

Transfer Information for AAS-Dental Hygiene at the Community College of Denver, 2007-08

This program prepares the student to practice as a professional dental hygienist following successful completion of two semesters of pre-professional prerequisites and 58 Credit Hours of professional study. Completion of the prerequisites and the full, Dental Hygiene program curriculum with a grade of C or better results in an AAS degree. After receiving the AAS degree and a grade of B or better in the capstone course, students are eligible to take the licensure exam to become registered dental hygienists.

Dental hygienists are licensed preventive oral health professionals who provide educational, clinical and therapeutic services in dentistry. Dental hygienists perform procedures such as oral prophylaxis, application of preventive agents, and exposure of dental radiographs, patient education and nutritional counseling. Career opportunities for hygienists are available in a variety of settings, including private dental practices, community dental health clinics, public schools, clinical and basic science research laboratories, state and federal health facilities and management positions. Licensure by national and state examination is required.

Application materials must be submitted no later than January 1 to be considered for admission into the class beginning fall of the next academic year. Eligible applicants are selected according to overall GPA, GPA for prerequisite science courses, essay scores, a commitment to a health care career and interpersonal skills. Because of the competitive admissions process, all prerequisite courses must be taken for a letter grade. Graduate exit competency is measured by successful completion of the capstone course, DEH 284, Clinic Practice of Dental Hygiene III.

Program Admission Requirements

1. Submit a completed Dental Hygiene application form and packet to CCD Dental Hygiene, 1065 Akron Way, Bldg. 753, Denver, CO 80230. Dental Hygiene application packets on line at <http://www.ccd.edu/program.aspx?CID=259>
2. Complete the general education prerequisites with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. Science courses must show cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better prior to enrollment date. An official, final transcript must be forwarded to Enrollment Services and the CCD Dental Hygiene program as soon as it becomes available.
3. All prerequisites must be completed by the end of the spring semester if you are applying for fall entry.
4. All prerequisite courses must be taken for a letter grade.
5. After preliminary application screening, you will be notified to complete the written essay portion of the application process.
6. Following acceptance into the program, the student must present documentation of health insurance, CPR certification, and dental, medical and vision examination that includes up-to-date immunization records. More information on this subject will be given to the applicant following acceptance into the program.
7. A personal interview with the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee is required. The admissions coordinator will schedule an interview after successful preliminary applicant screening.
8. Background/fingerprint/drug screening checks are necessary for all students who are accepted into the program. For information on disqualifying offenses, visit www.ccd.edu/dental.

General Education Requirements

1. Must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher.

2. Science courses must show cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better prior to enrollment date.

BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 111 is a CCA prerequisite for BIO 201.
BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II	
BIO 204 Microbiology	
CHE 109 General Organic & Biochemistry	CHE 109 offered at CCD only. CCA students may take both CHE 111 and 112 in place of CHE 109.
ENG 121 English Composition	
PSY 101 General Psychology I	
SOC 101 Intro to Sociology I	
SPE 115 Public Speaking	
Math requirement	Although math is not specifically required, math assessment scores are prerequisites for classes. Successful completion of MAT 090 or above or elementary algebra scores of 61 or higher are recommended.