

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Dental hygienists may work in a variety of health care settings such as private dental offices, schools, public health clinics, hospitals, managed care organizations, correctional institutions, nursing homes or in a corporate environment. In addition to the clinical role, dental hygienists may also work in an administrative capacity in any of these locations.

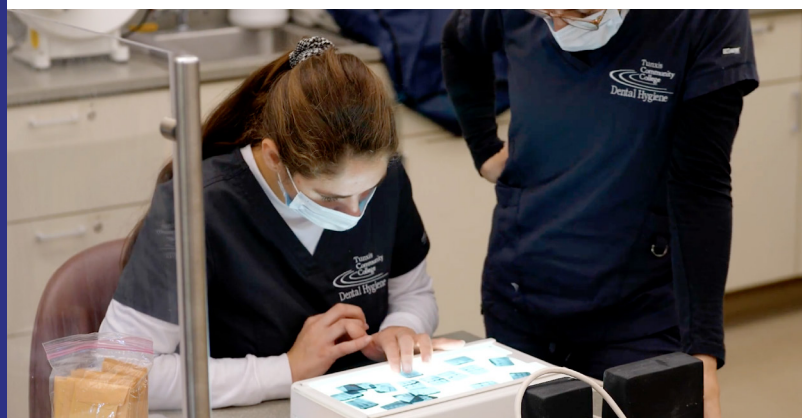
STUDENTS ENTERING THE PROGRAM MUST BE COMPETENT IN:

- Use of the English language
- Gross and fine motor skills sufficient to lift, position, and operate equipment
- Interpersonal skills such that they are capable of interacting with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, economic and ethnic backgrounds
- Physical mobility necessary to move from place to place in small spaces, as well as full range of motion, manual and finger dexterity
- Physical endurance
- Hand-eye coordination
- Auditory ability and other sensory skills sufficient to monitor and assess the health needs and recognize the oral conditions of patients as well as maintain patient safety
- Visual acuity and adequate spatial perception
- Intact proprioception (the ability to sense pressure/force)
- Presentation of a professional appearance, attitude and performance level; maintaining personal health and be emotionally stable

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM, LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

Since its inception, the Dental Hygiene program has had an affiliation with the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Members of the UConn faculty teach many courses in the program's curriculum.

The CT State Tunxis Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.



CAMPUSES OFFERING PROGRAM

Tunxis

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Selective Admissions

Application period: **October 1 to February 1**

Program start date: **Fall**

Note: most students must take Summer classes.
Students must complete the Summer application.

HOW MANY STUDENTS ACCEPTED EACH YEAR APPROXIMATELY

30

PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND EMPLOYMENT

Please see the CT State website for the individual campus program outcome data: ctstate.edu/programs/dental-hygiene
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook: bls.gov/oooh

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE

Admission Requirement	Grade Requirement	Time Requirement
English Composition	C or higher	N/A
Intermediate Algebra or Statistics, equivalent or higher	C or higher	N/A
Anatomy and Physiology I	C or higher	Within five years of application Must have on-ground lab
Concepts of Chemistry, equivalent or higher	C or higher	Within five years of application Must have on-ground lab
GPA	2.7	Includes courses required for admission
Campus Information Session	N/A	Within one year prior to application deadline
Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH)	N/A	N/A
Two letters of recommendation	N/A	N/A
Personal statement	N/A	N/A
Four hours of shadow, licensed dental hygienist	N/A	N/A

The following courses are required and can be in progress during the spring semester of application year.

- Anatomy and Physiology II, C or greater, within five years of application, must have an on-ground lab
- General Biology, within five years of application, must have an on-ground lab
- General Psychology, C or greater
- Microbiology, C or greater, within five years of application, must have an on-ground lab
- Nutrition for Health Professionals, C or greater, within five years of application

*Please note eligible applicants will be offered an interview. This is a mandatory part of the application process.



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TO APPLY

Scan the QR code or visit ctstate.edu/luciancrmrecruit.com/apply

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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CCS 1001 – College and Career Success is a CT State Community College requirement and students must enroll within their first nine credits. This is not a complete guide for admission requirements. Courses may require prerequisites. For detailed information about the admissions process and the application requirements, visit the campus program website.

Note: Information on this sheet is subject to change. If you do not intend to apply to the Dental Hygienist program for the 2025-2026 academic year, please obtain an updated fact sheet the year you apply.

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