Bonus points are awarded for applicants in the Prairie State College district only.

**Please retain this evaluation for future reference as it will serve as proof of submission.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date of Evaluation*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Evaluator*

**Please Note: A Transcript Evaluation Form must be submitted each time you send new transcripts to the College.**









## HESI A2 Exam Dates for the 2018 Application Season

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| Wednesday, December 13, 2017 | 6-10 p.m.       |
| Tuesday, January 9, 2018     | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
| Wednesday, January 10, 2018  | 6-10 p.m.       |
| Thursday, January 25, 2018   | 1-5 p.m.        |
| Friday, January 26, 2018     | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
| Wednesday, February 7, 2018  | 6-10 p.m.       |
| Thursday, February 8, 2018   | 1-5 p.m.        |
| Monday, February 12, 2018    | 1-5 p.m.        |
| Tuesday, February 13, 2018   | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.   |

Please bring the following documents to the testing room on the testing date of your choosing:

- Report to room 3250 fifteen minutes before start of test
- PSC ID #
- Photo ID
- Permission Slip
- Receipt for proof of payment
- If you do not have these things, you will NOT be allowed to test. No exceptions.
- No refunds for any reason. No exceptions.
- No outside calculators allowed

# Prairie State College

## Dental Hygiene Intent Form

**Application deadline is February 15**

I have carefully reviewed the "Prairie State College Dental Hygiene Program Application and Admissions Procedures." I understand all of the admissions requirements, as well as responsibilities which I must meet in order to be considered for admission to the Prairie State College Dental Hygiene Program.

As an applicant of the Dental Hygiene program, I understand that an evaluation of my records will be mailed approximately two to three weeks after submitting the Intent Form. It is **my responsibility** to contact the Enrollment Services Advisor if I have not received any correspondence prior to the application deadline or if the evaluation does not agree with my records. Please retain the evaluation for future reference as it will service as proof of submission.

**I understand that permanent residents of the Prairie State College district and permanent residents of one of the eight community college districts (proof of residency is required. See page 4) with which PSC has a cooperative agreement for the Dental Hygiene Program (Heartland Community College, Illinois Valley Community College, Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Morton College, Moraine Valley Community College, Richland Community College and South Suburban College) who complete the application process by the deadline date will receive preferential consideration in the selection process. Out-of-cooperative residents will be considered only if space is available after all in-region qualified applicants have been considered.**

**\*\*\*\*Important\*\*\*\***

**Your signature verifies that you reside at the address on file at Prairie State College. Falsification of this information will jeopardize your acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program. Your signature also verifies your knowledge of the seven year science rule.**

I wish to be considered for admission to the **Summer, 20** \_\_\_ semester Dental Hygiene Program.

I am re-applying for admission into the Dental Hygiene Program    Yes    No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: This is not to be submitted until completion of HESI-A2 Exam. Test scores are available in testing services.  
(See page 4, Student Ranking).**

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_