

# Dental Hygiene Application

The dental hygienist is a preventive oral care professional licensed to provide educational, clinical, and therapeutic dental hygiene services to the public. Flexible scheduling is a distinctive feature of this job. Full-time, part-time, evening, and weekend work is widely available. Earnings vary by geographic location, employment settings, and years of experience. Our unique, 16-month program combines academic study with supervised clinical experience. Graduates will receive an Associates of Applied Science degree and be eligible to take the appropriate national, regional, and/or state examinations. Applicants are encouraged to contact the State Boards of Dentistry in the states in which they wish to practice for individual licensing requirements and circumstances for licensure denial. The LCCC Dental Hygiene Program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at 312.440.4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Dental Hygiene Program is rigorous study of advanced science classes offered in an accelerated format. General education and basic science courses are essential to prepare the student to succeed. Therefore, applicants are required to complete predental hygiene course requirements. Each prerequisite course must be completed with a "C" or higher. Completion of the prerequisite course work does not guarantee admission into the Dental Hygiene Program. Additionally, LCCC's academic skills assessment and placement policy apply.

-APPLICATION TO THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM 2023 (for cohort 2024-25)

Laramie County Community College (LCCC) is an open admissions institution and provides programs beneficial to all students. College admission requirements are found in the college catalog. Because the Dental Hygiene Program receives more applications than available positions, it is necessary to employ strict selection procedures so that those applicants who are deemed best qualified to succeed may be selected. It is the applicant's responsibility to seek current information and to see that her/his file is complete. The program will select 20.

**Please be prepared with all of the required information for the application. You will not be able to save this form and come back to it at a later date. Incomplete forms will be ineligible for consideration for acceptance.**

## Step 1

Submit an LCCC Admission Application to the Admissions Office. It is the student's responsibility to request official transcripts of college courses to be sent to the Student Records Office. Application to LCCC must be completed with successful admission by June 30. NOTE: Unofficial college transcripts (student copies, including LCCC) must be uploaded with the Dental Hygiene Application.

## Step 2

Prerequisites: Completion of all required prerequisites as outlined in the program application. All courses must be completed with a "C" or higher by August 31st (except POLS 1000). See below for exceptions.

Course Number/ Title/Credit Hours/Clock Hours

ENGL 1010/English I: Composition/3 hrs/45 hrs

MATH 1400/College Algebra or higher/3 hrs/45 hrs

(2) SOC 1000 -OR- ANTH 1200/Sociological Principles

-OR- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology/3 hrs/45 hrs

PSYC 1000/General Psychology/3 hrs/45 hrs

(3) CO/M 2010 -OR- CO/M 1015/Public Speaking

-OR- Foundations of Communications/3 hrs/45 hrs

(1) EITHER: COLS 1000 -OR- STRT 1000/Intro to College Success

-OR- Strategies for Success/3 hrs/45 hrs

\*^EITHER: ZOO 2015 -OR- ZOO 2010/Human Anatomy

-OR- Anatomy and Physiology I/4 hrs/75 hrs

\*^EITHER: ZOO 2025 -OR- ZOO 2020/Human Physiology

-OR- Anatomy and Physiology II/4 hrs/75 hrs

CHEM 1000/Introductory Chemistry or higher/4 hrs/75 hrs

\*(4) MICR 2240 -OR- MICR 2210/Medical Microbiology

-OR- General Microbiology/4 hrs/75 hrs

+POLS 1000 -OR- +HIST 1211/ -OR- +HIST 1221 -OR- +HIST 1251

-OR- +ECON 1200/American & WY Government -OR- US History to 1865 -OR- US History from 1865 -OR- Wyoming History -OR- Economics, Law, and Govt./3 hrs/45 hrs

Total Hours 33 – 37 hrs 765 hrs

The above credit hours use a 60 minute hour. One credit of theory class = 15 clock hours; one credit of lab = 30 clock hours and one credit of clinical = 45 clock hours.

^ (Students must complete one 8-credit sequence. Taking one course from each sequence will NOT fulfill this requirement)

(1) STRT 1000/COLS 1000 or another approved College Seminar course must be taken by students entering the program in January. This course is not tallied in the GPA for General Studies. Laramie County Community College has identified several exemptions from this requirement:

a. A Student has completed a credit-bearing AA, AS, AAS, Credit Certificate, Credit Diploma or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution.

b. A Student has successfully completed a minimum of 15 college-level credits, which must include college-level English and college-level math, with a GPA of 2.5 or higher at a regionally accredited institution at the time of admission or readmission.

c. Student has successfully completed a minimum of 24 college-level institutional credits with a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time the student submits a formal change of program. (This criteria is intended for LCCC students who complete one or more of the tiered Credit Diplomas who then decide to complete the AAS degree, or for those who have been attending LCCC and decide to change their program of study). d. Student has transferred a minimum of 15 military credits (Joint Services Transcript). Please see an academic advisor to be sure that you meet one of these exemptions and do not have to take COLS 1000.

(2) ANTH 1200 will be accepted although SOC 1000 is strongly recommended.

(3) CO/M 2010 Public Speaking or CO/M 1015 Foundations of Communications will be required. CO/M 2010 is strongly recommended.

(4) MICR 2240 Medical Microbiology may substitute MICR 2210 General Microbiology if transferring in.

\*Must be five years current.

+POLS 1000 Optional prerequisite, required program course. If any of these courses have been accepted for transfer at LCCC from an out of state institution, a one credit hour course of Wyoming Constitution (POLS 1100) is required. Refer to your degree requirements in the college catalog for more specific guidelines. Although POLS 1000 is an optional prerequisite, if this is not completed prior to starting the program, it will be an additional course that is required during the program. It is highly recommended that the student completes this course prior to beginning the dental hygiene program.

### Step 3

Pre-admission observation: Applicants must observe a minimum of four identified procedures performed by a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) and observation forms must be signed by a dental hygienist, not a dentist, assistant, or office manager. Complete an observation of 2 dental hygienists, at two separate dental offices, for a total of 8 hours. Applicants should contact offices to make an appointment and to ask about proper attire. Each dental hygienist who is shadowed should fill out the attached sheet and return to the observing student or put it in a sealed envelope and return to the Dental Hygiene Program no later than August 15th. One observation may be waived for applicants with a minimum of one year of dental experience. To waive one observation, a letter from the dental office doctor or manager should be submitted with the Dental Hygiene Application verifying length of employment.

### Step 4

Complete ALL fields of the Dental Hygiene Program's Application Form. Please verify all documents have been uploaded into the online application. Once submitted you cannot go back into the application. LCCC Student ID number must be supplied at the time of application as verification of acceptance to the college. Applications to the program will be accepted after July 1 and must be received on or before August 15. Prerequisite courses must be completed with a C or higher by end of August of the year applying to the program. For summer courses, students must submit a copy of unofficial transcripts, grade reports or verification by the course instructor to the dental hygiene program on or before August 15. Official transcripts for summer prerequisite courses must be submitted to the LCCC Office of the Registrar and the unofficial record showing completion with a "C" or better and/or "Pass/Satisfactory" should be sent to the Dental Hygiene Program.

### Step 5

If the applicant is accepted into the program, proof of the following additional requirements must be submitted to the dental hygiene program by the dates stipulated in the conditional acceptance letter:

- a.) Completed acceptance form.
- b.) Dental Hygiene Program fee deposit of \$3,717.00.

c.) All of the following documentations will be uploaded by the applicant to an online record management system. Please follow the directions provided in the conditional acceptance letter. LCCC's Dental Hygiene program does not require the COVID-19 vaccination for acceptance into the program. However, all external clinical sites do require the COVID-19 vaccination. Verification of current vaccinations and titers (Hepatitis B, Rubella, Rubeola, Diphtheria, Tetanus, MMR, Varicella). A current TB test (PPD) and Influenza (flu) shot, and COVID-19 vaccination. Students must maintain current TB testing and Influenza (flu) shot, and COVID-19 vaccination. The student will need to have an Eye Examination Report completed (form supplied after acceptance to the program) by an optometrist or physician who provides eye examinations. Failure to have the outlined immunizations may prevent a student from completing clinical requirements of the Dental Hygiene Program and affect the ability to graduate.

d.) Information will be provided on how to purchase Dental Hygiene text books and instrument kits in the conditional acceptance letter.

e.) A copy of both sides of a current American Heart Association certification card in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation for Health Care Providers. (Note: Other organization's certification is NOT acceptable.) Students must maintain current Health Care Provider CPR certification at all times while in the Dental Hygiene Program.

f.) A verification form related to personal health insurance. All students admitted to the Dental Hygiene Program are expected to be responsible for personal health costs. Students are not covered by worker's compensation because they are not employees of LCCC or any clinical sites. The college does not offer health insurance.

g.) Acceptable chemical impairment screening and criminal background checks are required. Chemical impairment may compromise both the educational process and patient safety. Early identification, evaluation and treatment are in the best interest of our students and the patients they serve. In addition, clinical sites may require random drug testing and/or drug testing for reasonable cause. Generally, the urine drug test screens for alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or drugs that impair judgment while in the clinical site, classroom or participating in program activities. Testing positive on the screening, or evidence of tampering with a specimen, will disqualify a student from participating in program assignments. Findings from the criminal background checks or drug screening may result in revocation of admission in the Dental Hygiene Program. Dental health professionals may be exposed to blood borne pathogens/contagious diseases, therefore, strict compliance with Centers of Disease Control (CDC) and OSHA standards are maintained. Although diseases may be encountered, research indicates that risks are negligible when optimal infection control is practiced. Policies on blood borne and infectious diseases are available upon request from the Dental Hygiene Program. In addition to drug screening, for the safety of patients and health care workers, child abuse clearance and criminal background checks are required prior to a clinical assignment. Certain criminal activity as evidenced by a criminal background check may also disqualify a student from clinical participation. Students are advised that the inability to gain clinical education experiences can result in the inability to meet

program objectives and outcomes. These circumstances may prevent final acceptance into and/ or progression through the program, and ultimately result in dismissal from the program.

The complete Chemical Impairment and Background Check Policy is outlined in the orientation letter and will be reviewed on the first day of orientation with the Program Handbook. Every student admitted to the program will be required to abide by the policy and acknowledge agreement with the policy in order to be accepted into the program.

NOTE: Applicants who have been convicted of a felony, gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor (or plead guilty or nolo contendere has been entered) should require a copy of a letter concerning his/her eligibility status for licensure from the State Board of Dental Examiners for the state in which the student intends to practice. Eligibility for licensure varies by state so it is important to check with the correct agency prior to applying to the program.

LCCC Student ID\*

Personal Email\*

LCCC Student Email\*

Last Name\*

Maiden Name

First Name\*

Middle Name

Preferred Name

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Address

Street/ PO Box\*

City\*

State\*

Zip\*

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## Contact Info

Phone Number\*

Other Phone

Birth Date\*

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1) It is recommend you keep a copy of the application form (elect to receive a copy of your submission at the end) for your personal files. 2) No submitted applications to the Dental Hygiene Program will be reviewed until after September 1. 3) ALL applicants will be notified by mail regarding status for admissions to the Dental Hygiene Program no later than November 1.

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## Coursework

The courses listed below are all of the general education requirements for graduation from the Dental Hygiene Program. Please list which courses (or equivalent) you are enrolled in as well as the courses (or equivalent) you have completed. Please indicate the most recent grade for a course.

Official Transcripts Sent: Admissions Office\*

YES

NO

List ALL College Institutions Previously Attended.\*

STRT 1000/COLS 1000 Strategies for Success\*

Please list the institution and semester in which you took the STRT (Strategies for Success) or COLS (College Success) 1000 OR equivalent course, or type N/A

STRT/COLS 1000 Completion\*

Currently enrolled

Completed

I qualify to waive this course

Not sure

**SOC 1000 Sociological Principles or ANTH 1200 Cultural Anthropology\***

Please select the course you took. ANTH 1200 will be accepted although SOC 1000 is strongly recommended.

SOC 1000 Sociological Principles

ANTH 1200 Cultural Anthropology

**SOC 1000 Sociological Principles Course**

Please list the Course # and Name. If taken ANTH, type N/A

**SOC 1000 Institution/ Semester\***

Please list the institution and semester in which you took the SOC 1000 equivalent course. If taken ANTH, type N/A

**SOC 1000 Completion\***

Currently enrolled

Completed

Repeated

N/A

**SOC 1000 - how many times taken total?\***

**SOC 1000 Grade\***

A

B

C

D

F

CLEP/IB/AP

S/U

N/A

Currently enrolled

**ANTH 1200 Cultural Anthropology Course. If taken SOC, type N/A**

Please list the Course # and Name

**ANTH 1200 Institution/ Semester\***

Please list the institution and semester in which you took the ANTH 1200 equivalent course. If taken SOC, type N/A



ANTH 1200 Completion\*

- Currently enrolled
- Completed
- Repeated
- N/A

ANTH 1200 - how many times taken total?\*

ANTH 1200 Grade\*

- A
- B
- C
- D
- F
- CLEP/IB/AP
- S/U
- N/A
- Currently enrolled

MATH 1400\*

Please list the Course # and Name

MATH 1400 College Algebra Institutions/Semesters\*

MATH 1400 College Algebra\*

- Currently enrolled
- Completed
- Repeated

MATH 1400 - how many times taken total?\*

MATH 1400 College Algebra Grade\*

- A
- B
- C
- D
- F

- CLEP/IB/AP
- S/U
- Currently enrolled

ENGL 1010\*

Please list the Course # and Name

ENGL 1010 English Composition Institution/Semester\*

ENGL 1010 English Composition\*

- Currently Enrolled
- Completed
- Repeated

ENGL 1010 - how many times taken total?\*

ENGL 1010 English Composition Grade\*

- A
- B
- C
- D
- F
- CLEP/IB/AP
- S/U
- Currently enrolled

COMM 2010\*

Please list the Course # and Name

COMM 2010 Public Speaking Institutions/Semesters\*

COMM 2010 Public Speaking\*

(Interpersonal Communications is NOT an accepted course)

- Currently enrolled
- Completed
- Repeated

COMM 2010 - how many times taken total?\*

COMM 2010 Public Speaking Grade\*

- A
- B
- C
- D
- F
- CLEP/IB/AP
- S/U
- Currently enrolled

PSYC 1000\*

Please list Course # and Name

PSYC 1000 Gen Psychology Institutions/Semesters\*

PSYC 1000 General Psychology\*

- Currently enrolled
- Completed
- Repeated

PSYC 1000 Gen Psychology - how many times taken?\*

PSYC 1000 Gen Psychology Grade\*

- A
- B
- C
- D
- F
- CLEP/IB/AP
- S/U
- Currently enrolled

CHEM 1000\*

Please list Course # and Name

CHEM 1000 Intro to Chem Institutions/Semesters\*

CHEM 1000 Introductory Chemistry\*

- Currently enrolled

Completed

Repeated

CHEM 1000 Intro to Chem - how many times taken?\*

CHEM 1000 Intro to Chemistry Grade\*

- A
- B
- C
- D
- F
- CLEP/IB/AP
- S/U
- Currently enrolled

Human Anatomy\*

Please select the course you took.

ZOO 2010 Anatomy & Physiology I

ZOO 2015 Human Anatomy

Human Anatomy Course Name\*

Please list the Course # and Name

Human Anatomy/A&P I Institutions/Semesters\*

Human Anatomy/A&P I\*

- Currently enrolled
- Completed
- Repeated
- Taken within 5 years\*

Human Anatomy/A&P I - How many times taken?\*

Human Anatomy/A&P I Grade\*

- A
- B
- C
- D

- F
- CLEP/IB/AP
- S/U
- Currently enrolled

**Human Physiology\***

Please select the course you took.

- ZOO 2020 Anatomy & Physiology II
- ZOO 2025 Human Physiology

**Human Physiology Course Name\***

Please list Course # and Name

**Human Physiology/A&P II Institutions/Semesters\***

**Human Physiology/A&P II\***

- Currently enrolled
- Completed
- Repeated
- Taken within 5 years\*

**Human Physiology/A&P II - how many times taken?\***

**Human Physiology/A&P II Grade\***

- A
- B
- C
- D
- F
- CLEP/IB/AP
- S/U
- Currently enrolled

**MICR 2240\***

Please list Course # and Name

**MICR 2240 Microbiology Institutions/Semesters\***

**MICR 2240 Medical Microbiology\***

- Currently enrolled
- Completed
- Repeated
- Taken within 5 years\*
- General Microbiology substitute

MICR 2240 Microbiology - how many times taken?\*

MICR 2240 Microbiology Grade\*

- A
- B
- C
- D
- F
- CLEP/IB/AP
- S/U
- Currently enrolled

HSI\*

Choose an approved U.S./Wyoming Constitution course you have taken

- POLS 1000 American & WY Govt
- HIST 1211 US History to 1865
- HIST 1221 US History from 1865
- HIST 1251 WY History
- ECON 1200 Economics, Law, and Govt
- None of these

HSI Course Name\*

Please list Course # and Name

Observations

Applicants must observe a minimum of four identified procedures performed by a dental hygienist. Maximum of two completed forms will be accepted and reviewed. Forms MUST be signed by a Registered Dental Hygienists - forms signed by any other office personnel will not be accepted. A dental hygienist may choose to send in the observation forms directly to the program director via postal mail. In that case, please send all observations forms to: Laramie County Community College Dental Hygiene Program Director 1400 E. College Drive Cheyenne, WY 82007

**Observation proof\***

- I have 2 office observation forms (maximum of 2 will be accepted/reviewed)
- I have 1 office observation form and 1 letter from my employer (must be employed minimum 1 year)

**Observation forms\***

- I have uploaded all forms (maximum of 2 will be accepted/reviewed)
- At least 1 form will be mailed via postal mail to the dental hygiene director from the dental hygienist

**File Uploads\***

Items to upload:

All 3 pages from the two observations or 1 observation and 1 letter of employment.  
All unofficial transcripts from any institution of higher education

Drag and drop files here or browse files

**I Have Uploaded All Unofficial Transcripts\***

I have uploaded all unofficial transcripts with this application

- Yes
- No

**Additional information**

You can type any additional information you feel is pertinent to this application here.

**Signature of acknowledgement\***

## Laramie County Community College Dental Hygiene Bloodborne Pathogen Statement and Policy

The LCCC dental hygiene clinic adheres to the recommended guidelines set forth by the ADA and the CDC. The dental hygiene clinic follows all standard precautions such as HBV vaccination, hand washing, protective barriers and the disposal of needles and other sharp instruments in a safe manner. When precautions are followed, patients infected with bloodborne pathogens can be treated safely in the dental setting. According to the CDC, there is no significant risk of contracting bloodborne diseases through the provision of dental treatment. Standard precautions is an effective means of reducing bloodborne pathogen transmission. Dental hygiene students are advised to be up to date on all vaccines and receive the hepatitis B vaccination series and titer verification, to protect themselves and their patients from infectious organisms. Patients seen in the dental hygiene clinic who may be infected with a bloodborne pathogen are entitled to dental hygiene treatment. A dental hygiene student may not refuse to provide dental hygiene services based upon a patient's medical status. Dental professionals are obligated to protect the confidentiality of patient records and to maintain those records. A patient's bloodborne pathogen status and medical condition may only be shared with

the patient's other health care providers as allowed by state and federal law. All dental hygiene students have an ethical obligation to immediately inform any patient they suspect may have been exposed to blood or other infectious material while seen in the dental hygiene clinic. As required by law, infected dental health care workers must practice in compliance with CDC. Current evidence indicates that there is no significant risk of contracting bloodborne diseases through dental hygiene treatment when standard precautions are routinely followed. All dental hygiene students are strongly urged to undergo a medical physical to determine their bloodborne pathogen status. Those students who believe they are at risk for bloodborne pathogen infection should regularly monitor their status. All health care workers testing positive for a bloodborne pathogen must practice only in strict compliance with the current infection-control recommendations of the CDC for infected providers as required by law. If an exposure in the dental hygiene clinic were to occur, the student would be sent for a post exposure evaluation and the patient would be referred to a qualified medical practitioner to provide post exposure services. \*adapted from the ADA Bloodborne Pathogen, CDC guidelines and OSHA policy

**Understanding of LCCC's Bloodborne Pathogen Policy\***

I have read and understand LCCC's Bloodborne Pathogen Statement and Policy. Type your name for your Signature.

**Signature of completion\***

I verify this application is complete to the best of my knowledge (type your full name here).

\*Note: Please verify all documents have been uploaded. Once submitted you cannot go back into the application.

**Date of Application submission\***

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