

**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. All applicant files must be completed by February 1 of each year in order to be considered for admission to the fall class. Status of application will be sent by January 15. No phone calls will be accepted after January 15 in regards to a status of an applicant file. Each student will be rank-ordered in each category to select a maximum of fifteen (15) applicants. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by April 15.
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.
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 Writing (3 credit hours)  
General Psychology (3 credit hours)  
General 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 G.P.A. of 2.5 in the prerequisite courses is required, in addition an overall college G.P.A. of 2.5 is required. All prerequisite courses must be passed with a grade of "C" or better.
6. Completion of high school or college algebra, chemistry, and biology, or the equivalent is required.
7. Applicants are required to take the ACT examination. A minimum composite score of 20 on the ACT is required to meet program criteria. In the event of extenuating circumstances and the ACT cannot be taken by the applicant, the program director should be contacted.

NOTE: A minimum college composite score of 18 on the ACT will be accepted on those exams taken prior to August 1989.

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If an applicant has earned a minimum of 20 college semester hours within three years of application to the dental hygiene program, the ACT minimum score requirement may be waived when the following conditions exist:

- a. A minimum college G.P.A. of 2.8 is attained.
  - b. A minimum of 12 college credits in the area of science (anatomy and physiology, chemistry, microbiology, and general pathology) with a grade of 3.0 or better in each course.
  - c. The remaining college credits must be in the areas of communications or social sciences and have a grade of 2.5 or better.
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.**

**IMPORTANT**

Before applying for financial aid, please contact the office of Financial Aid on the Hastings Campus.