



# EDISON COLLEGE

## **DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM CURRICULUM AND APPLICATION**

### **PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL STUDIES**

Thank you for your interest in the Dental Hygiene Program at Edison College. Applications for admission into the program are now being accepted.

The Dental Hygiene Program is a limited-access admissions program. Applicants are selected on a competitive basis from an applicant pool based upon the attached “Criteria for Admissions” form.

For further information, please contact the Health Professions Program Advisor at (239) 985-8316 ([www.edison.edu](http://www.edison.edu)) or refer to the attached information sheet/admission criteria for the program.

Program curriculum and admission criteria are subject to change.

Programs, activities and facilities of Edison College are available to all on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, handicap, marital status or national origin. The College is an equal access, equal opportunity employer. Questions pertaining to educational equity, equal opportunity or equal access should be addressed to the Director of Human Resources.

**EDISON COLLEGE  
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM  
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
INFORMATION SHEET**

**1) *What will the program prepare me to do?***

The student will obtain instruction and experience in dental hygiene assessment and treatment planning. Program goals are to provide learning experiences and clinical practice which ensures that each graduate is prepared for employment.

**2) *When are students admitted to the program?***

Students are selected in March for the start of classes in the fall semester in late August of 2008. **The application deadline for the school year 2009 is December 15, 2008.** The applicant must have completed three of the following sciences classes: BSC 1093C, BSC 1094C, MCB 2010C, CHM 2025, CHM 2032L and/or CHM 2025L completed and documented on a transcript by the records check appointment in February of 2009.

**3) *Is there selected admission to the program?***

Yes, due to the number of applicants and the limitations of clinical space.

**4) *Does the program keep a “waiting list”?***

No. Individuals not accepted for a class must re-apply to the program for the next year and are not given preference.

**5) *What is the minimum length of the program?***

This two year program is outlined in the Dental Hygiene Program Requirements on page 8. Other enrollment sequences are possible for the general education courses. However, Dental Hygiene core courses must be taken in the specified sequence.

**6) *Will I be participating in clinic or other health agencies as part of my course work?***

Yes, beginning second term of the program. This will require reliable transportation.

**7) *Do I need a uniform?***

Yes, as soon as pre-clinical work begins in the first semester.

**8) *What general education coursework is required in addition to the Dental Hygiene Core courses?***

Introduction to College Chemistry with Lab (CHM 2025 & CHM 2032L)  
Microbiology with Lab (MCB 2010C)  
Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab (BSC 1093C)  
Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab (BSC 1094C)  
English Composition (ENC 1101)  
Introduction to Sociology (SYG 1000)  
General Psychology (PSY 2012)  
Humanities Elective  
Mathematics (MGF1106)

It is advised, but not required that the general education co-requisite courses be completed as early as possible. However, co-requisite courses can be completed along with the Career Core Requirements.

9) *Are there prerequisite courses for any of these courses?*

Yes, BSC 1080 or BSC 1010 are prerequisites for BSC 1093C, Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab. **The applicant must have completed three of the following sciences classes: BSC 1093C, BSC 1094C, MCB 2010C, CHM 2025, and/or CHM 2032L completed and documented on a transcript by the records check appointment in February of 2009.**

**IMPORTANT** – Points will not be awarded for repeated courses that have already earned a passing grade of a “C” or better. Please consult an advisor for more specific information.

10) *Is an interview required?*

The top 36 applicants with the highest number of Phase I points **will** be asked to appear for a mandatory program interview on Friday February 20, 2009 from (8-6p.m.)

11) *Are any of my previous college courses transferable to this program?*

If you attended another college, formal transcripts must be sent to Edison College’s Admissions Office at the time you apply for admission. The Admission and Record Office is involved with transfer of basic college courses such as English or psychology, etc.

If you attended another Dental Hygiene Program, a copy of your transcript will be evaluated for transfer by the Dental Hygiene Program Coordinator. The program will also require other documentation such as a letter of good standing in the academic and clinical coursework, course syllabi and schedules to verify content, particularly for out-of-state students from the program director indicating eligibility to continue in the previous program. Only courses in which you earned a “C” or better are transferable.

12) *What is the cost of the program?*

Tuition is charged per credit hour taken. Florida residents pay \$70.69 per credit. Non-residents pay \$265.46 per credit. Additional costs include insurance, books, uniforms, association dues, license fees, instruments, and lab fees as they become applicable. The college does not provide housing and the student is responsible for transportation to and from assigned clinics or health agencies for clinical course work.

13) *Can this curriculum be used to further advance my education towards a baccalaureate degree?*

Yes, in selected universities depending upon their degree requirements. It is suggested that an applicant contact the senior institution to which he/she wishes to transfer for specifics.

14) *At what time of the day are classes offered?*

Classes and clinical are held during the mornings and afternoons. Some classes may meet in the evenings. Clinic may be scheduled on Saturdays.

15) *Must I take the courses in the sequence in which they are listed in the curriculum?*

Yes. In addition, each course must be passed with a grade of “C” or better before the student may advance in the program. All courses are offered only once a year during the term they are shown in the curriculum. Advisement for course registration each semester is done through the program coordinator.

16) *Does the program offer job placement assistance?*

Yes. Although the program cannot guarantee employment, the college does offer job placement assistance. Furthermore, a list of potential job opportunities is made available to the dental hygiene students.

**17) *What salary range can I expect as a graduate?***

A starting Dental Hygienist in the Southwest Florida area may earn approximately \$35,000-40,000/annually for full-time employment.

**18) *Is there an application fee?***

The student must officially register and send official transcripts to the college and pay all administrative expenses prior to the evaluation of the dental hygiene program application. In addition to the College application fee, the dental hygiene program requires a separate application fee of \$15.00 which is paid to the Cashier's Office prior to the time of the Record's Check appointment.

**19) *Are there any potential health risks in Dentistry?***

The dental health-care professional can be exposed to infectious and communicable diseases that can lead to illness, disability, and loss of work time. In addition, patients, family members, and community contacts can become exposed and may become ill and lose productive time or suffer permanent after-effects. Through proper infection control procedures patients, dental personnel, and others that may become exposed can be protected from infections.

**ADMISSION – AN EQUAL ACCESS INSTITUTION**

- Complete all admission requirements to EC, including EC application and testing. (Call the Admissions Office at 239-489-9361)
- Have graduated from high school or have scored at least 250 on General Education Testing and possess a General Education Development (GED) certificate.
- Successfully complete a placement test (unless exempted) given by the Counseling Center of EC (239-489-9230).
- Complete and submit a Dental Hygiene Program Application (See Enclosure).
- Possess a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better on college course work taken for credit.
- Attend a records check procedure where program admissions points are determined from previous academic work performed in high school or college as demonstrated on the applicant's transcripts. The cost is \$15 and must be paid at the cashier's office prior to the records check appointment.
- Upon admission, submit a Student Health Report verifying overall health and physical capabilities.

## **Criminal Background Check**

### **Required for applicants who are provisionally accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program**

Each applicant is required to inform the Program Coordinator in writing of any criminal charges on his/her record in any state or national jurisdiction upon submission of an application for enrollment to the program. This information needs to include an explanation of circumstances for possible review by an admissions committee.

Applicants notified of provisional acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program are required to complete and send a Request for Civilian Criminal Records Inquiry to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). This criminal background screening ensures consistency with the requirements of Chapter 435, Florida Statutes, by health care agencies with which Edison College has clinical affiliation agreements. Background screening must be completed before final acceptance to the Dental Hygiene Program can be approved. The Request for Civilian Criminal Records Inquiry requires payment of a processing fee of \$23 to the FDLE at the applicant's expense. The criminal background check report(s) must be forwarded directly from FDLE to the Dental Hygiene Program Office.

**Applicants with criminal records are forewarned** that the Florida Department of Health-Division of Medical Quality Assurance requires any licensure applicant who has ever been convicted or found guilty of a felony, regardless of adjudication, to explain the circumstances. The same is true for other states with licensure statutes as well as national certification boards. These individuals will need to gain clearance from these agencies before they are allowed to take state licensure and national certification examinations that are usually required for employment.

### **Criminal History Findings**

Any applicant or enrolled student who has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere, or guilty to, any offense under the provisions of Florida Statutes or under similar statutes of another jurisdiction may be disqualified from admission or continued enrollment in the Dental Hygiene Program.

Those offenses are:

- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Vehicular homicide
- Killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother
- Assault, if the victim of the offense was a minor
- Aggravated assault
- Battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor
- Aggravated battery
- Kidnapping
- False imprisonment
- Sexual battery
- Prohibited acts of persons in familial or custody authority
- Lewd and lascivious behavior
- Arson

- Theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense is a felony
- Fraudulent sale of controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony
- Incest
- Abuse or neglect of a disabled adult or elderly person
- Exploitation of disabled adult or elderly person
- Aggravated child abuse
- Child abuse
- Negligent treatment of children
- Sexual performance by a child
- Alcohol or Drug offenses which were a felony, or if the offense involved a minor
- Offenses indicating unfitness to serve as a health care professional

Upon notification of provisional acceptance into the Dental Hygiene Program., each applicant will be provided with a detailed procedure for completing the Request for Civilian Criminal Records Inquiry.

### **Health Record / Ability to Meet Technical Standards**

A completed medical health form and self assessment of Program Technical Standards must also be submitted and approved by the Program Coordinator prior to admission to clinical rotations. This health record will contain results from a physical examination and laboratory tests including immunization records. An updated health record verified by a licensed physician or designee must be submitted on a yearly basis before attending clinical courses.

**Dental Hygiene students who do not meet the standards of good physical and mental health, as required by clinical facilities for safe patient care, may reapply and be considered for application to the Dental Hygiene Program after resolution of the health problem.** Additionally, student drug screens, criminal history reports, and medical records, when submitted, will become the property of Edison College, and will not be available for copying or for use to meet the requirements of outside employers or other agencies/persons. Students who are out of their program for six months or more must submit new records.

### **Appeal Process**

If a review of a criminal background check or a medical health report deems an applicant or student ineligible for admission or continuation in the Dental Hygiene Program, an appeal can be filed. The College’s published appeal process is to be followed as found in the current *Catalog* under “Student Rights and Responsibilities”.

## **EDISON COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**

### **CAREER INFORMATION:**

The dental hygienist is a licensed member of the dental health team, dedicated to helping patients maintain good oral health and preventing dental diseases and disorders. Although dental hygiene functions vary by law from state to state, some of the functions routinely performed by a dental hygienist include, but are not limited to, the following:

- \*removal of calculus and plaque from above and below the gumline.
- \*thorough examination of the teeth and oral structures, including soft tissue exam.
- \*exposure, processing and interpretation of dental x-rays.
- \*instructing patients in home oral health care procedures.
- \*placement of temporary fillings.
- \*dietary analysis and counseling.
- \*application of cavity-preventing agents, such as fluoride and sealants.
- \*working with special populations groups such as the elderly or physically handicapped.

### **EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Employment for dental hygienists is expected to grow through the next decade due to the growing awareness for preventative health care. Hygienists have a variety of career options and may seek employment in areas such as:

- \*Private dental offices
- \*Specialty dental offices
- \*Hospitals
- \*Nursing homes
- \*Dental hygiene education
- \*Insurance
- \*Federal service
- \*Dental product sales
- \*Management and consulting
- \*Public health
- \*Research
- \*Public school system
- \*Foreign service

Suggested Reading:

Dreyer, R. "Career Directions for Dental Hygienists"  
Career Directions, NJ, 1991

[www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)  
[www.adha.org](http://www.adha.org)

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Summer B - Freshmen

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| MCB 2010C Microbiology w/Lab | 5         |
| BSC 1093C A&P I w/Lab        | <u>5</u>  |
|                              | <b>10</b> |

Summer C - Sophomore

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| DEH 2804 Dental Hygiene III         | 2        |
| DEH 2804L Dental Hygiene III Clinic | <u>5</u> |
|                                     | <b>7</b> |

Fall Term – Freshman

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| DES 1020C Dental Anatomy            | 3         |
| DES 1100C Dental Materials          | 3         |
| DES 1130 Oral Histology & Embry     | 2         |
| DEH 1003 Dental Hygiene I           | 2         |
| DEH 1003L Dental Hygiene I Clinic   | 3         |
| CHM 2025 Intro to College Chemistry | 3         |
| CHM 2032L Chemistry Lab             | <u>1</u>  |
|                                     | <b>17</b> |

Fall Term – Sophomore

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| DEH 2806 Dental Hygiene IV         | 2         |
| DEH 2806L Dental Hygiene IV Clinic | 5         |
| DEH 2400 General & Oral Pathology  | 2         |
| DEH 2702 Community Dental Hlth     | 2         |
| DEH 2702L Comm. Dental Hlth Lab    | 1         |
| DEH 2300 Pharmacology              | 2         |
| MGF 1106 Math for Liberal Arts     | <u>3</u>  |
|                                    | <b>17</b> |

Spring Term – Freshman

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| DES 1200C Dental Radiology         | 3         |
| DEH 1602 Periodontics              | 2         |
| DEH 1802 Dental Hygiene II         | 2         |
| DEH 1802L Dental Hygiene II Clinic | 3         |
| BSC 1094C A&P II w/ Lab            | 5         |
| ENC 1101 Composition I             | <u>3</u>  |
|                                    | <b>18</b> |

Spring Term - Sophomore

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| DEH 2808 Dental Hygiene V         | 2         |
| DEH 2930 Seminar                  | 1         |
| DEH 2808L Dental Hygiene V Clinic | 5         |
| DES 2830C Expanded Functions      | 2         |
| SYG 1000 Sociology                | 3         |
| Elective Humanities               | <u>3</u>  |
|                                   | <b>16</b> |

Summer A – Freshman

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| PSY 2012 Psychology | 3 |
|---------------------|---|

First Year = **48** Credit Hours

Second Year = **40** Credit Hours

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 88**

**EDISON COLLEGE  
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE  
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**

1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code) (County)

3) Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code + Day Number) (Area Code + Evening Number)

4) Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

5) Have you applied for general admission to Edison College? \_\_\_\_\_

6) List any college courses in which you are currently enrolled:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_

7) If you have completed college courses, please send all transcripts to the EC Admissions Office to be evaluated and considered for transferability. It is the applicant’s responsibility to see that the Admission’s Office has this information. Each applicant must officially apply to Edison College and pay all administrative fees prior to the evaluation of transcripts in order to process the program application. A separate official and/or unofficial transcript will need to be sent to the Dental Hygiene Department.

8) A \$15.00 processing fee must be paid to the cashier’s office prior to the records check appointment. The cashier’s receipt must be presented at the records check appointment.

9) How did you hear about the program? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or deliver your application to the Dental Hygiene Program at Edison College, Room A-134, no later than 5:00 p.m. deadline on December 15, 2008. This application will remain on file until December 15th of each admission year.

Mailing Address: Edison College  
Dental Hygiene Program  
8099 College Parkway, S.W.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33919

Note: If you desire to be considered for other Health Professions Programs, you must submit a separate application for each program.

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**Approximate Costs for Dental Hygiene Program as of July 2007**

**First-Year Students**

|   | Florida Resident | Out of State |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| Annual Tuition  | \$3394           | \$12,743     |
| Supplies & Instruments<br>(Instrument kit & supplies are purchased one week prior to the program start date and are not covered through financial aid). | \$2500           | \$2500       |
| Uniforms  | \$ 350           | \$ 350       |
| Textbooks   | \$ 610           | \$ 610       |
| Laboratory fees   | \$ 600           | \$ 600       |

**Second-Year Students**

|   |  |                 |
|---|--|-----------------|
| Annual tuition  | \$2828                                 | \$10,619        |
| Supplies and Instruments  | Replacement of broken instruments only |                 |
| Uniforms  | -                                      | -               |
| Textbooks   | \$ 300                                 | \$ 300          |
| Laboratory fees   | \$ 246                                 | \$ 246          |
| Other fixed fees<br>(National and State Board examination fees) | \$ 1800                                | \$ 1800         |
| <b>Estimated 2-Yr TOTALS</b>                                    | <b>\$12,628</b>                        | <b>\$29,768</b> |

Tuition and instrument costs are subject to change yearly.

**EDISON COLLEGE**  
**DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM - CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS**

Admission into the Dental Hygiene Program is a two-phase process. Phase I evaluates applicants according to the number of points earned through: cumulative grade point average, math/science grade point average and co-requisites points by the application deadline of December 15, 2008. Courses not completed by the deadline are not considered. Phase II evaluates the affective skills of applicants using an interview format. The top 36 candidates with the highest Phase I points are interviewed. Those with the highest total points from Phase I and II are placed in the program in rank order. **The applicant must have completed three of the following sciences classes: BSC 1093C, BSC 1094C, MCB 2010C, CHM 2025, CHM 20250L and/or CHM 2032L completed and documented on a transcript by the records check appointment in February of 2009.** Points will not be awarded for repeated courses that have already earned a passing grade of a "C" or better

**Phase I: Maximum Points 59**

| Overall GPA<br>Overall<br>GPA |        | Math/Science GPA |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| GPA                           | POINTS | GPA              | POINTS |
| 4.00-3.90                     | 20     | 4.00-3.90        | 25     |
| 3.89-3.80                     | 19     | 3.89-3.80        | 24     |
| 3.79-3.70                     | 18     | 3.79-3.70        | 23     |
| 3.69-3.60                     | 17     | 3.69-3.60        | 22     |
| 3.59-3.50                     | 16     | 3.59-3.50        | 21     |
| 3.49-3.40                     | 15     | 3.49-3.40        | 20     |
| 3.39-3.30                     | 14     | 3.39-3.30        | 19     |
| 3.29-3.20                     | 13     | 3.29-3.20        | 18     |
| 3.19-3.10                     | 12     | 3.19-3.10        | 17     |
| 3.09-3.00                     | 11     | 3.09-3.00        | 16     |
| 2.99-2.90                     | 10     | 2.99-2.90        | 15     |
| 2.89-2.80                     | 09     | 2.89-2.80        | 14     |
| 2.79-2.70                     | 08     | 2.79-2.70        | 13     |
| 2.69-2.60                     | 07     | 2.69-2.60        | 12     |
| 2.59-2.50                     | 06     | 2.59-2.50        | 11     |
| 2/49-2.40                     | 05     | 2/49-2.40        | 10     |
| 2.39-2.30                     | 04     | 2.39-2.30        | 09     |
| 2.29-2.20                     | 03     | 2.29-2.20        | 08     |
| 2.19-2.10                     | 02     | 2.19-2.10        | 07     |
| 2.09-2.00                     | 01     | 2.09-2.00        | 06     |
| <2.00                         | 00     | <2.00            | 00     |

| Co-Requisites                     |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| COURSE                            | Pts       |
| BSC1093C                          | 2         |
| BSC1094C                          | 2         |
| MGF1106                           | 2         |
| CHM 2030                          | 2         |
| CHM 2033L                         | 2         |
| MCB 2010C                         | 2         |
| SYG 1000                          | 0.5       |
| Humanities                        | 0.5       |
| ENC1101                           | 0.5       |
| PSY2012                           | 0.5       |
| Three Sciences<br>Class Completed | Yes or No |

GPA points are based on high school transcript unless eleven or more college credits, with a minimum of seven credits in the math/science area, have been earned. If high school academic credits are more than ten years old, it is necessary that one demonstrate eleven credits of completed courses, including seven from the math/science area.

**Phase II: Maximum Points 55**

A mandatory program interview will be required for the top 36 candidates with the most points in Phase I on Friday February 20, 2009 (8-6 p.m.). The program interview format will include a writing sample and a series of questions that will evaluate the applicant's affective skills. The 18 applicants with the most points from Phase I & II will be selected.

**OVERALL GPA POINTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MATH/SC GPA POINTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHASE I SUB TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHASE II POINTS** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CO-REQUISITES** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHASE I + II POINTS EARNED** \_\_\_\_\_

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